

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Michael Crooks R2504 VA  
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State of Indiana } SS  
Knox County }

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September Eighteen Hundred and Thirty eight personally appeared in open court before the Circuit Court of Knox County now sitting Michael Crooks a resident of Knox County in the said State aged Seventy Eight years, who being 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 7 1832 that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated That he was born near Philadelphia Pa in the year 1760 and from thence when a youth with his parents first removed to Loudon and then to Berkely County [sic: Loudoun then Berkeley County] Virginia. That at Shepherdstown Berkley Co Virginia in January 1781 he enlisted in the Continental service for Three years as a soldier. The officer who enlisted him was Capt Henry Betinge or Belinher [sic: Henry Bedinger, pension application S8059] of the regular army & had no Colonel that he remembers but a Major Gray and Captain Kirkpatrick commanded under General Mulingbergh [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] does not recollect Major Grays first name but thinks it was William after his enlistment was employed most of his time in guarding the prisoners at Winchester Virginia until the beginning of October 1781 when he was marched toward Yorktown in Virginia to reinforce Gen'l Washington – when the detachment to which this deponent belonged arrived at the point of James River an express arrived communicating the news of the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781]. on the receipt of this information the march of the troops was stopped and shortly after a draft was made among them “who should stay and who should go home” this deponent drew “to go home” and was at that time discharged. that he left his discharge with his mother who lost it. The discharge was signed by General Mulenburgh – was engaged in no battles during his enlistment and does not remember the names of the counties through which he marched except part of Frederick Co Va that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service

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

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court Michael hisXmark Crooks

Question by the court. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer In the State of Pennsylvania in the year 1760

Question Have you any record of your age if so where is it

Answer none.

Question Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the revolutionary war? and where do you now live?

answer. Berkley County Virginia? In Virginia, Kentuck & Indiana

Question How were you called into service where you drafted? did you volunteer or where you a substitute and if a substitute for whom

answer I was enlisted.

Question State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such continental & militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service

Answer Capt Henry Betinge enlisted me. James Kirkpatrick was the Captain of the company in which I served, & – Gray was our Major.

Question Did you receive a discharge from the service, and if so by whom was it signed and what has

become of it

I received a discharge. it was signed by Genl. Mulinberg but have lost it

Question State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution

Col. Robert Buntin & Major McClure know me well.