

[Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Richard Crisswell S6779

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Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Virginia } Ss.                    On the Twenty seventh day of November 1832 personally  
 County of Brooke }                    appeared in open court, before the Justices of the County court of  
    Brooke in the state of Virginia, now sitting Richard Crisswell a resident  
 in the same county and state, aged Eighty four years past, 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 of Congress  
 passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers, and served  
 as herein stated.

That he was born near Baltimore, in Baltimore county, Maryland; that he was drafted and served  
 six months under the command of captain Christopher Owens in Col. Lucks regiment of Baltimore  
 Militia, but that from old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the year or  
 months, but remembers that when drafted, declarant was mowing in a meadow. That he was marched  
 from Baltimore to New Jersey and arrived at the American Camp about two miles from Philadelphia –  
 the British troops being then in possession of that city [26 Sep 1777 - 18 Jun 1778]. When arrived in  
 camp, General Washington commanded. Captain Mockason John Owens commanded a company of  
 Maryland Militia in the same regiment with declarant. Genl. [William] Smallwood was also in camp. We  
 had several skirmishes with the enemy, but no regular battle.

Immediately after the said service was performed, declarants brother, Andrew Crisswell, who  
 lived in the same family with declarant, was drafted to serve a tour of Militia duty of three months, but he  
 being unwell, and engaging to take care of declarants family during his absence, declarant served the said  
 three months, as a substitute for his said brother, under the command of the said Captain Christopher  
 Owens. during the latter service, declarant, as well as he can now recollect was in the battle of  
 Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] – he remembers to have been in one hard battle, but from want of memmery  
 occasioned by extreme old age and bodily infirmity, cannot with certainty state the place, but thinks it  
 was at Brandywine. [See endnote.] Declarant has nearly lost his eye sight, and is in very indigent  
 circumstances – having no property – and living occassionally with his children, but most frequently with  
 one of his grandchildren, who is also a poor man. Declarant served six months, as a drafted Militia man  
 and Three as a substitute.

That he has no documentary evidence of his said service, and knows of no person whose  
 testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service, except the Annexed deposition of Richard  
 Jourdan [not found], who served in the same regiment.

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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid                    Richard hisXmark Crisswell

On the same day also appeared in open court, Susannah Gossage wife of Nicholas Gossage of the  
 said county of Brooke, aged fifty years, who being duly sworn according to law, deposeseth and saith, that  
 she has been personally acquainted with the declarant, Richard Crisswell since her infancy (He is uncle,  
 by marriage to deponent). She has repeatedly heard her father say that when Declarant was on duty in the  
 Revolutionary War, he, deponent’s father, had to take care of Declarants Wife and two children. From  
 the very frequent conversations she has heard in her fathers family, and generally in the neighbourhood  
 where they resided in Baltimore County, Maryland, deponent verily believes that Declarant served as he  
 states, in the militia, in the Armerican Army, at the time of the revolutionary war.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.                    [signed] Susannah Goss[rest illegible]

[Certified by Rev. Nichols Headington and Benjamin Jacobs. Adam Kuhn, Clerk of Brooke County  
 Court.]

[The following report is by US District Attorney Washington G. Singleton, who investigated hundreds of pension applications from present West Virginia. For details see my appendix to the pension application of David W. Sleeth S6111.]

Richard Crisswell/ Pen. Brook Cty

Note – this Pensioner was not upon the list sent to me. I understand that he draws \$30 per annum – he is a very old and Ignorant man, and consequently gives rather an unsatisfactory account of his services – he is said to be an Honest man  
W. G Singleton.

Richard Crisswell

I the undersigned Richard Crisswell, in pursuance of the requisition of the Secretary of war make the following re-declaration for the purpose of testing my right to a Pension for Revolutionary Services.

I do not know my age correctly, but believe I am 86 or 87 years old. I am native of Maryland, lived near the City of Balt'o. during the war, and came to this country 23 yr. ago. – Some time during the war of the Revo. (I cant tell the year) I was drafted for a six months tour, was rendezvouzed at Baltimore and attached to Capt. Stephen Owens company, which together with two other companies all under Col Lucks marched into Jersey. Joined Gen'l. Washingtons & Gen'l. Smallwoods army at Trenton. remained in service at Trenton until my six months expired. was then discharged and went home, – Shortly after my return my brother Andrew was drafted for a three months tour, being sickly, and somewhat unable to stand the Hardships of a camp life, I voluntarily took his place, I again Rendesvouzed at Baltimore. was attached to Capt. Mockazin John Owens Company. marched across the country. crossed the Susquehannah [sic: Susquehanna River] at Pottstown and joined the american army near Philadelphia. served out the three months there and went home. I did not get a written discharge for either tour. I proved my services by Mr. Gutridge & Richard Jordan. Capt McCluney wrote my Declaration to whom I gave the same statement in substance now given. he charged me \$10. In Witness of all which I hereto subscribed my name, July 10 1835  
Richard hisXmark Crisswell

Witness/ W McCluney

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W. G Singleton

NOTES:

The battle that Crisswell may have been engaged in may have been the Battle of Monmouth NJ on 28 June 1778.

On 20 May 1833 Crisswell was issued a certificate for a pension of \$30 per year for nine months service.