

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to William Croker VAS3187
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[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do hereby Certify that William Croker Drum Maj of the [several undeciphered words] Reg't served three years in the said Reg't prior to June 6th [undeciphered] at which time he obtained his discharge. Given under my hand this 2nd May [undeciphered] – his Discharge is lodged in the auditors office.

D. Mann Lt. S. L [?] [David Mann, Virginia State Line]



[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

LAND-OFFICE MILITARY WARRANT, NO. 542

TO THE PRINCIPAL SURVEYOR OF THE LAND SET APART FOR THE OFFICERS AND
SOLDIERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA.

THIS shall be your Warrant to survey and lay off in one or more surveys, for William Croker his heirs or assigns, the quantity of two hundred acres of Land, due unto the said William Croker in consideration of [undeciphered word] services for three years as a Drum Major in the State line agreeably to a certificate from the Governor and council, which is received into the Land-Office.

Given under my hand and seal of the said office, this 3^d day of May in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty three.

A true copy from the [undeciphered word]/ Bryan T. [undeciphered] L Off/ By E A Macready [?] R
[Enclosed with a letter dated 22 June 1827]

[City and date undeciphered]

Sir, May I beg leave to write a few lines for your respectful consideration, what you will [undeciphered word] in the sequel of this. I have been applied to by a man by the name of Edward Corker [sic] son & only heir of William C[undeciphered] of this place for the purpose of obtaining a military land warrant for bounty land which his father William Corker was entitled to as will more fully appear by reference to the Records of the Va. Land office, to wit; 400 acres of land by reason of his serving as Drum Major in the Va. State Line, however, it does not appear from the Records of the Land office (that the warrant No. 542 which was issued is for 400 acres of land in favor of William Corker), was ever located, but upon further Inquiry, I learn from the Comm'r. of the General Land office at Washington [two undeciphered words] a Warrant No. 542 has been located in the Military district Ky. by a man by the name of [undeciphered], I immediately wrote to the Register at Frankfort Ky to learn how the assignment was made, and the Register informs me that a military Warrant No. 542 was issued to William [either Croker or Corker] for 200 acres only, now it seems that Croker was entitled to 400 instead of 200 acres. I [undeciphered word], therefore, that, upon exhibiting these facts to the Executive Dept. that there can be no doubt of the justice of his claim to the [undeciphered word], to wit 200 acres, therefor, may I not entertain a reasonable hope that upon reviewing the case, the Executive will award to my client a warrant for the [undeciphered word] to wit; 200 acres. [undeciphered word] I forward the letter from the Register of the land office at Frankfort Ky [undeciphered word] which I respectfully submit for your consideration. To his Excellency William Smith[?] I am Respectfully sir, [undeciphered]
Governor of the State Will S Wilson

Richmond [?]

PS. I would beg leave to add that I have misplaced the power of attorney, however, I enclose a [undeciphered word] from the Executors [undeciphered word] the fact that I have [seven undeciphered words].
W S Wilson

Rejected. as it appears that Warrant 542 issued for 200 acres, all he was Entitled to.
Aug. 19 '47 [?] Daniel/ L. Gov.

NOTE: The file includes a power of attorney signed on 15 Jan 1847 by Edward Croker of Portsmouth VA to William S. Wilson to obtain the bounty land due for his father's service.