

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Anthony Crockett¹ S10492

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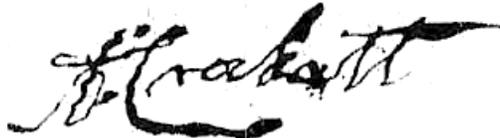
State of Kentucky, Franklin County

On this 17th day of December 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justice of the county court of Franklin now sitting Col. Anthony Crockett a resident citizen of said county and State aged 76 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 the 7th day of June 1832. Viz: I Anthony Crockett do hereby solemnly declare that I am now 76 years of age according to the information of my parents and being interrogated by the court according to the directory to the Secretary of War. I further say that I was born in the county of Prince Edward in the State of Virginia, and when very young I removed with my parents to Botetourt County of the same state where I resided when the revolutionary war commenced and that in said county in the month of February 1776 I enlisted for two years in Capt. Thomas Posey's company of the 7th Virginia Regiment commanded by Lt. Col. Alexander McClanahan at that time my company marched down to opposite Gwinn's Island [Gwynn Island] at which place and (old) Point Comfort we were stationed as a guard, where we remained until after the Battle of Princeton when my company marched to Philadelphia, where Col. Morgan raised his rifle regiment by selecting men and officers from the army. Capt. Posey and many of his men including myself joined Col. Morgan's Regiment and we were stationed in the vicinity of Philadelphia but were almost continually in motion, during the spring and summer of 1777, we marched several times into New Jersey and had several skirmishes with the British at Bunbrook [Bound Brook April 13, 1777] & Sommersett [Somerset] & Piscatawa [Piscataway or Piscataqua] and in the month of August 1777 we were ordered to the north to aid our Army in opposing Burgoyne, we marched from near Philadelphia across through New Jersey and struck the North River at Peakskill [Peekskill] when we went on board sail boats and sailed up to Albany and from there joined the American army near Still Water, and were actively engaged in the skirmishes and battles which eventuated in the Capture of Burgoyne's army the 17th October 1777 -- Soon after which event we marched back and joined Genl. Washington at White Marsh [December 5-8, 1777] where we had a skirmish with the British who then occupied Philadelphia and afterwards we attacked some Hessians at a place in New Jersey called Hatterfield [Haddonfield] about five miles from Philadelphia, we killed some of them and drove the balance to their boats in the Delaware near Philadelphia we then returned to White Marsh where I remained until my time expired and I was honorably discharged and I returned home and in the fall 1778 I was commissioned 1st Lieutenant in Capt. Jesse Evans company of the Illinois

¹ Cover sheet also has the following note: "See N. A. Acc. No. 874 050 041 Half Pay Anthony Crockett."

Regiment raised by Virginia and soon after began to recruit my company which was done during the war 1778-9 and in the spring 1779 on the 14th March, I left home and Rendezvoused my company at Long Island on the Holston down which and Tennessee River we sailed in boats and had several skirmishes with the Indians, and also down the Ohio and up the Mississippi to Kaskaskia where I was stationed until August 1779, when I was ordered to Vincennes where we joined Col. George R. Clarke [George Rogers Clark] and in the winter or late in the fall 1779, I was ordered back to Virginia by Col. Clarke to recruit more men during the next summer and in 1780 I recruited more men and was engaged in frequent skirmishes with Tories and when the Battle of King's Mountain was fought I was in march with my men to that place and in 1781 I returned to Kentucky and was stationed at Gordon's Station in Lincoln and was in frequent pursuit of Indians during that year 1782, and in August 1872 I was on the march with Col. Logan to join our troops in pursuit of the Indians who attacked Bryant's Station [Bryan Station] but the Battle of the Blue Licks [August 19, 1782] was fought before we got up and it fell to our melancholy lot to aid in burying the dead and soon after I marched as Lieutenant with Capt. Ray [James Ray²] with Col. Geo. R. Clarke against the Indians on the Great Miami at Piqua where we burnt many towns, and I continued to serve as Lieutenant at Gordon's and McGary's Stations until the closing of the Revolutionary War, having in the whole served two years in the 7th Virginia Regiment and Morgan's Rifle Regiment and from the month of November or December 1778 as 1st Lieutenant in Capt. Evans company of the Illinois Regiment until the close of the war of the Revolution in the uniform. . of the duties of a Lieutenant as I have a stated above. I further declare that I have no documentary evidence of my age or services having long since lost my discharge and commission, that my services are well known as a Lieutenant of the Illinois Regiment to Col. James Ray and John Gritton³ of Mercer County and William Robertson of Anderson County whose affidavits have been sent to the Secretary of the Treasury, in support of my claim on the State of Virginia for half pay for life, and I hereby relinquish all claim which I may have to a Pension or annuity from the State of Virginia or the United States since the 3rd day of March 1831, excepted the present, Witness my hand this 17th December 1832

S/ A. Crockett



State of Kentucky, Franklin County, Viz.:

We William Hickman, Sr. a clergyman residing in the county of Franklin and state aforesaid and James Hunter and Robert McAfee residing the same county do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Col. Anthony Crockett (now Sergeant at Arms of the Senate of Kentucky) who has submitted and sworn to the above declaration and we believe him to be of the age he has stated, and that he is respected and believed by the neighborhood in which he resides to have been a soldier and officer of the Revolutionary War and we concur in this opinion, and we further certify that he is a highly respected citizen and a man of truth Witness our hand this 17th December 1832.

S/ Wm. Hickman, Sr.

S/ Jas. Hunter

S/ Robert McAfee

² [James Ray S31314](#)

³ [John Gritton S13203](#)

[p 9: affidavit given by Peter Jett in Franklin County Kentucky in which Jett states that the veteran died December 6, 1838.]

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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 12th day of August 1784, in the name of Anthony Crockett as a Lieutenant Infantry for £ 166.5.4 which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Mr. Aroadhead.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 7th day of February 1833.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$320 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a Lieutenant in the Virginia service.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

See also papers W. Meriwether, 1834 [[William Meriwether \(Merewether, Merriwether\) S47954](#)]

To his Excellency

The Governor of Virginia

Anthony Crockett a Lieutenant in the State line, most respectfully asks that he may be allowed that portion of land to which his services entitle him, as Lieutenant, and refers for proof of his claim to the report No. 2 [??] of the Commissioner Mr. John H Smith most respectfully submitted by his

Attorney

W H Todd

Treasury Department

Registers Office April 30th, 1834

I hereby Certify that Anthony Crockett a Lieutenant in the Illinois Regiment in the Virginia Line Commanded by Colonel George R Clark in the Revolutionary War received from the Treasury Warrant No. 6860 dated 4th of April 1833 [several words too faint to discern] of Eleven thousand five hundred and ninety-nine Dollars And Twenty-eight Cents, for amount of his half pay from 3rd September 1783 to 3rd March 1831.

? Smith

Register of the Treasury

Petition for bounty land

Anthony Crockett – Lieutenant. Illinois Regiment

Anthony Crockett was Lieutenant in a Company of Infantry commanded by Captain Jesse Evans. This company belonged to the Illinois Regiment. Crockett was in service from December 29th 1778 to January 15, 1780 – as is proved by the only payroll of Captain Evans' Company which has been found – X – Captain Evans was in service to the end of the war, & has been allowed bounty land, for that service.

Anthony Crockett did not resign his Commission – that is to say – there is no evidence of his resignation –

I think, there is in the papers filed with the Petitions of Levi Todd,⁴ William Meriwether, and other officers of the Illinois Regiment, whose petition was presented about the same time with the two first mentioned Petitions, evidence that Anthony Crockett was either in actual service, or supernumerary, at the end of the war. These papers are all on file in the executive department.

There cannot be a doubt, if there were in the public offices of Virginia other payrolls, or master Rolls, of Captain Jesse Evans' company Anthony Crockett might be found [?] in service to a latter period, than that to which the payroll above mentioned has brought him – even to the end of the war.

Anthony Crockett's name is on the Army Register, as an officer of the State line – He received his pay to the last of December 1781 – (see a “list of officers serving in the Illinois Department who received certificates &c in full of their pay & up to the last of December 1781” – on file in the 1st Auditor's Office.).

The evidence is conclusive of Anthony Crockett's service of three years. I think it is very probable he served to the end of the war, or was supernumerary, the last of it.

Respectfully submitted
John H Smith Commissioner &c
May 20th, 1834

To his Excellency
Governor Tazewell

⁴ [Levi Todd R18516](#) Interestingly, I could find no file for this man among those online at the VSL collection. There must have been such a file when Commissioner Smith made his report in 1834, but it must have been lost or misfiled.

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Addendum to Anthony Crockett S10492

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[In [Virginia Half-Pay pension records on fold3.com](#) is an application by Dandridge S. “Dange” Crockett as son and administrator of the estate of Anthony Crockett for any pension still due for the services of his father.]