

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Gustavus Croston (Crosston) S39379 VA
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State and District of Virginia, Frederick County Sct.

On this 15th day of June 1818, before me the subscriber, sole and presiding Judge of the Superior Courts of Law for this the Counties of Hampshire and Frederick in the district and state aforesaid, personally appeared Gustavus Croston aged upward of sixty years, resident in the said County of Hampshire in the said district and state, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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:" That he, the said Gustavus Croston, [illegible word] enlisted in Alexandria then in the state of Virginia, with a certain James Harper to serve in the co or in the service of the United that he was by him delivered [illegible word] to a detachment then marching to join the Southern Army commanded by Gen Green, that was the spring after the hard winter (1779 80) [see endnote]. That when he joined the Southern Army he was attach to a Regiment commanded by a Col [John] Green from Virginia, and in a company commanded by a Captain Arher; that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States until the the end of the war in the state of Virginia, that he was in the battle of Camdon [sic: Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 apr 1781]and at the seige of Ninety six [22 May - 19 Jun 1781] at which he was taken prisoner and never was exchanged till after the capture of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] – and never was in actual service [?] and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Personally appeared before me one of the Commonwealth Justices of the peace for the County of Jefferson, Hezekiah Emmerly, and made oath that to his knowledge Gustavus Crouston was a soldier in the U. States service during the revolutionary ware and he believes that he never was paid for a part of the time during which he seved, to wit from the time he inlisted for during the war untill the end of the same given under my hand this the 24th day of May 1816

[On other side:]

Croston Certifys that he enlisted in Revolution ware in first Virginia stat Redg mound under Captain Thomas Hambleton [sic: thomas Hamilton] for three yares after he has served his three yares he inlisted again for indureing the warr under Leutennant Jamis harper a Leutennant in Thomas hambletons Company Croston will mention of fud[?] officers Beloning to hambleton Company I will mak mention of fud mor Captons belong to Redgmond

Q frederick wodson [sic: Frederick Woodson]

Captain thomas Nuval

L wilm Cammell [sic: William Campbell]

Captain Charles Nuvel

Brown [possibly Windsor Brown]

Frederick County to wit

This day Heseekiah Emery personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the aforesaid county and made oath that Gustavus Croston who is sometimes caled Travis Croston did enlist in the service of the united states in the revolutionary war under Capt Hamilton and did serve three years and at the expiration of the term he enlisted again during the war and that he knows he served and he further testifies that he has been acquainted with him from his first recollection which he supposes must be fifty years as he Emry is between fifty & sixty years of age and that the said Croston who is now before me is the same man named a bove given under my hand this 12th May 1818

On this 18th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court it being a Court of record having unlimited jurisdiction above the sum of twenty dollars in all cases both in law and equity and the power of imposing fine and imprisonment, Gustavus Groston aged about 63 years resident in Hampshire County Virginia who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath Declare that he served in the revolutionary War as follows

That he enlisted an New Port [Newport] in Maryland (the time he does not recolect) in a Company commanded by Captain Thomas Hamilton attached to the 1st Regiment of the Virginia line on continental establishment for the term of three years, which time he served out and was discharged in Alexandria D.C. that he then reenlisted with Lieutenant James Harper for and during the War, that he was attached to a company commanded he thinks by Captain Archer, that he does not now recollect the number of his regiment, but knows that after Blufords defeat [sic: defeat of Col. Abraham Buford at the Battle of Waxhaws SC, 29 May 1780] the regiment was commanded for a short time at Petersburg by Col. Bluford, that afterwards Col. Greene took the command and marched them to the Southward, that he continued in the service of the United States untill the end of the War. that in consequence of being taken prisoner by the Tories, he never received a regular discharge, as will more fully appear by his original declaration filed in the War Office dated the 24th day of October 1818 and upon which he has obtained a certificate of pension Numbered 3.886 and he does solemnly swear that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person 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 he has not nor has any person in trust for him any property or securities contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed viz. two Cows & two Calves worth together \$26.00 one sow & six small shoats worth together \$10 eleven sheep and six lambs worth \$22 two old ploughs worth \$3.50 one gun worth \$2.50 four axes worth \$6. three hoes worth 75 cts three scythes worth \$1.50 some little household furniture worth altogether not more than \$10 92 acres of land worth \$200 but the title is disputed, some grain worth \$5. a land warrant worth \$5 two horses worth together \$40.00 The following is the amount of debts he owes, To John S Kesler \$3. to Gassaway Cross \$2 to James M Offute \$43.69 about \$3 to George Sharf and \$3 to George Moreland. That the following is a list of the members of his family. Viz. six children that they are all able to support themselves that he the said Gustavus in consequence of a strain, has broken the rim of his abdomen and is unable to labour

County of Hampshire SS.

On this fifteenth day of March 1824, personally appeared in open court, being a court of record having the power of fines imprisonment & jurisdiction in all sums above twenty dollars Gustavus Croston resident in said county, aged sixty seven years, who, being first duly 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 March, 1818, and the 1st May, 1820, that he, the said Gustavus Croston enlisted for the term of three years in Newport in Maryland the time he does not recollect in the company commanded by captain Thomas Hamilton in the regiment commanded by Colonel George Gibson & after by Thos. Allison [Thomas Allison] in the line of the state of Virginia on the continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps until his three years were out when he was discharged from the said service, in Alexandria then in the state of Virginia. that he then reenlisted with Lieut. James Harper for & during the war that he was attached to a company He thinks commanded by Cap Archer but does not recollect the No. of his regiment but knows that after Blufords defeat the regiment was commanded for a short time by Colo Blueford that afterwards Colo Greene took the command & marched to the Southward that he continued in the service of the united states till the end of the war & being taken

prisoner by the Tories never received a written discharge that his name has been placed on the pension list & dropt therefrom on account of his property [Oath similar to the above follows.] That since the exhibition of my first schedule, the following changes have been made in my property. two cows & calves dead one sow & six small shoats eleven sheep & 6 lambs the wolves killed [several illegible words] one old plough worn out one ax Ditto (some grain) all gone two horses one of them [one or two illegible words] other sold to pay a debt. part of the land mentioned in my former statement[?] has been taken by another title

The following is a schedule of all my property both real and personal, and the amount of the debts that I owe

Two Cows & two Calves worth altogether.	\$26.00
One Sow & Six small shoats worth together.	10.00
Eleven Sheep & six lambs.	22.00
Two old Ploughs.	3.50
Two pots.	3.00
One Gun \$2.50 four axes \$6.00 three hoes 75 cts.	9.25
Three scythes \$1.50 household furniture \$10.00.	11.50
Ninety two Acres of land.	200.00
Some grain \$5.00 a Land warrant \$5.00.	10.00
Two horses worth together.	<u>40.00</u>
	\$335.25

Amount of Debts

To George Moreland	\$3.00	
To John L Kesler	\$3.00	
To Gassaway Cross	2.00	
To James M Offute	43.69	
To George Sharf	<u>3.00</u>	
	\$51.69	
To the Sheriff	<u>5.35</u>	
	\$60.04	\$275.21

Gustavus hisXmark Croston

Names of persons to whom sold	Time of sale	Amount of money or description of property, received in return
I have sold all my land left after [?] taken by an [?] title [?] reserving five acres	six February 1824	seventy dollars
one horse to James Croston	Nearly three years ago to pay a debt	twenty dollars
1 sheep 2 Hogs 6 pigs 1 heifer sold to Thos Lewis Amy Day H. [?] & W. Hawkins	14 Nov 1823	about sixty dollars

The said Gustavus Croston also made Oath that he is by occupation a planter which business he is not able to pursue in consequence of a Strain in his back & his having broken the rim of his abdomen that he has seven in family & [several illegible words] grand child about four years old an able to support themselves

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution," approved on the 15th of May, 1828, I Gustavus Crosston of the county of hampshire in the State of Virginia do hereby declare, that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued in its service until its termination: at which period, I was a Private in Captain Archer's Company, in the [blank] Regiment, fo the Virginia Line. And, I also declare, that I afterwards received certificates for the reward of eighty dollars; to which I was entitled, under a resolve of Congress, passed the 15th of May, 1778.

And I further declare, that I was not, on the fifteenth of May, 1828, on the Pension List of the United States.

Witness my hand, this twelfth day of September, in the year 1828

Gustavus hisXmark Crosston

NOTES:

Gen. Nathanael Greene did not take command of the Southern Army until 3 Dec 1780.

In the file is a letter dated 19 Aug 1841 stating that Gustavus Croston had died leaving no widow but several children.