

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Harmon Crim S8254

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Virginia } SS On this 20th day of Nov'r 1832 personally appeared in open court
Harrison County } before the justices of the County Court of Harrison now sitting
Harmon Crim a resident of Harrison County aged Eighty two years, who being first sworn
according to Law, doth make the following declaration on his oath, - in order to obtain the
benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832

That he entered the service of the united states under the following named officers and served as herein stated - That he was borned in Culpeper County State of Virginia That he first entered the service as a volunteer in the Va line under the command of Capt Crim and Colo Armstead Churchwell [sic: Armistead Churchill] but cannot now recollect the year - that he immediately after volunteering was attached to the main army on James River -, was stationed at Williamsburg some considerable time, from there he was marched to the mouth of York River - from thence he was sent up the James River with some black prisoners who were march into the country and sold. That he then returned home to Fauquire [sic: Fauquier] County Va where he resided when he first went into service - He further states that shortly after he returned home as above stated that he again was drafted and marched under command of Capt Helmes [probably Thomas Helm] to york Town where again he joined the main army and continued in service untill the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] he then was sent as a guard with prisoners threw Virginia to the Barracks near Winchester in Va where he was detained a short time - he then was released from service & sent home where he resided till the year 1808 - he then mooved to the Western part of Va Harrison County where he has resided ever since and where he now resides - He states he has no documentary evidence but that James Devers [pension application S17924] who now lives in Monongalia County Va whose testamony he here presents taken before John Nuzum a justice of the peace for said County of Monongalia and also John Ford's [probably pension application S39532] testamony in the same affidavit is the only testamony that he can offer, except the testamony of A Corbin [Anderson Corbin, W6739] herewith annexed, that he knows of no other persons living who knows he was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and states that the above Devers & Ford he could not get them to the Court of Harrison County to give their testamony in open Court - he further states he cannot now tell the presise lenght of time he served in the Revolution War - but knows he served more than 24 months

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension Rool of the agency of any State

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Harmon hisXmark Crim

This day Personally appeared before me James Devers, and William Ford and states on Oath that in the year 1781 October, Haman Crim served a Tower of three months at Williamsburgh & Little York Va

Sworn To before Me John Nuzum JP
this 17th day of September 1832

Anderson Corbin of Harrison County and State of Va in open Court of said County after first being sworn according to Law doth depose and say that he has been acquainted with Herman Crim the applicant hereunto annexed for about sixty years - That he knows of his own knowledge that the said Crim was a revolutionary soldier, that serve several campaigns - that he was at york Town and Williamsburg as a soldier - That he believes the declaration hereunto annexed made by Crim contains the truth - That s'd Crim was in service but before he Corbin was old enough to enter service - and that s'd Crim was also out one sumer after he Corbin arrived at a sufficient age to enter service - and that they served one summer together

Sworned to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Anderson Corbin

State of Virginia } on the 15th day of July 1833 - personally appeared in open Court before
Harrison County } the Justices of s'd County; Harmon Crim the same mentioned in the
annexed declaration and after first having sworn doth further depose and say that it was in the
fall of the year 1781 [sic] that he first entered the service; as stated in his annexed declaration, -
That he served as stated - and was not discharged untill the next spring. That this Tour he was
out nearly six months - positive more than three - he further states, that his next service as
stated in his annexed declaration was in the year 1782 [sic] that he went into service early in the
fall of 1782 - and continued in serves untill the surrender of Lord Cornwallis - and served as
stated in the annexed; That he was in servis three months at this time - he states he received a
discharge from Capt Chrim[?] which discharge he has lost that he received no discharge the last
time he was in service —

States he is positive he served six months, and thinks he served nearly nine but only claims for
six months - States he knew Gen'l Washington and Capt Duglass he further states he is well
know in the neighbourhood where he now resides by Wm Martin T's Martin Th's Knolls[?] John
Slavin[?] whom the department can have referance to as to his Character - Sworn to &
subscribed
Harman hisXm Crim

Harrison County } SS. On this 16th day of July 1833 personally appeared before the
State of Virginia } subscriber a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, John
Nay [S11128], and after being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, That he was in the revolutionary
war in the fall of the year 1782 [sic] and was at the battle of york town, at which time he served
three months, and that he was acquainted with Harman Crim the within applicant, who also
served a tour of three months at the same, and was also engaged in the battle above mentions,
with this deponent, Sworn and subscribed before me. John hisXmark Nay
W. P. Goff J.P.

[The following is by District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated many
pensioners in Harrison and other counties of present West Virginia. For details see pension
application S6111 of David W. Sleeth. On the cover of the report Singleton wrote "Entitled."]
Harmon Crum, \$20—

Charles Shaw [S7484] aged 70 [illegible word] old - was in service with Crum at York
town. thinks Crum served a tour of six months under Capt Helm.

Anderson Corbin saw Crum at Yorktown. Crum was at the surrender of Cornwallis.

a True Copy. W. G Singleton Nov. 17, 1834