

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Krytsar S38902

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The State of Tennessee Williamson County Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions January Sessions
1826

This day John Krytsar a resident of this County personally appears in open Court and makes the following declaration in order to obtain a pension to wit. On this 10th day of January 1826 Personally appeared in Open Court to wit the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Williamson County in the State of Tennessee which is a Court of Record by an Act of the General Assembly of said State, John Krytsar aged seventy-four years in April next who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820, that he the said John Krytsar enlisted for the term of three years or during the war on or about the 8th day of January 1777 in the State of Virginia in Fauquier County in the Company commanded by William Blackwell a Captain, John Marshall first Lieutenant, ___ Wright as second Lieutenant in the 11th Virginia Regiment of the Continental Army commanded by Daniel Morgan, Colonel Christian Phebeckor [Christian Febiger] Lieutenant Colonel. A few days after his said enlistment he marched with his Company to Philadelphia where he joined said Regiment from thence to Prince Town [Princeton] in New Jersey, thence to Middlebrook, near New Brunswick in New Jersey where said Regiment joined the main body of the Army the British Army then lying in New Brunswick. At Middlebrook the Army took up winter quarters while lying at Middlebrook he was detached upon a scouting party and in an attack made upon the British picket guard he was severely wounded by a musket ball in the groin which was cut out of his body, he was unable to march with the Army till the January of 1778 when he again joined his Company at the Valley Forge, being still unable to do military duty he was transferred to the family of General Lafayette (as he spoke the French as well as English language) to serve as an interpreter, he continued with General Lafayette, was with him at the battles of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and Rhode Island at Quaker Hill [August 29, 1778], and from this last named place he was dispatched with letters to Count d'Estaing and General Hancock then at Boston when he again joined General Lafayette he again dispatched him to Annapolis in Maryland with letters to Colonel Price, General Lafayette having left the United States for France, he joined the main Army at Smiths Glove a few miles above West Point where the Army remained during the winter of 1778 & 1779, he was with the Army that stormed Stony Point [July 16, 1779], a few days after the storming of Stony Point he was discharged by the Commanding Officer on Account of his disability from the wounds he had received. At the time he received his discharge John Marshall commanded the Company in which he enlisted as Captain. After he left the Army it was about 8

years before he was able to work at his trade, which is a farmer. In the year 1792 or 1793 he gave his discharge to Colonel Morgan formerly the Commandant of his Regiment, and also gave him the Certificate of Colonel Febiger stating that he was present when the ball was cut out of his body &c Colonel Morgan was then a member of Congress and one of the Committee of Claims, during the same year the Congress moved from Philadelphia where it was then sitting to Lancaster. And the said John moved to the westward. And that since that time he has never heard of his discharge, nor does he know where it is, or what has become of it, unless it was burnt in the Capital by the British in the last War, in case Colonel Morgan deposited them in the War Office. And that he has no other evidence is now in his power of said services except that of Captain John Marshall who he believes is now alive, and is informed is the Chief Justice of the supreme Court of the United States and that it is not in his power to obtain the testimony of said Marshall.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed (viz.) 180 acres of poor ridge land worth \$.50 per acre \$90 – a cow & calves and a 2 year old heifer & a yearling \$25 – 6 head of hogs \$10 – one mare & colt \$20, one old horse 20 years old worth nothing – 2 beds, bed sheets & bedding \$30 – 6 old chairs \$.25 each \$1.50 – one iron pot with a hole in the bottom one dollar – one do do with the leg off & a whole 0.00, one do do and one Dutch oven \$1.50, 2 old Barrels for salt \$.25 – one carving knife, plusher & marker \$3, one drawing knife & bark shaver \$.50, 4 barking Irons one dollar, one hand saw, one ax, cotton wheel, flax wheel, & rule \$3, one pine table, 3 knives, 8 forks, 7 pewter plates \$1.25 – 6 delph plates, 5 cups & saucers one dollar, one copy or pot, one copper mill, one iron wedge \$1.75, one old part and gear \$8, one plow and caller one dollar & wearing apparel \$199.75 and he is indebted more than \$1000 to Thomas Ridley and to the estate of Jonathan Meredith who have executions against him for about \$483 with some interest, all of said debts have been due many years and have not been paid on account of his poverty, and infirmity. The said John Krytsar also makes oath that he is by occupation a farmer and that he is not able to pursue his occupation from age and infirmities, that he has 6 children (5 sons and one daughter) all living in Pennsylvania, he also has a wife who is almost is old and more infirm than he is himself, and that he the said John resides in Williamson County in the State of Tennessee.

S/ John Krytsar Subscribed & sworn to in Open court 10th

January 1826

The State of Tennessee Williamson County Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions July Session 1826
This day John Krytsar appears in Open Court & makes the following additional declaration in order to obtain a pension

State of Tennessee Williamson County SS

On this 6th day of July 1826, Personally appeared in Open Court, being the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Williamson and a court of record John Krytsar a resident in said County aged 74 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make

the following additional statement towards obtaining a pension to that already set forth
1st That he knows of no person in Tennessee who can prove anything relating to his service in the Revolutionary War.

2nd That since the 18th of March 1818 he has sold disposed of or conveyed away no property of any description that he recollects of except 2 heifers. Indeed since his first declaration made & forted to the Department of War, & which is now with this further statement returned he has lost by death 2 horses set forth in his schedule.

3rd. Why he did not apply for a pension earlier was that being younger and in better health than he is at present, he was enabled to support himself without the assistance of the government. He supposes all along that when he should apply it would be in his power to obtain a pension for all the preceding time. He was ignorant that his pension would alone take effect from the time his proof should be rendered complete.

4th. The Company Regiment & line is already set forth in the papers first sent to the Department of War.

S/ John Krytsar

Subscribed & sworn to in open Court 6th of July 1826.

A young man of the name of Krystar [sic] or Christie he was called to the best of my recollection enlisted in the County of Fauquier in Virginia in the fall or in November of the year 1776 in the company commanded by Captain William B Cookwell [?] in the 11th Virginia Regiment of which Daniel Morgan was Colonel Christian Febiger Lieutenant Colonel and William Heth Major I was then first Lieutenant in the company & was afterwards commanded it. Every other officer in it is dead & has been dead for some time. Lieutenant James Wright the survivor of them died three or four years past. The company marched to Philadelphia in the winter, I think in January 1777, and joined with some other companies of the Regiment marched in the spring in March to Princeton. All the soldiers of the company and Krystar or Christie with the rest enlisted for three years or during the war.

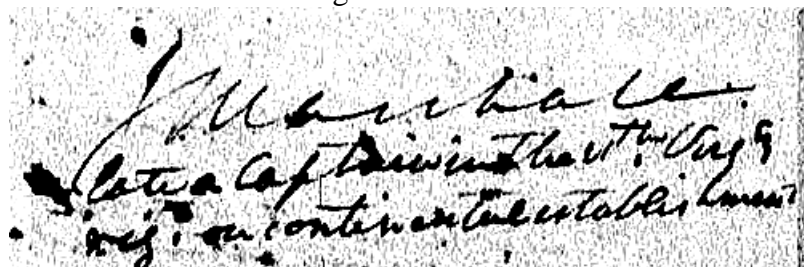
I cannot be positive that such a person was in the company, but his name rests in my memory so as to leave as strong an impression as I can have respecting a soldier who never attracted my particular attention, that he was in the company. I believe firmly that he was, and my belief is founded on my recollection.

I have no doubt that he served till regularly discharged.

S/ J Marshall

late a Captain of the 11th Virginia

Regiment on Continental establishment

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Marshall". Below the signature, there is some faint, illegible text that seems to be a transcription of the typed text above it.

Richmond September 18th 26

Dear Sir

I have received the papers which are here with transmitted from Colonel Eaton with a

request that I would annexed to the affidavit such certificate as my memory would enable me to give & Ford the papers to you.

He states accurately the company & Regiment to which he says he belonged. The officers were recruiting when he says he enlisted & the company marched from the time he mentions to Philadelphia whence it marched with some other companies belonging to the same Regiment to Princeton. I am the only surviving officer of the company. I commanded it at & sometime before the time he mentions. I have a decided impression that there was a soldier in the company named Krystar or Christie, but have no recollection of his Christian name. If this information will be of any service to the applicant whom I really believed to have been a soldier in the company I am ready to depose to it.

I am dear Sir with great respect

Your Obedt.

S/ J. Marshall¹

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Marshall", enclosed in a faint rectangular border.

The Honorable
The Secretary of War

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 18th, 1826, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

¹ John Marshall, Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court