

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Crowdus (Croudus) W9399 Doratha Crowdus VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Kentucky Sct
Marion County

On this the 3^d day of June 1839 Personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Marion and State aforesaid now in Session it being a Court of record Doratha Crowdus a resident of Marion County and State of Ky aged Seventy four years. Who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of William Crowdus who was a volunteer for the County of Charlotte in the State of Virginia for the term of three years which term of service the said William Crowdus faithfully performed in the Company the declarant thinks of Captain Edmund Reed [sic: Edmund Read] who commanded a company of light horse and marched from the said County of Charlotte Va some time the declarant thinks in the year of seventeen hundred and seventy six [sic: Maj. John Nelson's Regiment of Virginia State Cavalry authorized in May 1779] the declarant thinks the said William Crowdus marched with about the first company of hose that went from the County of Charlotte, but of this she does not speak positive as so much time have elapsed since that her memory does not serve her well on this point. She further declares of her own knowledge the said William Crowdus did serve as a light horseman a long time during the revolution. She at the time lived in the neighbourhood of the said Crowdus and on varrious occations and at varrious times saw him on parade and in the service of his Country. And the said William Crowdus after his term of three years expired received his discharge which discharge the declarant has frequently seen and heard read after her marriage to the said William Crowdus. And the said Crowdus was particular in wrapping the said discharge in paper and kept it in his old pocket book untill his death but what has become of said discharge the declarant cannot tell as the papers of her deceased husband came into the possession of their son George after the death of the said William Crowdus. She further declares she has had the papers which has been preserved of the said William Crowdus carefully examined for the purpose of getting the said discharge but it cannot be found. She further declares she was married in the County of Lincoln in the state of Kentucky at the house of Rev'd Mr Rice near Harrods Station [now Harrodsburg] in the year seventeen hundred and eighty two or three (1782 or 1783) But of that marriage she knows of no record nor does she know of any record of her Childrens ages She further declares that her Husband the aforesaid William Crowdus died on the ninth day of July eighteen hundred and twenty five (1825). That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January Seventeen hundred and ninty four Viz at the time above stated
Doratha herXmark Crowdus

State of Virginia: Charlotte County to wit: [21 Aug 1840]

I William P. Hamlett [S13305] do hereby certify, that I was intimately acquainted with William Croudus, or Crowdus, in the War of the Revolution: he enlisted in 1779, in Charlotte County, under Capt Edmund Read as a soldier of Cavalry on State establishment, to serve for and during the War: Capt Read's Troop of Cavalry was attached to Major Nelson's Corps of Light Dragoons on Virginia State establishment. The said Crowdus or Crowdus (for the name is differently spelt and pronounced) served faithfully the term of his enlistment, untill regularly discharged. I had a relation by the name of John Haley, who enlisted about the same time in the same company, which makes me recollect the enlistment and service more distinctly. I was in service at the time, but in a different company. I am in the 81st year of my age, and a pensioner of the United States.
William P. hisXmark Hamlett

State of Virginia: Charlotte County to wit: [10 Sep 1840]

I James Mullings [or James Mullins R7488] do hereby certify, that I was acquainted with William Crowdis or Crowders in the War of the Revolution: he enlisted in 1779, in Charlotte County, under Capt Edmund Read as a soldier of Cavalry on State establishment, to serve for and during the War: Capt Read's Troop of Cavalry was attached to Major Nelson's Corps of Light Dragoons on Virginia State establishment. The said Crowdis or Crowders (for the name is differently spelt and pronounced) served faithfully the term of his enlistment. I had a brother by the name of Stephen Mullings [Stephen Mullins W10546] who enlisted about the same time in the same company, which makes me recollect the circumstance more distinctly. I was in service at the time but in a different company. I am in the 89th year of my age, and a Pensioner of the United States. [signed] James Mullings

Rec'd. of cap. Edm'd. Read of State light dragoon each of us a pair of leather briches. Given under our hands this 16th day of Octo. 1779.

William Morton jr. [S2007]

Stephen Mullings

Jno. Smith [John Smith S6114]

Bernard Clements

Charles Walls [R11091]

Seath Alway

Jno. Fuqua [John Fuqua]

John Hailey X [indicating his mark]

Richard X Jones [W2123]

Wm Crowdis X

Robert Corbin

Christopher Tosil

Wm X Toombs [William Toombs S7740]

Benjamin Clements [W1230]

Francis Brent

Harrison Swillivant

Isham Speckert

Wit ness/ John Smith serj't.

[illegible] Department/ Aug 12 1840

The above is a true copy of a paper filed in this department

Wm H Richardson Scy Gen'l

NOTES:

In the file is a copy of a bond signed on 7 June 1785 by William Croudus and John Coulter for the marriage of Croudus to Dolly Arnold, and also a consent granted by Gracy Arnold.

On 1 June 1839 James Crowdus (as he signed), 30, made a statement in support of the application of his mother.