

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Robert Rankin S4042

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State of Tennessee, Gibson County: Court of pleas and quarter sessions September Term 1832 being the 7<sup>th</sup> of said month

On this day being the 7<sup>th</sup> of September 1832 Robert Rankin personally appeared in open Court, being a citizen of said County of Gibson & State aforesaid, being eighty four years of age, Old Style, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act passed the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, as well as the said Robert Rankin can now recollect, I entered the service of the United States during the revolutionary war in the North Carolina militia – and served one three months campaign “called the Snowy Campaign” under Captain Dickson I think it was during the year 1778 or '79. General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] of North Carolina commanded during the Campaign we took 100 of the Scotch troops at Cane Creek, South Carolina, Ready [sic, Reedy] River, Major William Polk was wounded in the arm here – one other Campaign of one month under Captain Houston, I was during this Campaign in the battle of Ramsour's – here I lost a brother, killed by the Tories – Colonel Locke [Francis Locke] & Major Rutherford commanded year. I then served one three months tour under Captain Dickson at Camden no battle this Campaign Colonel Locke commanded – I knew here Colonel Pesly [sic, John Paisley] of Guilford with the Guilford troops. I afterwards served as Captain guarding the Fords on the Catawba River one month. I served one other tour on Bear Creek of one month under Captain Crawford I was in one skirmish during this campaign General Davidson [William Lee Davidson], then Colonel Davidson, was wounded here. I then served one three months tour under Captain Johnson, when the British under Cornwallis crossed the Catawba River I was then in the horse. I then served three months with my wagon & team under the command of Captain Bell and hauled baggage for 52 privates—When Cornwallis was taken at York. I also served three months under Captain Huggins when the British came to Charlotte, Colonel Davidson in command-- Sergeant Langum [?] pressed me, my wagon & team to haul ammunition from Wm Nail's [could be McNail's] in Iredell to Camden I do not remember how long it took for this service. I rendered other services which I do not recollect sufficiently to state. I fought for my Country. I was acquainted with Captain Brevard – of Greene's Army. He has no documentary evidence of his services. He knows of no person in the Country by whom he can prove the foregoing services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to & subscribed in court the Day & year aforesaid.

S/ Thos Fite, Clerk

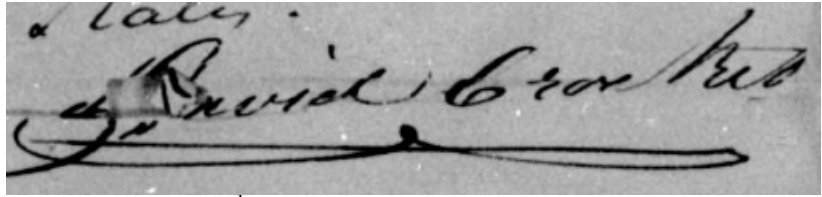
S/ Robert Rankin

[Francis L. Conner, John Gray, & Richard McAlilly gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I certify that Robert Rankin, of Gibson County, Tennessee, an applicant for a pension on account of revolutionary service, is a man of utmost unexceptionable moral character; and I would place the most

unlimited confidence in any statement which he might make.

Given under my hand at Washington City June 11, 1834 -- the undersigned being a Member of the House of Representatives of the United States

A black and white photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature reads "David Crockett" and is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The signature is written in a fluid, somewhat slanted style characteristic of the early 19th century.

S/ David Crockett<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> CROCKETT, David, (father of John Wesley Crockett), a Representative from Tennessee; born at the confluence of Limestone Creek and Nolichucky River in the State of Franklin, present day Greene County, Tenn., August 17, 1786; attended the common schools; served in Creek campaign, 1813-1814; member of the Tennessee state house of representatives, 1821-1823; unsuccessful candidate for election to the Nineteenth Congress in 1825; elected as a Jacksonian to the Twentieth Congress; elected as an Anti-Jacksonian to the Twenty-first Congress (March 4, 1827-March 3, 1831); unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the Twenty-second Congress in 1830; elected as an Anti-Jacksonian to the Twenty-third Congress (March 4, 1833-March 3, 1835); unsuccessful candidate for reelection to the Twenty-fourth Congress in 1834; fought at the Battle of the Alamo, San Antonio, Tex., 1836; died about March 6, 1836.

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