

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Crute S9246

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Virginia to wit

On this 27th day of November 1832 Personally appeared before the Court of Halifax County now sitting Robert Crute a Resident of Halifax County in the State of Virginia aged 78 years, 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 7th, 1832: that he enlisted in the Army of the Revolutionary war in the service of the United States in the Fall of the year 1775 in the County of Amelia, in the State of Virginia with Capt. Lewallen Jones [first name variously spelled as Lewellen, Lewellin, Lewelling, etc.] for 12 months, I was stationed at Good's bridge on Appomattox River in the County of Chesterfield where we were regularly trained by Capt. Jones, Lieut. Samuel Hannaway and Ensign James Foster for 20 days, a company of men commanded by Capt. Edward Carrington from Cumberland County joined us at the same bridge, these 2 companies under the command of Major James, marched direct through the town of Petersburg to Norfolk, we arrived at that place on the first day of January 1776 and saw the said town in flames, said to be set on fire by order of Gov. Dunmore [John Murray, Lord Dunmore, the last Royal Gov. of the colony of Virginia] -- at that place, we were attached to the first Virginia Regiment which was commanded by Major Francis Epps, Col. Woodford [William Woodford] & Col. Scott [probably Charles Scott], we were stationed at that place several months, then marched to the Sea Coast and was stationed at a place, then called Kemp's landing several months, still under the command of the same officers, Col. Scott was the commander in chief, from thence we marched to Williamsburg, and was stationed at that place for some time, I obtained a permit to go to the County of Amelia where I remained a short time, and returned to Williamsburg. I was then attached to a company which was commanded by Capt. Blackburn Moseley still under the command of Major Epps and Major Goode. I remained at that place until the term of my enlistment expired. I was discharged by Major Francis Goode in November or December 1776 having served at least 12 months. My discharge is lost and cannot be found, that the service rendered under this enlistment is proved by William Worsham¹ who was a soldier with me in the same service.

Sometime in the fall of the year 1777, I again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer and marched from the said County of Amelia in a company of Militia, which was commanded by Capt. Faulks, Lieut. Knight and Ensign Robert Brookin, through the town of Petersburg, passed Cabin Point on James River went through Williamsburg, direct to Hampton,

¹ [William Worsham S6436](#)

where we were attached to a Regiment which was commanded by Col. Bibbin Brookin, we were stationed at that place until our term of service expired. I acted on this tour 3 months as Sgt. Major -- we were discharged by an order Col. Brookin by entire companies, and no written discharge was given to me, but the service rendered is proved by James Faulkes² who was a ___ with me at that time. Sometime in the year 1780 I again entered the service of the United States, being drafted and marched from the said County of Amelia, in a company of Militia which was commanded by Capt. Richard Jones, Lieut. Littleberry Royall and Ensign Presley Gates, through Petersburg direct to Williamsburg, at that place we were attached to the Regiment which was commanded by Major T. Williams and Col. Wells under General Scott we were stationed at that place 4 or 5 weeks and discharged by General Orders our service not being longer necessary at that time. I did not receive a written discharge, and do not know any person living that was in the service with me at that time. The whole of the time of service rendered on this tour was about 6 weeks. In the month of April 1781 I again entered the service of the United States, being drafted and marched from the said County of Amelia in a company of Militia which was commanded by Capt. Paulin Anderson, Lieut. William Wood the and Ensign Gill our object was to go to Richmond, we had gone within a few miles of Manchester when we were informed that the British Army was just below that place making up the River we change our course and went up the James River to Carter's ferry, crossed the River at that place, and marched down the North side of the said River to Richmond and joined the Army under General Lafayette at that place. The British Army then on the South side of the River near Manchester, we were attached to General Muhlenberg's Regiment in the Regiment under Major Long and Major Hardiman and Col. Lewis the whole of this Army under General Lafayette left Richmond and marched down the North side of James River to Morbin Hill [Malvern Hill], about 18 miles below Richmond, then marched back to Richmond crossed the River at that place and made a very rapid march towards Petersburg to prevent General Philips [William Phillips] from uniting his force with General Arnold [Benedict Arnold] at that place but finding it could not be done we crossed James River again at Cary's Mill and was stationed a short time at ___ below Richmond from thence we retreated from the British who were under Lord Cornwallis towards Fredericksburg continued marching in that direction several days, then changed our course towards the Albemarle barracks and marched day and night until we met with General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] in the County of Albemarle, the British finding that Lafayette & Wayne had United their forces retreated towards Richmond and we pursued them until we entered the County of Goochland my Term of Service having expired I was discharged by General Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg] about the 20th of June 1781, my discharge is lost and cannot be found I do not know any person living that was in the service with me on that tour the time of service rendered on this tour was 3 months. I again entered the service of the United States and marched from the County of Amelia in a company of drafted Militia under Capt. Knight to Petersburg, where we were stationed for 2 or 3 weeks, and discharged my discharge is lost and I know of no person to prove it by. I was born in the County of Northumberland & State of Virginia in the year 1754, my age was recorded in a book that was carried by my mother to the State of Georgia some years ago. I lived in the County of Amelia when I entered the service of the Revolutionary War. I lived in said County of Amelia and Nottoway until the year 1804, then moved to the County of Halifax and have lived in that County ever since. I hereby relinquish every claim to a Pension or annuity except the Present and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

S/ Robt. Crute

² [James Fowlkes \(Fawlkes\) S8457](#)

State of Virginia, to wit,

Personally appeared before the undersigned a justice of the Peace for the County of Halifax and State aforesaid Robert Crute who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the Consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise time of his entering the Service or the precise length of his Service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades, for [one] year and 5 months I served as a private and 3 months I served as Sgt. Major and for such service I claim a pension, that he served with and embodied Corps each time, called into Service by competent authority, that he was either in the field in camp or on [actual] duty, and for the time during which the Service was performed he was not employed in any Civil Pursuit.

Given under my hand and seal this 25 day of June 183_ [last digit missing]

S/ Jno Sims, Seal

I have propounded to Robert Crute the Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department to Applicant for pension under the Act of the 7th of June 1832, and find that the Answer to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Questions are annexed to the declaration made before the Court of Halifax County on the 27th day of November 1832, and that his answers to the other interrogatories are as follows --

4th I enlisted in the year 1775 for 12 months and served out the time, in the year 1777, entered the service as a volunteer, in the year 1780 I was drafted in the month of April 1781 I was drafted, in the same year I was again drafted,

5th The Officers Regiments and General Circumstances of my Service are stated to the best of my recollection in my declaration.

6th I received in the course of the war 3 written discharges. Given by Major Goode, General Muhlenberg and Capt. Knight, they have long since been lost. I was discharged from the service twice by General Orders.

7th Charles Allen, Clemonds Crute, Col. H. E. Coleman and many others can testify as to my Character for Veracity and their belief of my Services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

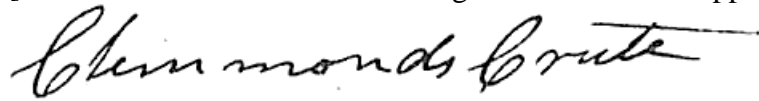
S/ Robt Crute



Sworn to and subscribed before me a justice of the peace for the County of Halifax in the State of Virginia the 25th day of June 1833

S/ Jno Sims

[Charles Allen & Clemonds Crute gave the standard supporting affidavit.



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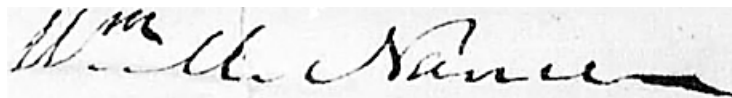
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I William M. Nance³ of the County of Pittsylvania and State of Virginia do hereby certify and solemnly swear that Robert Crute a resident of Halifax County who is an applicant for a Pension as a Revolutionary Soldier, that in the year 1777 he served a tour of Duty as a Sgt. with me in Capt. Gabriel Fowlkes Company of Militia from the County of Amelia to Hampton in the State of Virginia and that said Robert Crute was honorably discharged from the said Service. I further certify that I have heard the declaration of Robert Crute read, and do believe that he served as he

³ [William M. Nance W5402](#)

states, that at that time we were both residents of the County of Amelia and lived close neighbor's together, and knows that he was frequently out in the Service of the revolution. Given under my hand this 19th day of January 1833

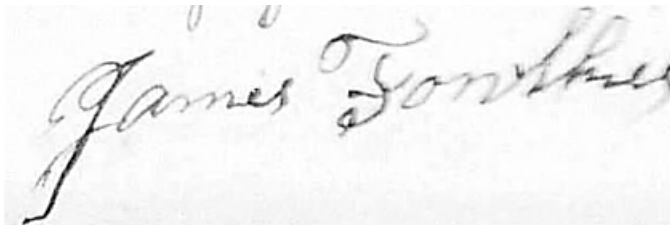
S/ Wm M. Nance



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I James Fowlkes of the County of Pittsylvania and State of Virginia do hereby certify and solemnly swear that Robert Crute of the County of Halifax and State aforesaid was a revolutionary Soldier, that he served a tour of duty as Sgt. in a company of Militia from the County of Amelia in the year 1777 to Hampton in the State of Virginia under Capt. Fowlkes that I was a Sgt. in the same company and served the said tour with him, and he was honorably discharged from said service. I also certify that I lived in the County of Amelia during the war of the Revolution and that Robert Crute resided in the same County. I was well acquainted with him and believe that he served several tours of Duty in the Army of the revolution. Given under my hand this 22nd day of November 1832

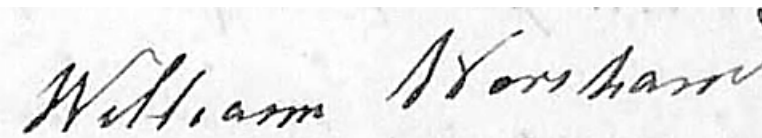
S/ James Fowlkes



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I William Worsham of the County of Prince Edward in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Robert Crute of the County of Halifax in the State aforesaid who is an applicant for a pension was a Revolutionary Soldier, that I enlisted in the year 1775 with Capt. Markham, that I was stationed at Norfolk and at Kemps landing & that Robert Crute was a regular Soldier stationed at the same places -- in Capt. Jones Company -- and believes he served out the time for which he enlisted, given under my hand this 27th day of June 1833.

S/ William Worsham



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This is to Certify that Robert Crute Enlisted in the Army of the Revolution in a company under the Command of Lewelling Jones some time in the year 1775 And marched in December following the time of his Enlistment I do not Remember but believe it was for twelve months, I saw him in service at Kemps Landing. After which time he was transferred to another Company & I was afterwards informed he served the time for which he enlisted. Given under my hand this 6th day of November 1832.

S/ Jno Crute,⁴ Soldier of

⁴ [John L. Crute S24980](#)

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "S/ William Worsham".

the revolutionary Army
S/ William Worsham

[p 26, Grief Green of Mecklenburg County, Va., gave an affidavit as to the reputation of Robert Crute.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$71.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private & Sgt. in the Virginia militia.]