



That after the death of his father his mother never was again married during her life, but died his father's widow that the said John had the following brothers and sisters of the whole blood and that the ages of the eldest and youngest are annexed

William the eldest born 30<sup>th</sup> day of December

1794 2<sup>nd</sup> Hanna born [blank] day of

17 3<sup>rd</sup> Pegga born [blank] day of

17 4<sup>th</sup> Easter born [blank] day of

17 5<sup>th</sup> Marriam born [blank] day of

1 6 Dempson [or Sempson] born [blank] day of

1 and 7<sup>th</sup> a little Boy that died in Infancy born [blank] day of

1 8<sup>th</sup> was John this declarant and youngest child born 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 1808

That some of said children live here and some and some lives in Virginia and in Kentucky – that his said mother came to Hawkins now Hancock Tennessee from Grayson County Virginia about the year 1812 and went from here to Lee county Virginia about the year 1850 and that he always understood and believed that his father and mother lived and cohabited together as man and wife and was so respected by good Society until the day of his father's death and that he has heard his mother speak of having been married to his father (as aforesaid) and that his mother the said Margaret always acknowledged the Eldest as well as the youngest to be by his father and Legitimate and treated and provided for him and that they were so was generally believed [The rest not transcribed]

#### NOTES:

On 30 July 1855 Margaret Crouch stated that she applied under the name Couch, because that was how she was known in Lee County, but that she believed her husband's correct name was William Crouch.

The file includes two certificates dated 12 July 1855 from the Auditor's Office of Virginia stating that two infantry soldiers named William Crouch settled their accounts. This appears to have led the agent of Margaret Crouch to modify the original claim that William Crouch had been a cavalry sergeant from Pennsylvania.

On 22 Sep 1855 her agent, J. W. Stevens of Abingdon VA, wrote to the Commissioner of Pensions in part: "I saw Mr. Stickley her neighbour – he says she knows nothing about his being a Sergeant in the Revolution, he questioned her when and where he was a Sergeant in the light Horse as they call it. her ansr. clearly shows her Husband was in a troop of Militia Cavalry after the war was over. he was a Soldier of the revolution there is no doubt, in Virginia." On 22 Oct 1855 Stevens wrote: "Mrs Margaret Crouch an applicant for pension and Bounty Land, in right of her Husband William Crouch, has been brought from the County of Lee to this place and now in my office in ansr to my questions relative to Wms. service, she says, Why Child, he was a light Horseman when I first knowed him, this is her language, but the whole truth is, she knows nothing about his service, except that he served in the Revolutionary War. She appears to be a simple, plain, honest old Lady.... The Old Lady talks much of her Husbands services, What she has heard him say, but all amounts to nothing.... She is very poor, and alone, as to relatives living on Charity of her Neighbors, who respect her."

On 6 April 1857 John Crouch stated that his mother said he was about six months old when his father died, and that the eldest child, William Crouch, died 30 Aug 1844.