

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Crawley (Crowly) R2475 Hannah fn18SC
Transcribed by Will Graves 6/6/11

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Declaration & c

of Charles Crawley, Elizabeth Glen, wife of John Glen and of the said John Glen in right of his said wife, and Mary Smith, widow of Samuel W Smith the deceased, made to obtain from Government the arrears of Pension due to their mother Mrs. Hanna Crawley at the time of her deceased by virtue of the Several Acts of Congress as the widow of Captain Charles Crawley their father – for his Revolutionary Services –

Sheweth that they the said Charles Crawley – Eleanor Glen and Mary Smith are the only children of Captain Charles Crawley of the revolution and Hanna Crawley, the said Captain Crawley was never married to any other wife but his said widow and they never had any other children but your Petitioners except an infant who died while two years of age. That their said Father intermarried with his said widow in the State of Pennsylvania; on the 6th day of July A.D. 1780.

That he entered into the service at & during the revolutionary war as Captain in the Navy of South Carolina and faithfully and steadfastly served therein and more particularly during the period from the year 1779 to the year 1783 – as will appear by an Indented Certificate from the State of South Carolina a true copy whereof is annexed – Your Petitioner's further humbly represent she suffered in company with his widow the difficulties and perilous incident to the revolutionary warfare they further show that the said Captain Crawley departed this life in the summer in the year of our Lord 1803 and that his said widow never intermarried after his deceased and that she departed this life on the 9th day of June in the year of our Lord 1836. And your Petitioners further show that the Commission held by the said Captain Crawley signed by John Rutledge as Governor of South Carolina was in the possession of your Petitioner Charles Crawley, and destroyed while the schooner *Carolina* was blown up on the 27th of December 1814 he then being an officer of the said vessel. Your Petitioners Humbly Pray that their said base [?] Together with the accompanying Proofs may receive the awe [?] and favorable consideration of the Department – and that relief and recompense to which they are entitled in the premises be granted: –.

And they will ever respectfully Pray

I Jacob Axson Recorder of the City of Charleston and Judge of the City Court of Charleston do hereby certify that Charles Crawley – Mrs. Eleanor Glenn, John Glenn her husband and Mrs. Mary Smith widow of SW Smith did personally appeared before me & severally swear to & subscribed the foregoing Declaration

S/ Jacob Axson, Recorder

Handwritten signatures of Ellen C. Glen and Mary G. Smith. The first signature is "Ellen C. Glen" and the second is "Mary G. Smith".

[Axson's authority and status authenticated by certificate dated April 26, 1841.]

State of South Carolina City of Charleston

Personally came before me Charles E. Crowley [sic] – who being sworn in due form of law maketh oath that he has always understood from conversations with his mother Mrs. Hannah Crowley [sic] that his father was engaged in the naval Service of South Carolina during the Revolutionary war that he was in action before and at the Siege of Charleston, and naval attacks upon the enemy that he did command a ship called the *Marquis of Brittany* he further saith that such was traditional information of the family and his Commission signed by John Rutledge as Captain in the Navy of South Carolina was kept by the family & was afterwards put in possession of Deponent, and was destroyed on 27th of December 1814 by the blowing up by the British at New Orleans of the Schooner *Carolina* in which the Deponent was the 2nd Lieutenant. He further saith that the only children of said Father & Mother were Mrs. Eleanor Glen, Mrs. Mary G Smith and himself, all of whom are now living in Charleston the other child being an infant who died when two years old, and that his said parents were never married, but in their marriage to each other, and he further deposes that the annexed marriage Certificate is there true & genuine Certificate of marriage and as such has been carefully kept in the family since the earliest recollection of this Deponent.

S/ C. E. Crowley

Handwritten signature of Charles E. Crowley.

The foregoing Deposition sworn to & subscribed before this 23rd day of April 1841
S/ T. O. Elliott, Magistrate

South Carolina

Pursuant to an act of the General Assembly passed the 16th of March 1783, we the Commissioners of the Treasury have this day delivered to Captain Charles Crowley this our Indented Certificate for the sum of four hundred and forty-four pounds seventeen shillings and one penny half penny sterling for pay due him as Captain in the Navy of this State in 1780, 1781, 1782 & 1783 per account passed by the Commissioners of Accounts. The said Charles Crowley his Executors, Administrators or assigns will be entitled to receive from this office the sum of thirty-one pounds, two shillings & nine pence on demand for one-year interest on the principal

sum of four hundred and forty-four pounds seventeen shillings and one penny half penny, and the like interest annually. The said Charles Crowley his Executors, Administrators or a science will be entitled also to receive and shall be paid if demanded, the Principal Sum of four hundred forty-four pounds seventeen shillings and one penny half penny on the 16th of August 1787. And the said Charles Crowley his Executors Administrators or assigns, may make any purchases at any public Sales of Confiscated Property (except such as shall be ordered by the Legislature for special purposes) and this Indent shall be received in payment.

For the true performance of the several payments in manner above mentioned, the Public Treasury is made to libel and the faith of the State pledged by the Act aforesaid.

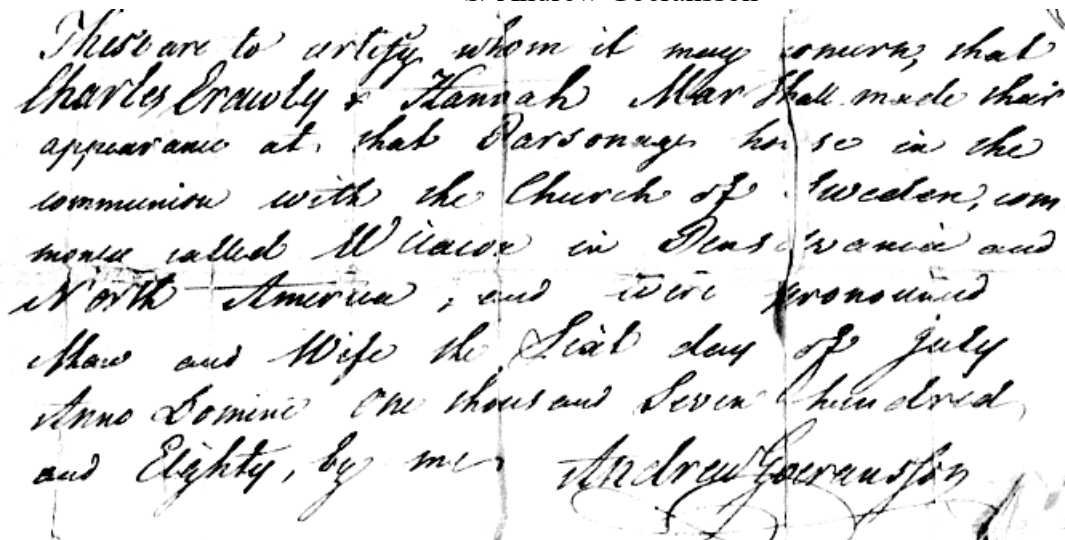
Given under our hands at the Treasury Office in Charleston the 16th day of August 1785.

S/ Peter Bocquet, Commissioner of the Treasury

[the above is certified as a true copy on March 18, 1841 by the South Carolina Comptroller General]

These are to certify whom it may concern, that Charles Crowley & Hannah Marshall made their appearance at that Parsonage house in the communion with the Church of Sweden, commonly called Wilacor [?] in Pennsylvania and North America, and were pronounced man and wife the 6th day of July A.D. 1780 by me

S/ Andrew Goeransson



These are to certify whom it may concern, that Charles Crowley & Hannah Marshall made their appearance at that Parsonage house in the communion with the Church of Sweden, commonly called Wilacor in Pennsylvania and North America, and were pronounced man and wife the 6th day of July Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and Eighty, by me Andrew Goeransson

State of South Carolina City of Charleston

Personally appeared before me John Cart Senior¹ a witness now in the 80th year of his age – who being sworn in due form of law saith that he was well acquainted with Captain Charles Crowley of the Revolution – and he knew him as an naval officer in the service of the State of South Carolina during the revolutionary war and the Deponent [indecipherable word] particularly remembers him as commanding a Galley then employed in defense of Charleston and thinks that it was at the time of the invasion by Prevost – at that time he was younger than Captain Crowley he afterwards knew him he was in the Mercantile business in Charleston after the revolution and conducted business in the firm of Cross & Crowley and it was always well known and understood that he had been in the naval service of the State in the revolution. He also well knew that he

¹ [John Cart S8139](#)

married and had a family in Charleston and that he left his widow in Charleston after his death and that Mrs. Crowley resided and died in Charleston.

The foregoing Deposition sworn to & subscribed this 23rd day of April 1841 before

S/ T. O. Elliott, Magistrate

S/ John Cart

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Cart", with a decorative flourish underneath.

[Note: I could not find any information on a vessel named the "Marquis of Brittany."]