

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Crutcher R2553                      Elizabeth Crutcher                      VA  
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State of Tennessee    }  
Williamson County    }

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December 1845 personally appeared before the worshipfull court of monthly Sessions of Williamson County in the state aforesaid in open court before the Worshipful Gilbert Marshall John P McKay and Daniel Baugh Esquires members of the court aforesaid Elizabeth Crutcher a resident of Williamson county in the State aforesaid aged eighty three years, who being first duely sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision, made by the act of Congress, passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838 entitled an act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of William Crutcher Senior, who was a soldier of the revolutionary war. That sometime in the year [blank] her husband the said William Crutcher Senior went in to the service of the United States That she does not recollect at what time he went into service, nor she does not recollect in what capacity he entered said service, whether as a regular, or enlisted soldier, or a volunteer or was drafted or a substitute. That oweing to the great lapse of time & consequent loss of memory she does not recollect any of his officers names except George Washington was his General. Declarent states that said William Crutcher Senior her husband lived in the State of Virginia at the time he went into service and that he belonged to the Virginia Line at that time. She states that said William Crutcher Sen served one tour and that was six years. And at the expiration of said tour, she does not know whether he received any written discharge of not. She states she heard said William Crutcher in his lifetime say that when he was in service, in the revolutionary war, that he did receive rashins, or provisions, and divide the same among the soldiers, which were in the company, to which he belonged. She states that from the last mentioned expression she has reason to believe, that he was an officer, but she does not know, whether he was or not. She states, that at the time, the said William Crutcher Sen went into service he resided in Amhurst [sic: Amherst] county in Virginia. And at the expiration of the tour aforesaid, he returned home to Amhurst county in Virginia. She states that sometime in the year 1782 in Amhurst county in Virginia she married said William Crutcher Sen. That previous to said marriage the Banns were published three times in the church. That she was married by a preacher, but she does not recollect his name. She states that after she married the said William Crutcher Sen, she lived with him as his wife till he died on the 13 day of December 1833 in Williamson county in Tennessee. That said marriage never was set down in writing as she knows of, but the paper writing marked D. which contains the ages of her children is in the handwriting of William Crutcher Sen. which he put down in a book and said book was retained by said William Crutcher Sen till his death, and after his death, the same was received by this Declarant and by her kept and retained [illegible word] to the time, when this declaration was written. She does not know of any person who was at her marriage, who is yet living, nor she has no other documentary evidence in this case except that which she has transmited with the papers in this cause to the war Department. She further declares that she was married to the said William Crutcher Sen on the [blank] day of [blank] 1783 and that her husband the aforesaid William Crutcher Sen died on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 1833. that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four Viz at the time above stated.

[signed] Elizebeth Crutcher

NOTE:

On 7 Dec 1844 Henry G. Padgett, about 50, stated that between 1802 and 1812 he was often at the home of William and Elizabeth Crutcher in Amherst County, and that his father's second wife was their

daughter. He stated that when he first knew them they had the following children: "Polly who intermarried with Beverly Padgett – Sarah who married John Hudson. Robert. Elizabeth, who married Allen Bugg. William, Willis, Henry L. and Parker."

On 3 March 1852 Henry L. Crutcher assigned power of attorney to obtain the pension of Elizabeth Crutcher, deceased. On 27 Nov 1852 William Crutcher, 59, assigned power of attorney to obtain any benefits due to himself and other heirs of Elizabeth Crutcher, who married William Crutcher in Amherst County on 15 April 1782, and who died on 14 Jan 1848. The heirs were listed as follows: "William & A. P. & Robert, & Henry L, Elizabeth Bugg & Mary Padgett." A supporting statement gave the name of one of the heirs as "Absolem P." On 13 Aug 1855 an enquiry regarding the heirs' claim for a pension was signed "A. P. Crutcher by L. P. Crutcher."

The family record is transcribed as follows:

Polley was born March 13<sup>th</sup> 1783

Sarah was born May th 15 1786

Robert was born September 22 1788

Elizebeth was born May th 21 1790

Wm was born December th 30 1792

Williss was born Aprel 25 1795

Henry Lanson was born January 25<sup>th</sup> 1798

Parker was born May the 17 1800