

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Crouch W27913 Elizabeth Crouch VA  
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State of Virginia }  
County of Campbell } to wit.

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 1855 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace, within and for the County and State aforesaid, Elizabeth Crouch, a resident of the County and State aforesaid, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of William Crouch, who was a Private in the Revolutionary War, and for his Revolutionary Service was a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$96– per annum. for the particulars of his said Service, she refers to his pension papers now on file in the proper Department at Washington City [See endnote].

She further declares that she was married to the Said William Crouch, in the month of January 1794, she thinks, that her said husband died in the County of Bedford on or about the 29<sup>th</sup> day of December 1823 and that she is still a widow.

She further declares that she has heretofore made application for a Revolutionary pension under the act approved July 29<sup>th</sup> 1848 (to which she now refers for proof of her marriage &c) upon which she obtained a pension at the rate of \$96– per annum, commencing in 1848 and to continue during her widowhood. [See below]

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which she may be entitled, under the act of Congress passed the 3<sup>d</sup> day of March 1855. She also declares that she has never received, nor applied for Bounty Land under this or any other act of Congress.

Austin Esq'r of New London, Campbell County Va. is duly authorized to prosecute this my claim, and to receive any warrant which may be issued hereon.

[signed] Elizabeth Crouch

[The following is from an unsigned, undated note in the file. See endnotes for further detail.]

27,913 Elizabeth Crouch widow of William Crouch Rev'y war was admitted to a Pension under act July 29, 1848 but is noted on registry of Va as fraudulent. As the papers cannot be found, they may have been sent to the District Attorney for investigation or prosecution & not returned to Pension Office

NOTES: Because some of the documents are missing, it may now be impossible to determine whether Elizabeth Crouch or her attorney attempted to make a fraudulent claim for services by a different William Crouch, or whether the suspicions of fraud were simply the result of the Pension Office confusing the present William Crouch with a different one. A federal pension application was filed by a soldier named William Crouch (X889) in 1829, more than five years after Elizabeth Crouch's husband died. This is the file referred to below as "R—." In addition, Margaret Crouch (R2532) applied for bounty land for the services of her husband, William Crouch, who died in 1802. This may be the file referred to erroneously as "#2534." The following notes from the file are undated and by an unsigned researcher.

Agency Book, Virginia Agency, shows Wm Crouch, Cef. [certificate] No. 18718, issued Aug. 3, 1822, commenced May 29, 1822, rate \$8 per month, Act of Mch. 18, 1818, died Dec. 29, 1823.

Report of the Sec. of War, printed in 1835, shows Wm Crouch, Bedford Co., Va., Act of Mch. 18, 1818, Pvt., \$96 per annum, placed on pen. roll Aug. 3, 1822, pen. commenced May 29, 1822, age 64 yrs.

This Elizabeth Crouch states that her husband received a pension of \$96 per annum and died Dec. 29, 1823, in Bedford Co., Va.

She states further that she applied for pension under the Act of July 29, 1848. The Agency Book, Va. agency, Act of July 29, 1848, shows Elizabeth Crouch, widow of William Crouch, Pvt. Ctf. no. 1155, \$96 per annum, Ctf. issued Oct. 20, 1854 — and marked “Fraudulent Case” The papers in his claim (1818 act) & in hers (1848 act) are not on file in her claims for bounty land & were found missing in 1911 —

On Rev War book of Rejected & suspended claims (not the 1852 list) is shown “Wm Crouch #2534 — Act of 1818— Va. no correspondence”. There is no Wm Crouch on file under R.2534. The Index of Rev War claims under the Act of May 15, 1828, shows William Crouch, with notation in red ink: For papers act 1828 See admitted widow Elizabeth File no. 27913, which is in error. Elizabeth states that her husband died in 1823, prior to the Act of 1828. His papers have been removed from Elizabeth’s claim and are on file under R— Va.