

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Cruse (Cruise, Cross) R2552

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Wake County State of North Carolina: On this 15 day of April 1848 personally appeared before me A. G. Drake one of the acting Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for said County to wit old Mrs. Anna Cruse of said County aged ninety-four years who being first duly sworn according to law on her said oath made the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7, 1838, March 3 1843, June 17th 1844 and 2 February 1848 that she is the widow of John Cruse Deceased – who was more commonly called John Cross and the declarant states that she has not a doubt but the application which he made for a pension a short time before his death was John Cross – for short, as he was generally known by that name or so-called but he died before he obtained a pension, she states that to the best of her believe his papers was sent back for the war Department required more evidence of his services and he died soon after and before he obtained the evidence required & that he was in the militia service in said state for as much as three years to the best of her knowledge & believed from her said husband she further declares that she was married to the said John Cruse of the 17 day of March <sup>in Wake</sup> 1803 in said County and that her husband the aforesaid Cruse or Cross died in the said County of Wake North Carolina 16 March 1835 and that she was not married to him previous to his leaving the service but the marriage took place at the time above stated and that her name before she married was Miss Anne Hornsbey she relinquishes all claim to a pension except the present and in hopes the war Department may allow her a pension in order that she may live otherwise than her entire dependence on the generous members of the Episcopal denomination of which he is & has been a member for more than 14 years and she in duty bound will ever pray – Sworn to & subscribed before me the day & year first above

S/ A. G. Drake, JP

S/ Anna Cruse, X her mark

[fn p. 4: marriage bond issued in Wake County North Carolina on March 19, 1803 to John Cruse and Ellsworth Vandergrafred to secure the marriage of John Cruse to Anne Hornsbey.]

[fn p. 6: obituary notice in The Star Raleigh, NC March 26, 1835, reads as follows:

“In this city, on the 16<sup>th</sup> inst. Mr. John Cruse, aged about 80. He served in the French army which assisted us in our revolutionary struggle.”

**DIED,**  
In this city, on the 16th inst. Mr. John Cruise,  
aged about 80. He served in the French army  
which assisted us in our revolutionary struggle.

[fn p. 9: On March \_\_ 1853, in Wake County North Carolina, Charles Cruise, Washington Cruise, James Cruise and Margaret Cruise executed a power of attorney in which they state they all the grand children and heirs at law of John Cruise and Anne his wife.]