

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Solomon Crocker W9398

Susan Crocker

f93SC

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of South Carolina Spartanburg District, to wit

On this 29th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas & Sessions now sitting, Solomon Crocker a resident of Spartanburg District in the State aforesaid, aged Seventy-five 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 on the 7th of June 1832, that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. "I enlisted for five years, about the 1st of March 1776 in the Company commanded by Captain Frank Prince in the 1st Regiment of South Carolina Rifle Man, commanded by Colonel Huger [Lt. Col. Isaac Huger], at Prince's Fort in Spartanburg District. -- I was then moved to Dorchester where we remained two or three months when we were called to Charleston to oppose the Landing of Clinton [Sir Henry Clinton] and Parker [Sir Peter Parker] we were then posted at Fort Johnson under command of General Lee [Charles Lee] where I was engaged in the action [June 1776] with the fleet of Clinton and Parker, and afterwards I was ordered back to Charleston -- after which I was ordered up the country to join General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] to build the Seneca Fort, under Captain Tutt [Benjamin Tutt] -- and was sent out against the Indians. I was then discharged on furlough -- at the Seneca Fort -- and was shortly afterwards discharged regularly by Captain Prince [Francis Prince]. -- About one year after my discharge, I again entered in the company of Captain Robert McWhirter [Robert McWhorter] in the Regiment commanded by General Pickens [Andrew Pickens], for nine months -- was stationed three months at Ninety Six and was then ordered to Dewitt's Corner where I was discharged by Captain McWhirter. I fought in the Battle at Fort Johnson at Watkins ~~and at the Horse Shoe~~. I have no documentary evidence of my services having lost my discharges many years ago. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever 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. I was born in the year 1757 as I have been informed (having no Record of my age) in North Carolina I have resided ever since the end of the war in South Carolina Spartanburg District. I received my regular discharges, but they were burned in my Father's house or lost, as to my character for veracity and good behavior, I refer to the Reverend Joshua Richards and any other respectable persons of my neighborhood.

S/ Solomon Crocker, S his mark

Sworn to in open Court

S/ John B. O'Neill, Presiding Judge

[p 30: Joshua Richards, a clergyman, and Henry H. Thomson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of South Carolina Spartanburg District, to wit

Personally came on this 5th day of April 1833, before the Subscriber a Justice of the Quorum ex officio for the said District, Solomon Crocker, who being sworn in due form of law, doth on his oath make the following Amendment to the Declaration herewith attached -- "From the effect of age, infirmity and loss of memory, it is impossible for me to state the precise periods at which I served -- nor can I recollect the extent of each Term of service -- and can only say that I served at broken periods from the beginning (or shortly after) to the end of the War. I have no documentary evidence of any Services, nor do I know of any person living who can attest them, except my brother Anthony Crocker who served a tour of eight months with me, and whose affidavit I herewith submit -- and further answer to the interrogatories prescribed by the Department, I answer To the 1st I was born in Wake County North Carolina in the year 1758, but cannot tell the month -- 2nd having no record of my age -- 3rd I lived in Spartanburg when I entered the Service and have resided here ever since -- 4th -- I volunteered in the service (as I conceived) as a Regular Soldier -- and afterwards served as a volunteer in the militia. 5th -- I refer to my foregoing Declaration -- 6<sup>th</sup> -- I also refer to my declaration, as also to the 7th Interrogatory. I can recollect no survivors except my Brother above mentioned who can attest only a part of my services.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this April 1833

S/ Solomon Crocker, X his mark

S/ Wm Trimmier, JQExOff.

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State of Georgia Habersham County

On this 7th day of July 1833 personally appeared before me James Crocker a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Benjamin Obanion [sic, O'Bannon]<sup>1</sup> of said County, aged 84 years, who upon being 1st duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration, to wit, that he was well Acquainted with Solomon Crocker of the District of Spartanburg State of South Carolina, who has made application for a pension, under the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832, That he knows the said Solomon Crocker volunteered for the term of one month in the year 1775 under the command of Colonel William Wofford as Rangers against the Indians, and that the said Solomon was in his mess, and did serve about 3 months to the best of his recollection before he was discharged Sworn and subscribed to before me day and date 1st above written.

S/ Benjamin Obanion, X his mark

S/ James Crocker, JP

State of South Carolina Spartanburg District

Before me personally appeared Anthony Crocker<sup>2</sup> whereupon being duly sworn, deposed that he was well acquainted in Colonel Benjamin Roebuck's Regiment, during the Revolutionary War & knows that his brother Solomon Crocker served in said Regiment as a soldier of the Revolutionary War: and to the best of his knowledge & recollection captains Smith & Anderson commanded in said Regiment. This Deponent further states on oath that he knows not the length of time his brother served whilst in Colonel Roebuck's Regiment and that he never knew or heard of any other Solomon Crocker in the Revolutionary War. That he Saul the certificate of the Comptroller General before it was sent to the Pension Office & verily believes his brother

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<sup>1</sup> [Benjamin O'Bannon S31886](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Anthony Crocker S9267](#)

Solomon to be the identical person named in said certificate.

S/ Anthony Crocker, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed before me the 10th day of November 1833.

S/ D. White, UQ

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State of South Carolina Spartanburg District

Before me personally appeared Solomon Crocker who upon being duly sworn saith that in addition to his declaration now filed and of which a certificate, under the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, has been issued authorizing him to draw \$26.66 during his natural life; that Captain Frank Prince commanded the first company of rifle men raised in South Carolina and which was attached to Colonel Huger's Regiment of the South Carolina line. That he enlisted under Captain Frank Prince on or about the 29th day of March 1776 to the best of his knowledge & believe. This deponent says from the effect of old age & consequent loss of memory he cannot say with certainty how long he first Enlisted for, but well recollects it was for the term that Enlistments were made under Colonel Huger -- That he further saith it is possible he may have geared in his original declaration as he can neither read nor write. He is confident, however that his Enlistment was for the term that Enlistments were made under Colonel Huger. He supposes that by reference to the muster rolls the length of time for which these Enlistments were made will appear. This deponent further states that at the time he made his original Declaration he was of the opinion & he is informed he so stated, that he Enlisted for 5 years or during the war and he served only one year when he was discharged regularly at Seneca Fort by Lieutenant Edward Hampton; and that having long since either lost or thrown away his discharge (for he received a written one) he cannot with certainty say how long he had served: but is confident he erred not by saying he served at least one year. This deponent saith that Hugh Pearce<sup>3</sup> states upon oath (which affidavit has been sent to the Pension department) that he this deponent enlisted for 18 months and that he served out his enlistment fully. Perhaps Mr Pierce is correct. It is enlistments under Colonel Huger were for 18 months then Mr Pierce has not erred in his affidavit. This deponent further saith that the reason why he was discharged by Lieutenant Hampton at Seneca Fort is that Captain Prince was taken sick in Charleston South Carolina where he was stationed. That an express was sent to Charleston for rifle men to guard & protect the frontiers of this State, particularly the women and children from there he ravages of the British & Tories -- this deponent belonging to a rifle corps was among the number. They marched us to Seneca Fort under the command of Captain Tutt Edward Hampton acted as 1st Lieutenant & Fielding Farrow as 2nd Lieutenant in the latter was killed by the Indians & this deponent was discharged by Hampton as above stated having served at least one year. If enlistments were for a longer term than one year he may have served as stated by Hugh Pierce. He further saith that his Brother Anthony Crocker proved eight months service out of nine performed under Colonel McWhorter and that Anthony Crocker served together with this deponent in the militia under Captain McWhorter. This service his Brother Anthony proved for him on his original declaration.

S/ Solomon Crocker, S his mark

Sworn to & subscribed before me the 18th day of January 1836

S/ J. W. Martin, JP

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State of South Carolina Spartanburg District, to wit

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<sup>3</sup> Sic, [Hugh Pierce S32445](#)

Personally came before me the Subscriber, a magistrate in and for the District aforesaid, Solomon Crocker, who being duly sworn according to law, on his oath, saith in addition to the evidence heretofore furnished in support of his claim to an increase of Pension, -- That after his Enlistment, he marched to Dorchester, where he remained nearly 3 months, and then marched to Charleston, and thence to Fort Moultrie, where the Battle was fought by Parker -- And after a time marched to the command of General Williamson at White Hall, and thence to the Cherokee Nation. From the Nation he marched to Seneca and built the Fort -- where he was taken sick, and discharged on Furlough. That it is impossible to recollect the precise time of his service under the Enlistment, but from his recollection of the time occupied at the different Stations, he believes in conscience feels himself authorized to fix the time at 9 months and verily believes, at this time, is as near the truth, as is possible to be ascertained.

Sworn to & subscribed before me 17th May 1836

S/ H. Q. Dean, JP

S/ Solomon Crocker, S his mark

[p 14: On the 26th April 1845 in Spartanburg District South Carolina Mrs. Susan Crocker, 83, made application for a widows pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Solomon Crocker; that she married him in February 1780 (the day of the month not recollected); that her husband died November 9 1843; and that she remains his widow.]

[p 10-13 family record]

Sollomon Crocker and his wife Susannah, Children's Names with their Ages is as Followeth Viz—

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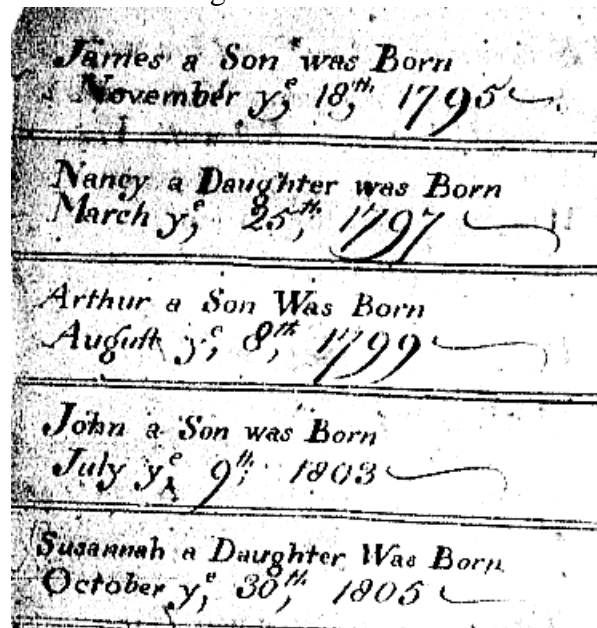
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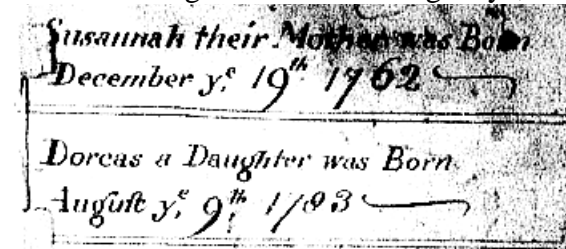
James a son was born November 18th 1795

Nancy a daughter was born March 25th 1797

Arthur a son was born August 8th 1799  
John a son was born July the 9th 1803  
Susannah a daughter was born October 30th 1805



Susannah Mother was born December 19th 1762  
Dorcas a Daughter was Born August ye, 9<sup>th</sup>, 1783



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State of South Carolina Spartanburg District: Before me personally appeared George Robuck<sup>4</sup> a revolutionary pensioner and brother of Colonel Benjamin Robuck [sic, Benjamin Roebuck] and made it oath that he was in the service with Solomon Crocker now deceased and attached to the same company that he knows of his own knowledge Solomon Crocker did do duty in the service at least three months after the battle of Cowpens commonly called Tarleton's defeat.

Sworn and subscribed before made the 13th of August 1845

L. Lanford, Magt.

S/ George Roebuck, X his mark

[Veteran was initially pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 [increased to \$46.66 and later increased to \$56.66] per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 14 months in the South Carolina service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>5</sup> relating to Solomon Crocker

AA5

<sup>4</sup> [George Robuck \(Roebuck\) S9467](#)

<sup>5</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

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[No.] 3458

No. 114

[Book] X

4 August 86 [1786]

Solomon Crocker for Militia duty in Roebuck's [Benjamin Roebuck's] Regiment since the fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] per Anderson's [Colonel Robert Anderson's] Return [not extant]

[old South Carolina] Currency £139

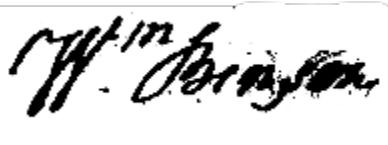
Stg. [Sterling] £19.17.1 ½

Ex<sup>d</sup>. J. M<sup>c</sup>. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

[p 3: Repeat of the above information]

Received Columbia 24<sup>th</sup> of July 1790 from Commissioner Treasury an Indent No. 3458 Book X in full for the Above

for Solomon Crocker  
S/ Wm Benson

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wm Benson", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized.

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Gentlemen

Please to Deliver my Indent to Captain William Benson and you will much Oblige Your humble Servant

S/ Solomon Crocker, X his mark

June 16<sup>th</sup> 1789

To the Commissioners

Public Treasury

Test S/ Samuel Lancaster, JP