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Pension Application of Joseph Croes S39386 VA
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South Carolina
District of Edgefield

On this 17th August 1818 before me the Subscriber, one of the Judges of the Court of Ordinary for the said District personally appears Joseph Croes aged sixty years resident on Ninety Six Creek near Cambridge in said District, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provisions 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 the said Joseph enlisted in Hanover County in the state of Virginia in the year 1778 or 9 seventy eight or seventy nine in the Company commanded by Leut Leroy 1st Virginia Reg't of Horse commanded by Col. Anthony White [Anthony Walton White] of the United States Cavalry that he continued to serve in said troop in the service of the United States for four years & six months when he was discharged from service in Charleston in the State of South Carolina that he was at the battle at Gilfort Court House [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] & also a Gibbons above Savannah with the Indians [skirmish at the Widow Gibbons's Mills near Sharon GA, 24 May 1782] & Also was at the Seige of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] &c and that he is in reduced circumstances, & 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

Sworn to & declared before me, the day & year aforesaid Joseph hisXmark Croes

District of South Carolina }
In the District Court }

On this fourteenth day of March 1821 personally appeared in open Court Joseph Croes late a private of Lieutenant Colonel William Washington's Regiment of Cavalry, in the army of the Revolution, and who is inscribed as such on the Pension List Roll of the South Carolina Agency as appears by the certificate of the War office of J C Calhoun Secretary of War, dated fourth day of January 1819 and recorded at the War Office – who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War in Lieut. Col. William Washington's Regiment of Cavalry was in the different engagements of the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781], Guilford Court House and Eutaws [Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781] and continued as such until the close of the Revolutionary War, when he was discharged – that he lost Two of his fingers at the Battle of Cowpens – was shot through the Leg at Guilford Court House, and was cut with a Saber on the Head at the Eutaws. And he further swears 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, namely that he is worth nothing in the world, but a few rags of homespun cloaths – has no wife – has three sons who have gone to the Western Country, and do not support him in any manner. That he is Seventy two years of age, and in such poor health, and so crippled by wounds he is not able to maintain himself by his trade of a Hatter.

Joseph hisXmark Croes

To the Hon'ble Secretary of War – City of Washington.

Charleston March 16th 1821

Sir. Joseph Croes the applicant in this case is in great distress, and at present supported by a Citizen of Charleston – He is waiting in the hope you will be so good as to send on his certificate, upon his oath & schedule now sent – As he is so crippled & old, he cannot travel here from his residence in the interior about it. You will aid the cause of humanity, if you will enclose his certificate directed to me, at Charleston, S. Carolina, as soon as possible – As he is waiting, in the hope of [illegible word] it from you, through that Channel –

I have the honor to be with much resp't/ Sir Yr Ob't S't./ John Drayton/ Distr't Judge So. Carolina
PS He tells me, his original papers, were sent on by a State Judge, from the Edgefield Court. JD

District of South Carolina

Charleston July 11th 1821

Personally appeared before me Joseph Croes, a Revolutionary Soldier who served in the Revolutionary War, in Lieutenant Colonel William Washington's Regiment of Cavalry, (as more particularly stated in his Schedule hereto annexed of the date of fourteenth day of March 1821,); who being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, saith that he is so poor, as in truth not to have any fixed residence whatsoever; and literally to be a Transient Person: but as he is old & infirm he has made an arrangement with a Citizen of the City of Charleston in this District & State, to reside in the said City, in future – for the purpose of the more easy receiving his Revolutionary pension. And therefore, as his Residence is now fixed in the said City of Charleston, he trusts the Secretary of War, will be so good as to pass his Schedule hereto annexed & transmit his Certificate to him at Charleston aforesaid, or to John Drayton District Judge of the said District for him. Signed with his mark and sworn to before me, the place and date, first above written.

John Drayton/ Dist Judge, So. Carolina

Joseph hisXmark Croes

NOTE: A letter from John Drayton to John C. Calhoun dated 17 July 1821 indicates that Croes's pension was delayed because the schedule of his property had not been properly certified.