

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Crockett, S30353

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State of Kentucky, County of Cumberland

Personally appeared before us composing the county court for said county this 11th Feb. 1833 Robert Crockett aged 78 years who being first duly sworn according to law on his oath make the following statement or declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June 7th 1833.

This declarant entered the service of the United States in 1776 under Capt. James Johnson and Col. Wm. Grimes [William Grimes]. He served along the frontier of N. Carolina. He served as a substitute for Jacob Wills one month - He entered in June.

In 1776 he entered under Capt. Isaac Bletcher and served 3 months. He was engaged building a fort on the frontier of Sullivan County.

His next tour he performed under Wm. Asher [William Asher] for a month as a drafted man. This was in 1777 - His next tour 1778 he went to Chickamauga country - He served under Col. Isaac Shelby and Capt. Bledsoe [probably Lewis Bledsoe]. He served 7 weeks.

His next he went as a draft to Kings Mountain. He was in the Battle [October 7, 1780] —He served 2 months.

His next tour 1781 - he was drafted for three months for which he got his discharge from Isaac Shelby.

He served in all 14 Months.

He has a living witness of his services. He has no discharge though he received one from Shelby. He lived in Sullivan County when he entered the service. He was born in Bartley County Virginia [Berkeley County Virginia]. He lived in Greene County Tennessee until about 33 years ago when he moved to what is now Cumberland County Ky. in which he now lives.

He has no record of his age.

He was acquainted with Col. Williams [Col. James Williams of South Carolina], Col. Campbell [William Campbell of Virginia], Col. Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland of North Carolina]¹. He refers to Genl. John M. Emerson, Col. Lemuel Stockton and many others for his character. He has no documentary evidence of his service. He relinquishes all claim to any pension or annuity except - the present - and declares that his name is not on the pension rolls of the agency of any state.

¹ The officers named by the applicant were some of the officers in command of troops at the battle of Kings Mountain.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above mentioned.

S/ Robert Crockett²

[Edward J Bullock and Samuel Stockton, there being no clergyman in the vicinity, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

1st I was born in Bartley County Virginia in the year 1755.

2nd I have no record of my age but from the best information I have I am 78 years of age.

3rd I lived in Sullivan County Virginia when called into service. Shortly after the war I moved to Green County Tennessee where I lived until 1800 when I moved to Cumberland County Ky where I have lived ever since and now live.

4th I served my 1st tour as a substitute for Jacob Wills. My 2nd, 3rd, and 4th tours as a volunteer and my 5th and 6th as a draftee.

5th I was acquainted with while in service and frequently saw Colonels Williams, Campbell and Cleveland.

6th For the whole of my service I never received but one discharge which I received from Isaac Shelby and which is now lost or destroyed for though sought for I have not been able to find it.

7th This interrogatory is answered on page 2nd of this declaration.

S/ Robert Crockett, X his mark

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I James Williams³ of the County of Cumberland State of Kentucky aged 71 years do on my oath declare that I was well acquainted with Robert Crockett in his youth. I lived near him in Sullivan County Virginia I do state that Robert Crockett was in the service of the United States in 1776 and served 4 months. I do know that he assisted in building a Fort under Bletcher.

In 1777 he went under Asher of this I am personally confident.

His tour to the Chickamauga country I am also cognizant of he served 7 weeks.

I also know of his tour to Kings Mountain of my own knowledge.

I do state that from my age and situation I know of his serving as I have above stated.

S/ James Williams, X his mark

Application for a new certificate

County of Cumberland State of Kentucky (illegible word)

On this 30 day of April 1834, before me the subscribed, a justice of the peace for the said County of Cumberland personally appeared Robert Crockett of said County who on his oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain James Elliott Regiment commanded by Colonel Isaac Shelby in the service of the United States. His name was placed on the pension roll of the State of Kentucky as he has been informed and believes to be true. That a certificate of that fact under the signature and seal of the Secretary of War was forwarded to Milton King of Burkesville, directed as he is informed and believes to said Milton King of Burksville Tennessee, through mistake:

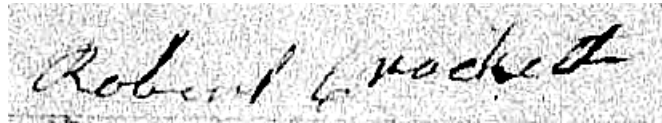
² I do not think this is the actual signature of the veteran since the handwriting appears to me to be the same as that of the scribe who wrote the application.

³ [James Williams S32607](#)

when it should have been Burksville Kentucky, which place is in the County of Cumberland Kentucky, and tho there is no such place as Burksville Tennessee, which certificate he is informed and believes was forwarded as above stated by the Commissioner of pensions on or about the 4th day of September 1833, but which certificate he has never received, altho he has made frequent application to said King for it, nor does he believe said King has ever received it, or that it has ever arrived at or been sent to Burksville Kentucky which it should have been sent, and the said Crockett further states that he did not believe he ever would be enabled to procure said certificate for he believed it was miscarried and lost and therefore desiring a new certificate might be granted and forwarded to him.

Sworn and subscribed to in open court Day and year aforesaid

S/ Robert Crockett

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert Crockett", written in dark ink on a light-colored, textured background.

[Facts in file: Veteran died February 26, 1836, place not stated; he was survived by children but they are names in the name of his wife are not contained in the documents in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$45.43 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 13 months and 19 days service as a private in the Virginia militia.]