

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Dennis Crow S39380

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State of Virginia. At a Court held for Madison County the 24th day of May 1832.

On this 24th day of May 1832, personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record for the County aforesaid, Dennis Crow resident in said County aged Seventy six years, 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 March 1818, and the first of May 1820; that he the said Dennis Crow enlisted for the term of two years on the [blank] day of March 1776 in the State of Virginia in the company [raised in Culpeper County] commanded by Capt. John Thornton in the Regiment commanded by Colo. Hugh Mercer in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps until March 1778 when he was discharged from service at Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania; that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that his name is not on the pension list of any State; and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension. Because he had frequently made application to individuals in whom he had confidence and was told that he must apply to the Legislature of Virginia, upon his making application to the proper authorities of the state Government he was informed that the State could pay nothing and that he must look to the Federal Government; He then endeavoured for a considerable time to procure a proper form in order to present his claim but always failed until the present time, being old and infirm he has never had it in his power to attend to his interest and that he is now indebted to the friendly aid of others to see him justice done. And in pursuance of the Act of the 1st 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself 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 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.

Schedule. I have no personal property except necessary clothing and bedding; I am in possession of one hundred and forty three acres of land lying in the mountains generally poor and worn out. Leonard & Henry Barnes have a deed of trust on the same for upwards of five hundred dollars, which is more than the land will probably sell for. That since the 18th March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property and at that time one negro boy who run away and I have never seen or heard of him since. One other negro boy I have been compelled to sell in order to support myself and pay my just debts; I sold the said negro boy to a negro trader by name [blank] Parker at the price of 140\$ in the year 1823. I have an old blind mare and young colt which would not command more than ten dollars in cash. I am a house carpenter by trade, perfect inability to pursue the same at present and for many years past; I have no family myself and am dependent upon the charity of my friends to take care and support me.

Dennis Crow.

NOTE: Several witnesses certified that 16 or 18 years previously a slave named George had run away from Crow, and that in 1823 Crow sold a slave named Lewis to a trader.