

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Croddy (Croddy) S9324 VA
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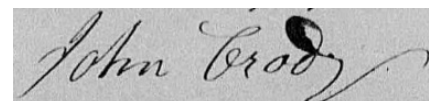
Rockbridge County }
State of Virginia } 27 day of Sep. 1832.

On this 27th day of September in the year 1832 personally appeared before me William Paxton a Justice of the Peace for the s'd County of Rockbridge John Croddy, a resident in s'd County & State, aged 77 years the 10th day of August last, 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 entered in the army of the united states, on the 22^d day of February, in the year 1776 with Capt. Thomas Posey, a Recruiting officer, and served in the 7th Regiment of the Virginia Line, under the following named officers. viz: Adam Wallace of s'd County of Rockbridge the Bottetourt County [part of Rockbridge taken from Botetourt in 1778] Lieutenant, John Buchanan of s'd County 2^d Lieutenant, & John Lapsley Ensign, Recruiting officers from s'd County under whom this applicant served. Col. Daniel Morgan, Lieutenant Col. [Richard] Butler & Major [Joseph] Morris were his Field Officers. His Term of service expired on the 22^d day of February 1778 but did not receive his Discharge untill about the first week of the succeeding month, at Valley Forge, from Brigadier General [William] Woodford – which Discharge he has not now in his possession.

This applicant served in but one Term of Enlistment and resided in s'd County of Rockbridge when he Enlisted, where he has since continued to reside. He states that he was engaged in Three Battles, Two of which were with Burgoyne at Stillwater, about one week (as he believes) intervening between them. [Battle of Freeman's Farm NY, 19 Sep 1777; Battle of Stillwater (Bemis Heights) NY, 7 Oct 1777] The Third Battle in which this applicant was Engaged was with Cornwallis at Edge Hill about 14 miles from Germantown [7 Dec 1777].

This applicant states that he marched from Rockbridge to Charlottesville in Albemarle, thence to Gloucester Court House – thence to Gwinn's Island [Gwynn Island] – thence to Williamsburg, where this applicant received a Furlough to come Home for about 2 months as he believes during winter quarters, being afflicted with the ague. When his Furlough expired he returned with an Isam Medlock, was inoculated for the Small Pox at Frederick Town in Maryland, and joined the army under Col Morgan above Albany on the Hudson.

This applicant 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

Handwritten signature of John Croddy in cursive script.

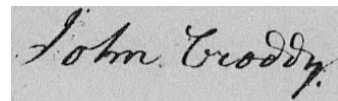
Rockbridge County } Sgt.
State of Virginia }

On this 8th day of May 1834 before me William Paxton jr a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, personally appeared John Crody of said County & state, an applicant for a Pension, under the late Act of Congress who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amendment to his Declaration, heretofore sent on to the Department, and returned for correction. He amends that Declaration by stating that he only claims a Pension for the time for which he enlisted as mentioned in his Declaration, to wit, for Two years, from the 22^d February 1776 to 22^d February 1778. He received his discharge a week or two after the 22^d Feb. 1778 but not being able to

recollect the exact time he therefore only claims for the Two years of his Enlistment. The enlistment of Two years includes a Furlough of Two months. His actual service during the Revolution amounts to one year & Ten months.

He refers to the Testimony of Capt. David E. Moore, son of the late General Andrew Moore [VAS617] of Rockbridge Cty aforesaid – to Dudley Callaway [pension application S39282] of Lynchburg, Va. Major E. P. Dorman, representative from the s'd County of Rockbridge in the Va. Legislature & to the Hon'ble Samuel McD. Moore now in Congress as evidence in behalf of his claim for a Pension.

Witness my hand the day & year above written.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Crody". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

Lexington Rockbridge County Va. Aug't 28th 1833

Having been requested by Mr. John Crody of this County to make a stament of such facts & circumstances, as may have come to my knowledge relative to his having been a soldier in the regular service of the United States during the revolutionary war & particularly of such information as I may have derived from my father the late Gen'l. And'w Moore of this County, in order that it may be laid before the war department in support of his claim under the late law for a pension In compliance with which request I can only state such information as I received on the subject from my father & the general opinion in the neighborhood in which Mr Crody resides my father as I always understood from him as well as from others, was an officer in the revolutionary army, he entered the service as I believe at an early period of the war & belonged to the ninth Virginia Regiment, in which he continued until the Rifle corps commanded by Col. Daniel Morgan was organized to which corps he was transfered & continued in it until it was dissolved. I always understood from my father in his life time that John Crody the petitioner was in the service with him & my impression is strong that he stated that the petitioner went into the service with him (although not perhaps under his immediate command) from this County, but however that may be, I recollect of his repeatedly speaking of Crody having been in Morgans corps with him & of his being an excellent soldier & remarkable for his bodily activity. I recollect of my father during the latters years of his life repeatedly while in conversation on the subject of the small number of the surviving soldiers of the revolution say that John Crody (the petitioner) was the only man then living in this section of the Country who entered the service or was in the service (I dont remember which) with him Owing to the distance that my father & Mr Crody lived apart & the recluse habits of the latter, I seldom saw them together. I do not distinctly recollect of but one instance when the subject of their services in the army together was mentioned, on which occasion my father spoke to Mr Crody as if he knew he had been in the service with him

In addition to the above I can say that I believe the general received impression amongst Mr. Crodys neighbors has always been that he was a soldier in the U. S. service during the revolutionary war I have been more particular in the above statement than I would otherwise have been from having heard that Mr. Crody the petitioner failed in one application which he has already made for a pension from the want of living witnesses to establish his claims, and because I have as little doubt from the circumstances above mentioned as well as what I have heard from other sources that the petioner was in the service & that was of the most arduous character during the revolution as that Gen'l. Morgan himself was

[signed] David E Moore

The affidavit of Dudley Callaway, aged about Eighty years, taken and subscribed before me Henry M. Didlake Mayor and Justice of the peace in & for the corporation of Lynchburg on this 8th day of April 1834. The affiant being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, states as follows: That from the best computation he can make, he is about Eighty years of age, that he enlisted as a private in the Revolutionary War, and was enrolled on the 10th day of February 1776. his term of service was two years.

He enlisted under Gross Scruggs, as his Captain, who was attached to the 5th Regiment of the Virginia line. On June 10th 1777 he was put under the command of Colo. Daniel Morgan, William [sic] Butler Lieutenant Colonel, & Morris Major. William Henderson was the Captain. That during the time this affiant was there under Capt. Henderson & attached to said Colo. Morgan's Regiment, (which was about 8 months) he became acquainted with John Croddy, who now lives in Rockbridge. That said Croddy was a private in Capt. Posey's Company & attached also to the Regiment under the command of said Colo. Dan'l. Morgan. This affiant does not know the precise time when said Croddy entered the service. He found him as above stated when he (this affiant) first went into said Morgan's Regiment, said Croddy was there a soldier in good standing. He continued during the whole time this affiant was in said service in fair standing. Said Croddy & this affiant were together in several battles, first at the place or township called "Motouchary[?]," in the state of New Jersey. Second at Summersett Courthouse [sic: Somerset Courthouse NJ; 17 Jun 1777], & again at Still Water they were together in two hard fought battles. They were again together at the Battle of Edge Hill in Dec'r. 1777. That the said John Croddy now of Rockbridge County Virginia is the identical same John Croddy who was with this affiant in the battles above stated. This affiant cannot state the age of said Croddy, but he and this affiant at the time of said service appeared to be about the same age, & he (this affiant) supposes said Croddy to be now about Eighty years of age. This affiant thinks as well as he can now remember that Capt. Poesy, under whom said Croddy served was attached to the 7th Regiment of the Va. line. Said Croddy was discharged from service about the middle of Feby. 1778. This affiant farther states that the battles as above stated were against the forces under Burgoyne & Cornwallis. And farther this affiant states not.

[signed] Dudley Callaway