

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Crooke S30970 VA
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State of Kentucky } S.S.
Madison County }

On this 14th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before John Hawkins, William Hitt & Thomas Willis Justices of the County Court in & for the County of Madison aforesaid now sitting, John Crooke a resident of the County aforesaid aged 66 years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated – That in April 1781 he performed a tour of duty in the militia as a substitute for [blank] Allen – was living at the time & went from Fauquier County in the State of Virginia – he was in a company commanded by Capt Charles Chilton – Elias Edmunds [Elias Edmonds] was his Colo – he was marched down to old Richmond & joined the Army at a place then called the Wilton Camp. As soon as his tour was out, which he thinks, was for two months, he again entered as a substitute for [blank], has forgotten his name, for a second tour & performed it without leaving the army – continued in Colo Edmunds Regiment – was moving from place to place in Virginia as became necessary to retreat from the British or occasionally to annoy them & pursue. When his second tour was out without leaving the army he entered upon & performed a third tour as a substitute for [blank] does not remember his name was in Capt Bayliss' [sic: William Bayless's] company, – [Nathaniel] Welch was his Major said Edmunds Colo, & in Gen'l Stevens' [Edward Stevens's] Brigade – during this tour he was at the Seige of York. He recollects Gen'l. Wayne with his Brigade joined the army or that portion of it, to which the applicant was attached some time before the Seige of York [Anthony Wayne at Brock's Bridge on North Anna River, 10 Jun 1781]. LaFayette was with us when Gen'l. Wayne joined us – that he was discharged after the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown [19 Oct 1781]. That he is positive he continued with the army from the time he went in, which was before the middle of April till after the surrender of Cornwallis. In the spring of 1782 he went with Rochambeau's Brigade from Williamsburg Va & assisted in taking on their Baggage & arms to the north, was absent on this expedition 8 months – He was born in St Mary's County Maryland – moved when very young to Prince William County Va., afterwards to Fauquier Cty Va. – moved to the County of Madison, Ken'y in 1789 where he has resided ever since.

That he has no documentary evidence by which he can prove his services, & knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, to prove his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity & declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State
[signed] John Crooke

NOTE: According to a typed summary, a 1795 document refers to "Major John Crooke" as surveyor of Madison County.