

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Crouch: S21149

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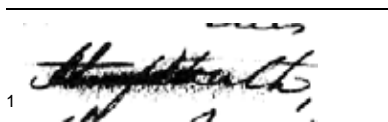
State of Tennessee

Washington County First circuit of said State

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 1834 appeared in open court before the Honorable Samuel Powell, Judge of said Court John Couch Sr., age Seventy Eight years and being desirous of availing himself of provisions of the act of Congress passed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1832 made and subscribed the following declaration on oath to wit that he served In the Revolutionary War under the following named officers and as herein after *stated* to wit that he was born in King George County in the state of Virginia on the first of May 1756 from the best information he has received, tho he has not the record of age in his possession and is giving the day & month from tradition only—but is very confident of the year, that after he attained to manhood he removed to Montgomery County Virginia and in the year 1777 in May if recollected the Indians then in league with the British, broke in upon the frontier & a call was made for men to repel the British & Indians, & part of the men raised in that quarter were taken to [M...th]<sup>1</sup>, and the residue to go against the Indians then embodied and was under Capn [Captain] English [*perhaps William Ingles*] enrolled and marched against the Indians and after the expulsion of the Indians were put to building Steffers [Stafford's] fort below English's ferry [*Ingles Ferry near present Radford, VA*] in the New River and there erected said fort & guarded and ranged until the expiration of his term of time which was three months and was discharged upon other companies being raised & taking place, tho he received no written discharge, that he after his first service removed to Henry County across the mountain and was there enrolled for military duty again as a volunteer under Captain Howton [Haston, *either Capt. George Hairston or Capt. Peter Hairston both of Henry County VA*] [text lined through, cannot read] to go on an expedition to New River settlements, to repel the invasion of the Indians which had again broke in *upon* the settlements in great bodies and under his aforesaid Captain Haslin [Haston] he marched to Muntger [Muntzer] Fort where the whole Militia remained under the command of Major Martin and after the assembly of the men at Muntzer Fort the different companies composing the Regiment were sent to different places, and it fell to declarant's lot to be ordered to Thompson's Fort where were a body of other Militia stationed and kept in service resisting the incursions of the Indians and guarding the frontier in which they were led out on scouting & ranging parties and repulsing the Indians, until the expiration of his three months for which time he entered on being discharged by his Captain he returned home to Henry County his residence being some ninety or hundred miles from the frontier which the militia then discharged. Said discharge was verbal [text blotted out] named service was if he recollects began May 1779 and ended first of September.

Again he was enrolled (at the time Cornwallis was thought to be making his march through North Carolina) as a private in the Corps and a volunteer under Captain Hasten, to go on an expedition to the south to intercept the march of Cornwallis, was commanded by Col Dillard and on the march to North Carolina fell in with other troops under Col Tenn and marched through Virginia and to Shallow Ford of Yadkin and the British being at the time in South Carolina and bodies of Tories being assembled & plundering In that quarter of the troops to which he belonged turned up the Yadkin river and marched up the Tar River leading to the Flower gap in pursuit of a body of Tories and his officers discharged him, on being unable to overtake the Tories, who had escaped up the mountains, that he returned home being verbally discharged, having been in service as a horseman, two months before his discharge that he has no documentary evidence of his servitude nor can he find at this remote period any of his fellow soldiers alive by whom to establish actual service tho diligent inquiries have been made that William Nelson and Nathan Shipley are persons of his acquaintance known to him & he to them & by whom he can establish reputation of service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present and also declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state and claims pension for the eight months served before set forth in the three tours, in two of which he served beyond the time for which he engaged & last one month less, each tour being for three months of regular calls for general defense. Sworn to the assembled in open Court this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 1834.

John Crouch, X his mark



Test: S/ Jas. V. Anderson, Clerk

*[William Nelson and Nathan Shipley citizens of Washington County Tennessee gave the standard supporting affidavit.]*

Other documents in file: Letter May 13, 1938 to Cora Rucker of Franklin Tennessee

John Crouch born May 1, 1756 King George County, Virginia... he was not certain of date, only year.

Lived in Montgomery County VA at time of service (1777, 1779)

He received \$28.33 per year as pension from September 1834 in Washington county Tennessee.

*[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$28.33 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private in the militia infantry for 6 months and in the militia cavalry for 2 months in the state of Virginia.]*