

Pension Application for Michael Cronts

S.32191

The State of Indiana

Allen County

Allen County Probate Court

August Term 1833

On this the 12 day of August AD 1833—Personally appeared in open court before the Hon'ble William G. Ewing—the Judge of said Probate Court now in session in the town of Fort Wayne and County aforesaid—Michael Cronts a resident of said County and aged about eighty years—who having been first duly sworn according to law—doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June seventh AD 1832.

This affiant declares that he entered into the service of the United States under the following named officers and that he sever as follows—

In the latter end of the year 1775 he volunteered under Captain Burrens—to guard “Old Fort” “Constitution” on the East side of the Hudson River and to serve until four months in guarding the public stores that winter—he volunteered in Orange County in the State of New York in which last said county he was born and brought up—

Then in 1776 about the first of May in said year he again volunteered as a private in a company commanded by Captain William Faulkner for the term of eight months service and marched to the Cty of New York in the Regiment commanded by General Scott and Fish was the Brigade major.

This affiant says he was in the City of New York when the declaration of Independence was declared in said city—he was on Long Island to guard the City and took some hot shots at “John Ball red coats” and was in the army when Genl Washington left this island and situated to the City—and then Washington and his army situated from the City to the “White Plains”—Then the army crossed the Hudson River and went into the State of New Jersey and wintered there, and watched the “red coats” at Hackensack—this affiant returned home to orange County aforesaid in the spring—This affiant further declares that in the said spring—went out with the said Captain Faulkender to guard the frontiers against the Indians—

In the year Burgoyne was taken this affiant – again volunteered under the said Captain Faulkender and marched to Stony Point and the British drove us from that place—and we retreated rom that to Fort Putnam when we had an action in which our brave and gallant captain was wounded with a bayonet and in which engagement McCloughry commanded and was taken prisoner—

Then we took up a line of marsh to Saratoga to re-enforce the army there—but when we got to Kingston—we heard that Burgoyne was taken—and we went no further—This affiant further declares that he was in many skirmishes afterwards—and until the close of the war—during all of which said time his home was in his native county of Orange aforesaid – and on all occasions and in all instances of his service to his country in those days—he went out as a volunteer and that his military was

principally rendered in the neighborhood of the Hudson River—that he has no documentary evidence of his service—that he never wanted a written discharge nor did he ever receive one—that to the best of his knowledge there are none of the companions of his arms now living and that he knows of no one who can testify to the service he rendered his country in the days of the revolution that he left his native country of Orange aforesaid about sixteen years ago and ten of which years he lived in the State of Ohio and the last six years in Allen County aforesaid when he now resides.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Michael Cronts

Sworn to and subscribed in open court. The 12th day of August AD 1833, Allen Hamilton Clerk of the Probate Court Allen County

Letter in folder dated December 8, 1926, written in response to an inquiry.

In response to your letter of the fifth instant, I have to advise you that a careful search shows but one answered letter from you on file and that is relative to William Tousley and is dated November 14, 1926.

A careful search of the Revolutionary War pension records fails to show a claim on file on account of any soldier named Crance or Kranz who lived in Indiana and you are herewith furnished the history of the only Revolutionary War pensioner of similar name who resided in Indiana.

From the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.32191, it appears that Michael Cronts or Crontz was born in Orange County, New York, date not stated.

While a resident of Orange County, New York, he enlisted and served as a private with the New York Troops as follows:

From late in 1775, four months under Captain Burrens.

From about May 1, 1776, eight months in William Faulkender's Company in Colonel Hornbeck's Regiment.

He also served at various times from the spring of 1777 until the close of the Revolution, a part of the time under Captain Faulkender and Colonel McCloughey, and he was in an engagement at Fort Putnam.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 12, 1833, at which time he was about eighty years of age and was living at Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana.

There are no data on file relative to his family.

From the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim W.22433, it appears that Willaim Tousley enlisted and was in the battles of Bennington and Saratoga, under Captain Galusha of Shaftsbury, Vermont, and was wounded in the right arm at the battle of Saratoga, no further details of this service given. He enlisted at Bennington, Vermont, march 1, 1779, in Captain Wait Hopkins' Company in Colonel Warner's Regiment and served until May 1780. He enlisted March 1, 1781, and

served until late in November, 1781, as a drummer in Captain James Blakesley's Company in Colonel Samuel Fletcher's Vermont Regiment.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 25, 1818, at which time he was fifty-seven years of age and was a resident of Sweden, Genesee County, New York. He died August 18, 1827, in Clarendon, Orleans County, New York.

He married October 6, 1787, in Rupert, Bennington County, Vermont, Sally or Sarah Reed who was born August 15, 1767. She was allowed pension on her application executed January 22, 1839, at which time she was a resident of Clarendon, New York.

They had sixteen children, eleven of whom were alive in 1839, only the following names are given: Zaridus, Orsen, aged forty-three years in 1844; Sally aged forty-one in 1844, who married in 1821 (name of this husband not given) and again married in 1829-----Cook; Valentine, aged fifteen years in 1821; Jerusha, aged thirteen years in 1821; Lucy, aged eleven years in 1821, who married Merrick Stevens.