Pension Application of Jesse Crouch R2531 VA
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State of Tennessee } September Term 1835
Washington County }
On this 15th day of September 1835 before the Honorable the Judge of the Circuit Court of law for Washington County & State aforesaid Jesse Crouch a resident citizen of Washington County & State aforesaid aged seventy five past and being desirous of availing himself of the provisions of the act of Congress of the 7th June 1832 made & subscribed the following declaration on oath towit that he the said Jesse Crouch was born in the year 1760 (25th April) but has no record, but does not doubt the traditionary account. That he was born in Stafford County Virginia & his father removed therefrom to Hallifax [sic: Halifax County], & from thence to Henry in said State, & removed fifty two years ago, to what is now Tennessee & at that time the Cherokee Indians were depredateing on the setlements, & in Hostile array against the American cause; that He in the Revolutionary war performed two tours of duty as a private the one in Virginia, whilst he remained in Virginia & the other after his in Tennessee in that state the particulars of which he will state & for which he claims a pension commensurate with said service. towit that whilst in Virginia in the year 1778 the fall of s'd year the Indians being makeing inroads upon the frontier declarant volunteered himself to serve the Country & guard against & repel the Shawnee Indians, & under Col English [sic: William Ingles] was put to building a fort on New River called Staffords fort in Montgomery County where he helped to build s'd. fort & guard & repel the Indians where he continued for the space of three months & was verbally discharged & returned home.

That again after his removal to Tennessee he was in the year 1781 [sic] the fall of the year drafted to go against Ferguson [see endnote] when on his march to the interior, but there being at the time a band of Hostile Indians makeing inroads from the Cherokee Nation upon the settlements, part of the men Drafted were sent to repel the Indians amongst which number was declarant & performed his tour in that direction instead of going to the South, was put under Cap'n Hardiman, & Benjamin Holland Lieutenant & marched out under said officers & after subding the indians was discharged verbally by Capn Hardiman having been drafted for three months for which he as before obtained no discharge, and has for neither a written discharge or document & knows of no one by whom he can establish his said servitude except John Crouch [pension application S21149] whose affordavit is herewith & is one of his witnesses That John Crouch the witness is a minister of the Gospel & is known to him & to one tour of duty being with him towit that performed in Virginia. that is also known to him & he to by whom he can establish reputation of s'd Service. that he is not on the pension agency of any other state & this is the first application for pension. Jessee hisXmark Crouch

NOTES:

Maj. Patrick Ferguson was killed at the Battle of King's Mountain SC on 7 Oct 1780.

Crouch's claim was not allowed, because by 1835 the Pensioner Commissioner had decided that service against Indians on the frontier was not allowable under the act of 1832. For discussion see my appendix to the pension application of David W. Sleeth S6111.