To the Honorable the Speaker and assembly of Virginia, 

Your petitioner William Crow a resident of the County of Essex respectfully represents to your Honorable body that at a very early period of his life he entered into the service of his Country, where he continued till he receive a very bad and dangerous wound in the battle of Camden in South Carolina [either Battle of Camden on 16 Aug 1780 or Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden on 25 Apr 1781].

Your petitioner will only further represent, that he has never applied for or received a pension from his Country; that finding himself unable from his age and infirmity to provide a further support for a large family by his Industry and exertions; he confidently relies on the justice and bounty of the Legislature, to make such future provision for him, as in their opinion his necessities may require.

And in duty bound your petitioner will pray

William Crow

We as neighbours to Wm Crow have frequently heard him complain of a wound in his back received as he says by a ball in the revolutionary war. furthermore I have frequently seen him when he could not straighten himself and appeared to be in great pain

Given under our hands this 20th day of December 1810

Jas Croxton  William Croxton sen  John Croxton  Isaac Croxton

[Similar statements were signed by Wm. Howerton, Rich’d. Covington, Tho Covington, J Bohannan, Peter B. Davis, and Tola Dunne.]

Essex county to wit

Barker Minter [BLWt2187-100] came personally before me a justice of the peace for the aforesaid county and made oath that William Crow was a soldier in the last revolutionary war and got wounded at Camden in South Carolinia

Given under my hand this 6th day of April 1810

[signed] J Bohannan

Claims Dec’r 17 1810/ Reasonable Jan’y 1 1811/ Reported Jan’y 2/ Bill drawn Jan’y 7th 1811

[From pension records in the Library of Virginia.]

I William Crow of Essex County and State of Virginia do hereby Constitute and appoint Joseph Bohannan of the County and state aforesaid my lawful Attorney to receive in my behalf all my pension for the present year as an Invalid of the State of Virginia Commencing the second day of February Eighteen Hundred and twelve and due the second day of February Eighteen Hundred and thirteen, as witness my Hand and Seal this nineth day of December 1812

[The file contains documents similar to the above signed annually with the last one dated 1 Feb 1817.]