

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Arthur Crutchfield (Critchfield) R2554 Lucy fn18NC
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State of Illinois Marion County: SS: On this 20th day of November 1850, personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the Peace in & for said County duly authorized by law to administer oaths, Lucy Crutchfield a resident of Marion County and State of Illinois aged 93 years the 31st day of March last, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions of the Act of Congress passed July 4, 1836.

That she is the widow of Arthur Crutchfield or Critchfield who served several tours in the war known as the "Revolutionary War," 1st she says he was a private, as she recollects in the company commanded by Captain James Shepperd. That the name of the Colonel if any under which he served or under which the said company was, she does not recollect, but she says the said company was raised for the purpose of keeping off the Indians, Tories &c. That the said company, as she recollects, was raised in the summer or fall of 1776, to serve three months and was discharged in the winter of 1777. 2nd That on the 12th day of March as she recollects 1777 her said husband was drafted to serve in the Regiment under Colonel Benjamin Cleveland and Major Walton. That his brother John Crutchfield took her husband's place and served out the term of his enlistment as substitute for her said husband Arthur Crutchfield – 3rd She further says that she recollects that her said husband also Crutchfield was a private she thinks, and she also states, he volunteered, in a company commanded by Captain Hammons as she recollects, & the impression is on her mind that the Colonel's name was Morgan. That her said husband, she thinks entered the service in the summer of 1780 or 1781 – and served until the surrender of Cornwallis in October 1781 – perhaps later, that sometime after the said surrender her said husband was honorably discharged from the service aforesaid, She further says she recollects distinctly to have seen her husband's discharge or discharges from the service above set forth, but that from the lapse of time, the said discharges have been lost or destroyed & she therefore cannot now produce it or them in evidence. She further says that her & her said husband also Crutchfield lived or resided at the times she sets forth when her said husband served as above stated, in Surry County State of North Carolina. She says owing to the loss of her said husband's discharge she has no evidence of a documentary character to present but would refer to the rolls that may be on file in the war office. She further says that owing to her extreme old age she finds it difficult to recollect the particulars which occurred so long ago. She would beg leave to

refer to the accompanying evidence. She further says she was married to the said Arthur Crutchfield on the 10th day of February 1777 at Surry County North Carolina, whether there is any record evidence of the said fact she does not know. She knows of no living witness to the fact of her marriage. She further says that her said husband died on the 29th day of August 1814 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof annexed. She says her name before her said marriage was Lucy Scott –

S/ Lucy Crutchfield, X her mark

[fn p. 8: on November 20, 1850 in Marion County Illinois, Terry and Polly Crutchfield, 63 and 58 years of age respectively, gave testimony in support of the application by the widow stating that they were well acquainted with the veteran and his wife from about the year 1800 until 1814 when the veteran died in the state of Indiana; they state that they have known the widow ever since and that they believe her to be about 93 years of age, author Crutchfield left no children under the age of 16.]

[fn p. 16: certificate dated January 17, 1852 from the North Carolina Comptroller showing payments made to one Arthur Crutchfield for military services in the revolutionary war.]