

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Christian Crow S43417

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State of Ohio Ss } May 20th 1818
Fairfield County }

On this 20th day of May in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighteen, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the County aforesaid personally appeared Christian Crow aged 56[?] years, resident in the County of Pickaway, 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 Christian Crow enlisted in Lancaster in the state of Pennsylvania in the company commanded by Captain [Samuel] Montgomery 7th Regiment of the Pennsylvania Line comanded by Col. Haze – that he continued to serve in said corps or in the service of the United States until the termination of the war when he was discharged from the service at Philadelphia in the state of Pennsylvania, then serving in the company commanded by Capt Fishburne [possibly Benjamin Fishbourne], 5th Pa. Regt Col Edward that he was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] – Peola [sic: Paoli, 21 Sep 1777] – Germantown [4 Oct 1777] – Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] – Green Springs [Green Springs Plantation VA, 6 Jul 1781] and of York [siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] – 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.

I Elnathan Scofield Judge as aforesaid do further certify that I have made particular enquiry of persons living near to the aforesaid Christian Crow in whom I place implicit confidence they inform me that he is in reduced circumstances Labouring on Rented Land to support his family, that all the property he possess is a quarter section of land which he obtained by enlisting in the late War [of 1812] I do not hesitate to say I think him entitled to the pension hereby applied for
Lancaster Ohio July 20th 1819

The State of Ohio } Ss.
Pickaway County }

On this 27th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty, personally appeared in open Court in the Court of Common Pleas for Pickaway County then sitting, being a Court of Record created by Statute such for the said State of Ohio, Christian Crow, aged fifty six years, resident in Pickaway County, in said state of Ohio, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declared that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows to wit, That on St. Patrick’s day in the month of March 1777 he enlisted into the seventh Pennsylvania Regiment commanded by Col. Hayes in the company commanded by Captain Samuel Montgomery in the first Brigade commanded by General Anthony Wayne of the Pennsylvania line, as will more fully appear by his original declaration, now on file in the war Office, bearing date on the twentieth day of May one thousand eight hundred and eighteen. That his pension certificate heretofore granted, bears date of the first day of December one Thousand eight hundred and nineteen and is numbered 16.101. 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. Towit

One Quarter Section of Military bounty land in the State of Illinois, unimproved; being the N. W. quarter of Section 34 Township 9 North, Range 5W. worth. . \$75.00

One Cow worth. 13.00

One Two year old Heifer worth. 7.00

Eight Hogs worth. 10.00

One old Shot Gun worth. 9.00

One Pot mettles Kettle of 9 gallons worth. 2.00

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Two Iron Skillets worth. 1.50

One hand saw worth. 2.00

One Grubbing Hoe worth. 1.00

One Stable or Dung fork worth.75

One Spade worth. 1.50

One Shovel worth.75

One wedge iron & mauling rings worth. 2.08

One Chopping axe worth. 2.50

Three Carpenters Augers worth. 1.12½

One Sett of old Shoemakers tools worth. 3.00

The whole amounting to the probable sum of \$133.12½

And that he owes nothing nor is there any thing owing to him, as from his reduced circumstances and debility he can get no credit nor earn much.

This declarant further swears that his occupation is that of a Shoemaker, but that owing to a pain in his breast, and other debility he is unable to pursue his occupation to any advantage, that he has four Children and a wife residing with him, to wit, Betsey Crow his wife aged about forty who is barely able to take care of the children and the domestic concerns of the family, also Jacob Crow his eldest son residing with him aged six years and some months, who is unable to contribute any thing towards his support – also Jane Crow his eldest daughter residing with him, aged six years and upwards a twin child with Jacob Crow, she also being unable to do any thing for her support – also a third named Andrew Crow who was three years old last march and the fourth an infant daughter named Peggy Crow who is seven months old.

And this deponent further swears, that such is his debility of body and his want of skill in other business than his trade, that he cannot obtain half wages, if his health would permit him to labor constantly, at other business; but that his health is so precarious, that he is wholly unable to labor at any thing, a considerable part of the time

Christian hisXmark Crow

[A letter in the file from James L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions, dated 3 March 1834, indicates that Christian Crow's pension had been suspended, possibly on information that he had deserted during the war. The letter offered to restore the pension if Crow would swear to the facts stated in a letter not found in the file.]

State of Ohio [24 March 1834]

Sandusky County ss Before me the subscriber a justice of the peace of the the county of Sandusky aforesaid personally came Christian Crow who made solemn oath that he is the identical Christian Crow who is inscribed on the pension List Roll of the Ohio Agency by a certificate given at the War office of the United State the first day of December one thousand eight hundred and nineteen that he inlisted at Lancaster Pennsylvania under insign McGee [possibly William McGee] on St Patrick day after the taking of the Hessians at Trenton [26 Dec 1776] that at several diffrent times he had a furlow to go home from his Colonel that at White marsh hill he asked the permission of his offcers for a furlough to return home but was refused leave That he deserted & went home to lancaster and remained several weeks that he then returned to camp at White Marsh hill That Colonel Hays ordered that he should receive fifty lashes

for his desertion which was inflicted by drummer McGee That after he was flogged he was at the battle of Brandywine at the battle of Bloody Peola and at the battle of German Town at the battle of Monmoth & at the Sege of York at the taken of Corn Wallus [sic: Cornwallis] that he continued in the service till peace was restored and that he received his discharged at Philadelphia in the State house That he drew his land and sold his warrant to Capt Conaly[?] that he had his discharge at the time he drew his warrant which has since been lost or destroyed that he was fourteen years of age at the time he enlisted soon after the battle of Trenton That he does not no his age & further this depont saith not Christian hisXmark Crow

[A letter from James L. Edwards states that Crow's pension was restored on 26 April 1834.]

Fifth Military Dep

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

KNOW YE, That Christian Crow a private of captain Lewis Bissell's company third regiment US Infantry who was enlisted the twenty ninth day of March eighteen hundred and fourteen for the period of five years is hereby honorably discharged from the army of the United States, on the surgeon's certificate, as being disqualified to perform the duties of a soldier by reason of Inability from Old age and general infirmity

Said Christian Crow was born in [blank] in the State of Pennsylvania is about forty four years of age, five feet eight inches high, dark complexion, black eyes, dark hair, and by occupation, when enlisted, a Farmer

Given at Detroit this Eleventh day of November 1815.

[signed] F. S Belton/ Reg Inspector