

Pension Application for Cyprian Parrish or Parish

S.29363

State of New York

Livingston County SS.

On this twenty eighth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before the Judges of the County Court of Livingston Cyprian Parrish at present a resident of the town of Geneseo, late of Avon in said County, in the State of New York aged sixty; six years and upwards who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the month of April in the year 1782 in the company commanded by Captain White, in the regiment commanded by Colonel Wisenfelt of the New York line on the Continental establishment, that he enlisted for the term of nine months, that he served in said corps for about one fortnight when he entered as a volunteer under one Captain Johnson in the regiment commanded by Colonel Cortland, under the expectation of marching against the city of New York and that he served in said last mentioned corps until the expiration of the term of his enlistment, when he was discharged, at a place called Snake Hill about three mile sin the rear of Newburg on the North river in said State (which discharge this deponent saith he hath lost or it has been destroyed by time and accident).

That he further deposed that he enlisted at Fishkill in the county of Dutchess in said state—and the said deponent further stated that, an officer belonging to the Crops of Colonel Cortland, of the name of Furman and the rank of Lieutenant took command of the volunteers from the regiment of Colonel Wisenfelt at the said town of Fishkill under whom the deponent with about one hundred others were marched to a place called Pompton in the State of New Jersey when this deponent with a part of said volunteers was placed under the command of said of said Captain Johnson in Cortlandt's regiment, and others of said corps of volunteers were annexed to an other regiments, the commanding officer of which the deponent could not recollect.

That they remained at Pompton a few days when the company to which deponent was attached were marched to a place called Smiths Cove, about twenty miles when they guarded a blockhouse and occasionally did duty as a post guard to protect the mail. They remained there about three weeks, when they were relieved, and marched and joined their regiments, then being on their march from Pompton to Verplancks Point, where the deponent enlisted with the regiment about one week, then crossed over the west side with a fatigue party to a place called [Dunder?] Barracks, and were there employed in chopping [chopping] fuel and boating same to West Point, until, as he thinks, about the first of November, at which time the main army under command of General Washington had removed to Snake Hill—that early in November the deponent with such fatigue party followed the army to Snake hill, and there and in the vicinity continued to chop wood for the army until the deponent obtained his

discharge, which he thinks was about the last of January 1783—that such discharge was signed by General VanScaick, at whose hand he received it.

And the said deponent further stated that prior to the aforesaid service, and in the month of April 1779 this deponent being then aged thirteen years and upwards he enlisted under one Captain Hollet in the county of WestChester in the State of New York for the term of five months, that they were employed in guard duty during such term of five months within the said County of West Chester and were in number about twenty five that they were not embodied with any regiment or other corps, but were actively employed in marching from place to place as a corps of observation, that they were in no engagement, that the deponent continued in service until the expiration of the term of his enlistment when the coprs was disbanded, and deponent dismissed to his home without receiving any pay or formal written discharge—

And the deponent further states that about the first day of November of the year of our Lord 1779 it was understood that volunteers were wanted for an expedition against the City of New York, on which occasion the deponent enlisted at Peekskill under Captain George Lane belonging to the regiment commanded by Colonel Hopkins to serve for three months; there were collected at that place, as this deponent understood; about five thousand men, he does not recollect any of the General Officers there stationed except General George Clinton, under whose command he believes the force there assembled was placed, he states that they remained there embodied about one month, when this deponent understood in that such expedition was abandoned, he, with others there assembled were dismissed and such volunteer corps was disbanded. He saith that the time he served under such enlistment was one month & rising but he can confidently say was at least one month.

And further the deponent saith that the depositions of Benjamin Langdon and Daniel Wilson to this declaration; annexed were originally procured with a view to the application of this deponent for a pension under the act of Congress passed in 1818, which application was not made owing to the inability of the deponent to procure the abstract of title to a small lot of land which he had sold and conveyed after the passage of said act.

That since the passage of the act of June 7, 1832 he hath procured the [?] authentication of those depositions, and also he hath procured the deposition of Isaac Smith hereunto annexed in support of his application under the last mentioned act. And he saith that he doth not know that it is in his power to procure any evidence to prove the fact of his services more than he doth herewith exhibit.

And 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.

And in answer to the interrogatories put to the said Cyprian by the said court he further declares that he was born in the town of Fredricksburgh in the County of Dutchess and State of New York in the year of our Lord 1766 – that he hath a record of his age in his bible at his home which he transcribed from the Record of his father kept in his family Bible—that he was living at the time of being called into service, in

the said town of Fredericksburgh that since the revolutionary war he has resided about twenty years in the town now called Hancock, but then resided [?] in the County of Ulster in said state, that his removal from thence about twenty five years since to the town of Gorham in the County of Ontario in said state, when he resided about six years, when he removed to the town of Hamburg in the County of Niagara in said state, where he resided about ten years, from thence he removed to the town of Avon where he resided about twelve years, and until the twenty second day of April last past, when he removed to the County Poor house in said County of Livingston in the town of Geneseo where he now resides that he was called into service as a volunteer under wan enlistment in every case—that during this four months service of this deponent there were no regular officers who were with the troops where he served to his recollection except his Captain before named, he was not during that time embodied with any regiment and was not acquainted with any force otherwise than he has beyond stated; that during this one months service he recollects the name of General George Clinton who was a regular officer, he cannot recollect any others nor can he otherwise describe the Regiments Continental or Militia otherwise than he hath already done. Nor can he more fully state the names of the regular officers, or describe the Regiments, with which he was acquainted during the nine months service than he hath already done—that he received a discharge from the nine month service which is lost, that he did not receive a written discharge in any other case. That he hath been for many years borne down by poverty sickness, and distress, has lived much secluded from society, and does not know that there is any established reputation or belief of having served as a soldier of the revolution in the place of his present residence or where he has resided for twenty years past and more, that the removing of the place of his residence during and for twenty years after the war, when such proof (if any) could be had is over three hundred miles, and that his poverty and infirmity, put it out of his power to procure such proof that he is known to Curtiss Hawley of Avon Postmaster, David Hinman merchant, Benjamin Deming farmer, and many others in that town with Elder Justin of Geneso a Clergyman and some others in said town who can testify to his character for veracity.

Subscribed and sworn the day and year aforesaid in open court -- S. G. Haven,
Dept Clk. (Signed) Cyprian Parrish

Letter in folder dated July 31, 1937, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Cyprian Parrish, born April 4, 1766, applied for pension in 1832, while living in Genesee, Livingston County, New York, later moved to Ohio and Michigan and died May 5, 1852.

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, S.29363, based upon the military service in that war of Cyprian Parrish.

Cyprian Parrish was the son of Daniel and was born April 4, 1766, in Fredericksburg or Frederickstown, Dutchess County, New York. The name of his mother is not shown.

While residing in said Dutchess County, Cyprian Parrish volunteered in April 1779, served as a private in Captain Hollet's New York Company and was employed on guard duty in Westchester County, New York; length of service, five months; he volunteered in November, 1779, and served one month in Captain George Lane's Company, Colonel Hopkins' New York Regiment; during this tour, his father was orderly sergeant of Captain Lane's Company; he volunteered in April, 1782, served in Captain White's Company, Colonel Weisenfels' New York Regiment and in Captain Johnson's Company, Colonel VanCortland's New York Regiment and was discharged in January, 1783.

After the Revolution, he resided in Middletown (later Hancock), New York; about 1807, he moved to Gorham, Ontario County, New York, and lived for six years; thence to Hamburg, New York, and lived ten years; thence to Avon, New York, where he lived until April 22, 1832, then moved to Geneseo, Livingston County, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 28, 1832, while living in Geneseo, New York. In 1839, Cyprian Parrish had moved to Geauga County, Ohio, to reside with a son; name of son not stated. In 1843, soldier moved to Flint, Geneseo County, Michigan, where he lived with his son, John Parrish.

The name of the wife of Cyprian Parrish is not shown. In 1832, soldier stated that his daughter, Sarah Cross, lived in Avon, New York. The dates of birth of son John and daughter Sarah are not shown nor is the name of the husband of Sarah given.

In 1833, one Samuel Gregory, of Monroe County, New York, stated that he married a sister of Cyprian Parrish but did not give her Christian name.