

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Carter Croxton S9250

VA

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State of Virginia

Essex County towit

On this 18th day of February 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of said County of Essex now sitting Carter Croxton aged 71 years on the 16 of March Last a resident of South Farnham Parish in the County aforesaid who being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7 1832

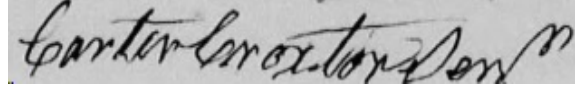
That he entered the service of th United States under the following named Officers and served as herein after stated.

He enlisted in the month of February 1778 for three years in the Virginia state artillery in a company commanded by Capt William Spiller [VAS2171] Lieut Barnard Lipscomb and Ensign James Lipscomb in the Regiment commanded by Colo Elias Edmonds [VAS2004] and Major Mazard or Mazarett [John Mazarett R16059]. For about two years after his enlistment he served in the Regiment commanded by the Officers aforesaid in and about Williamsburg York and Hampton in Virginia. In the month of [blank] 1780 he marched to the South in the same Regiment then commanded by Colo Charles Porterfield [BLWt1145-450] and Major Magill [Charles Magill W5336], the company in which he served being commanded by Capt Christopher Roane [X635], Capt Spiller having been promoted; in his march to the South he passed through Hilsborough & Salsbury [sic: Hillsborough and Salisbury] in North Carolina and some other villages not recollected; he was at the battle of Campden when Gen'l. Gates was defeated [Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780], at which time the Baron de Kalb was killed after Gates defeat which took place on the 16 of August 1780, the Regiment to which he belonged & which had been dispersed at the battle at Campden assembled at Hilsborough, where he remained with his Regiment about two months. After the battle at Campden Gen'l. Gates was arrested and the Southern army was then commanded by Gen'l. Nathaniel Green [sic: see endnote]: this affiant continued at the South for about twelve months in the same Regiment and was at the battle at Guilford [Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] which was fought on or about the 15 March 1781 between the American army composed of Virginia and North Carolina Militia and continental troops under Gen'l. Green, and the British Army commanded by Lord Cornwallis. after the battle at Guilford he returned with the Regiment to which he belonged to Virginia, and returning marched through Petersburg to Richmond, where the term for which he had enlisted being expired he received a discharge from Lieut Bernard Lipscomb, which has been unfortunately lost or destroyed; he arrived in Richmond as well as he at this time recollects about the last of April or 1 May 1781. He served out the time of his enlistment, until discharged Three Years, and about two months, two years of which time he served as a Private and for the last twelve or fourteen months as a sergeant. at the time of his enlistment he was a resident of Essex County, is at present and has been from his earliest infancy

Shortly after his discharge as before stated he was drafted to serve a tour of duty in the Militia and marched sometime about the month of August 1781 in a company from the County aforesaid commanded by Capt Thomas Allen and Ensign John Haile, the name of the officers commanding the Regiment and other Company officers not recollected, to York Town Virginia and was there on or about the 19th day of October 1781 at the surrender of the British Army under Lord Cornwallis. during the entire tour of service last mentioned he acted as a Sergeant and served two months. upon the surrender of the Army under Cornwallis he received a discharge (which is either lost or mislaid) and returned home. his whole term of service as declared in the foregoing declaration was Three years and about Four months two years of which he served as a Private and one year and four months or thereabouts as a Sergeant

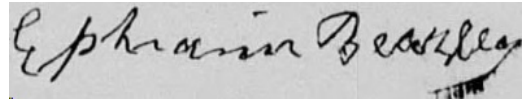
He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares he is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.



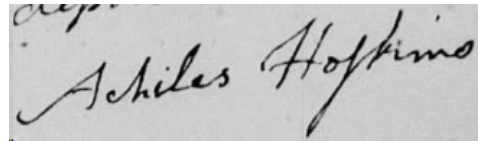
I Ephraim Beazley [S6597] of the County of Essex and state of Virginia do hereby Certify that I was a soldier in the Revolution and served in the Regiment commanded by Colo Charles Porterfield that Carter Croxton of Essex County and state of Virginia is reputed to have been a soldier of the revolution in the neighbourhood where he resides and I concur in that opinion: he states that he belonged to a Company of Artillery attached to Colo Porterfields Regiment and marched to the South some time in the Year 1780. I went to the South in the above Regiment at the time stated by said Croxton, we have talked over the incidents and occurrences that took place during the march, and after our arrival, and he speaks of certain matters that then occurred which I distinctly recollect, though I was not acquainted with said Croxton for several Years after the war terminated.

[Feb 1833]



I, Achilles Hoskins [Achilis Hoskins S1218], of Henry County, & State of Kentucky, aged 73 years. do hereby certify, that I was well acquainted with Carter Croxton, (now a resident of Essex County, Virginia) during the war of the Revolution, that I was carried during said war to South Carolina, to join General Greens army at Cheraw hills, that during our encampment there [Jan 1781], I was frequently at the said Croxtons tent & understood that he, the said Croxton was a sarjeant in the artillery, at that time; that I was called to Georgetown in South Carolina, & left the said Croxton at Cheraw Hills, acting as I believe, in the Capacity of Sarjiant, in the said Greens army. & further this deponent saith not

[1 June 1835]



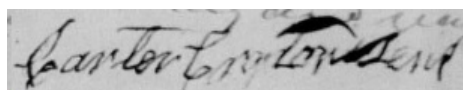
I Bartlett Brizendine [R1225] a revolutionary Soldier aged 70 years a resident of the county of Essex & State of Virginia do herby certify that Carter Croxton of the aforesaid county served in the army of the revolution & I know he acted as Sergeant; & I believe was one

Given under my hand this 3^d day of June 1835 Bartlett hisXmark Brizendin

State of Virginia
Essex County to wit

On this 15th day of June 1835 personally appeared before the justices of the county court of Essex Carter Croxton a resident in the county & state aforesaid aged seventy four years on the 16th day of March 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 provission made by the act of congress passed June 7th 1832 That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated viz on or about the [blank] day of march 1779 he enlisted under Capt William Spiller of the Artillery Lieut. Barnet Lipscomb, in the county of King [page torn] and state of virginia that he wa[s short]ly after marched to Williamsburg and joined under the command of Col Elias Edmunds & a Major Mazard given name not recollected that shortly after getting to Williamsburg he was appointed serjeant and acted in that capacity until his discharge after being in williamsburg several months he was removed to York from York to Hampton thence back again to York & Williamsburg that after having been at those three places about two years He was transferred to the command of Capt Christopher Roane under Col Porterfield and marched to the south to join General Gates' army that about two days after joining Gates' army He was engaged in the battle of the Cowpens [sic: see endnote]. that in said battle he received a wound over the

right eye from a cut by a sabre that after that battle he was marched to Hillsborough and joined General Green army from thence he was marched to Camden S.C. and fought in the battle at that place Aug't 16 1780. that from Camden he was marched to Petersburg and Richmond at which place he received a discharge from Lieut Barnet Lipscomb after having served about three years & four months as serjeant that immediately after returning home he joined a detachment of militia and marched to York to carry provisions for the army there at which place he was again pressed into service and [co]ntinued for about two months and after the surrender of Lord Corn Wallace Oct. 1781 he was relieved and came home that he has lost the discharge above mentioned not supposing that it was worth anything. That Bartlet Brizendine of Essex county Va and Achilles Hoskins of Henry County Kentucky know the fact of his sevice in the revolutionary war as sergeant whose certificates are herewith enclosed. That when he first enlisted he was an apprentice under one He[?] Celion[?] working whenever a job could be gotten that he regarded Essex county however as his home and that since the war he has always resided in Essex county Va 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 or only on that of the agency of the state of Virginia in which he is entitled as a private



State of Virginia

Essex County towit

This day [21 Oct 1836] James Allen aged 55 years old on the 28th of March next personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said county and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God deposeth and says.

That he is the son of the late Capt Thomas Allen of Essex County and state aforesaid who died on or about the 22nd October 1800 – that he frequently during his fathers life heard him speak of having commanded a company of Militia that performed service during the War of the Revolution – that he distinctly recollect he heard him speak of being on duty with his Company during the time that Cornwallis and his army were beseeged at York town Virginia, and that Carter Croxton acted as a Sergeant in his Company.

[signed] James Allen

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). The file also includes a declaration dated 17 June 1833 that is similar to Croxton's declaration above dated 18 Feb 1833.]

[I] Richard Shackelford [S38369] seventy seven years of age on the 17th of August next do hereby certify that I have been acquainted with Carter Croxton from his infancy. I well recollect [several illegible words] the year 1778[?] he enlisted and entered the army of the Revolution and was absent for upwards of three years to the South after which he returned and was drafted and served a tour of duty in the militia and was at York Town at the surrender of of the British Army commanded by Lord Corn Wallace in 1781.

[16 June 1833]



I [Ephraim Beazley] do hereby certify that I was a soldier of the Revolution and marched in the same detachment to the south with Carter Croxton, we served in different Regiments, Croxton being attached to the artillery and myself to the Infantry I was not personally acquainted with him, but he has mentioned several incidents and occurrences which took place, & which I well recollect to have taken place and I have no doubt but he performed services as set forth in the foregoing declaration

Given under my hand this 16 June 1833



I John Clarke [possibly John Clark W10625] seventy three years of age do hereby certify that I was acquainted with Carter Croxton of Essex County Va. during the Revolutionary war and have been ever since

He to the best of my knowledge and belief entered the Army and served upwards of three years to the south, a considerable portion of which time he acted as a sergeant. I was not in the army with him, but well recollect that he was absent for the length of time above stated, and ever since the time aforesaid he has been reputed and considered a soldier of the Revolution.

He has supported a character of strict veracity and due weight should be given to any statement or declaration he may make. Given under my hand this 9th day of July 1833

John Clark

NOTES:

Gen. Horatio Gates was not arrested, but he was replaced by Congress as commander of the Southern Department by Gen. Nathanael Greene to whom he transferred command on 3 Dec 1780 at Charlotte NC. Croxton's 1835 claim that he was at the Battle of Cowpens SC on 17 Jan 1781 under Gates is obviously incorrect.

On 2 July 1855 in King and Queen County VA John W. Faulconer, guardian of Fanny Ellen Broaddus, Louisa Carter Croxton, and Cornelia Burt Croxton, applied for bounty land on their behalf as minor heirs and only children of Carter Croxton, who died 29 April 1845, and of Frances Croxton, who died on 26 Nov 1849. The application states that Carter Croxton married Fanny Faulconer on 26 Nov 1825 and it quotes a memorandum of the dates of their children's birth as follows:

"Fanny ellin Croxton the daughter of Carter Croxton and Frances Croxton his wife was born 3 day of July 1837

Louisa Carter Croxton was born 17 day of May 1839

Cornelia Burt Croxton was born 1 day of June 1840"