

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Cropper S39383 VA
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District of Virginia Silicit

On this twenty fifth day of May 1818 before me Robert Nelson Judge of the chancery court of the state of Virginia personally appeared James Cropper aged sixty one years resident in the county of York in the s'd. District, 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 late act of Congress, entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war. That he the s'd. James Cropper enlisted in the county of Accomack in the s'd state of Virginia in the company commanded by Thomas Parker, in the year 1778. That he marched in the year 1781 to winchester and was there turned over to the company of Capt. Boo[ker] [Samuel Booker] of the first Virginia Regt. and he served in the s'd company untill discharged at the end s'd war, That he was in no general action having been the bowman to Lieut. John Scarborough [pension application W6003] untill marched to Winchester after the seige of York [19 Oct 1781] and that he is in reduced circumstances and [one or two illegible words] health 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 s'd. services but supposes that they may be found in the war as he some years ago obtained a warrant for bounty land from the war office.

Accomack County, Virginia, March 28 1820.

I do hereby certify, that James Cropper, the bearer hereof, was born in the county of Accomack a' d., and that he is at this time about sixty two or sixty three years of age, that he inlisted in the county afores'd. some time in the year 1778, under the command of Captain Thomas Parker, for the war, with the intention of joining the southern army commanded by Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene, who did not command the Souther Army until 3Dec 1780], that he marched to Winchester Virginia after the Seige of York in 1781, with Capt. Parker afs'd. and that there he joined the company of Capt. Booker of the 1st Virginia continental regiment, and that he was discharged at the said town of Winchester, at the end of the war. I was acquainted well with the said James Cropper from his infancy, he has always borne the character of an honest tractable man and faithful soldier. He now lives in the county of York Virginia, is in declining health, and I am informed and believe that he is very poor, and I also believe that he is entitled to a pension if anyone before him has been.

Jno. Cropper [John Cropper W3781] formerly Lt. Col. Comm'dt.
11th Virginia Regiment on Continental Establishment

District of Virginia, York County to wit

On the 18th day of June in the year 1821 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for the said County of York, (having power to fine and imprison, keeping a record of its proceedings having unlimited Jurisdiction in point of amount & proceedings according to the course of the common Law, James Cropper aged sixty three years, resident in Charles Parish in the said County of York, and district aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolution war as follows, in the first Virginia Regiment in a company commanded by Capt Thos. Parker and afterwards under Capt. Booker, as a private soldier, as by his original declaration will appear, that he declares before the Honorable James Semple for his pension in the Spring of 1820 – that he has received a certificate of his being a pensioner, (no number on it dated the eighth day of June 1820. That he is a farmer by occupation, but having no land & being old and infirm, is unable to pursue that avocation, or any other efficiently. That his family consists of two children, besides himself one

named Betsy aged about nineteen years, & one named John aged about seventeen years, and himself, aged sixty three years as aforesated. That nither of his children have any particular occupation by means of which they can get a livelihood. And 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 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.

Schedule of Property belonging to the above named James Cropper

one sow & pigs \$6: 2 hogs \$3- 2 beds & furniture \$25	\$34.00
4 Chairs \$2 – 1 Chest \$1 – pr old drawers \$1 crockery \$1	6.00
Kitchen furniture \$4 – Gun \$6 – Cupboard \$2	12.00
debt due to him	<u>1.00</u>
	\$53.00

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[The following are in the [bounty-warrant files in the Library of Virginia](#):]

These are to certify that the bearer hereof James Cropper a soldier in the first Virginia regiment having faithfully served the United States from the 23^d day of April 1781 to this date, and being inlisted for the war, is hereby discharged from the American army

Given at the war office the 9th day of July 1783.

By order of the Secretary at war, B Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln]
 Jos Caselton Sec’y

Registered in the books of the regiment/ William Eskridge adjutant
 A copy

War Office 1783.

The within certificate shall [one or two illegible words] the bearer as a discharge until the ratification of the definitive treaty of peace, previous to which time, and until proclamation thereof shall be made, he is to be considered as being on furlough.

B. Lincoln