

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Crockett S46377

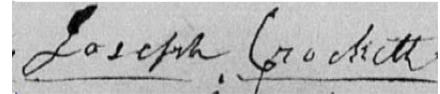
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For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an act entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and Soldiers of the Army of the revolution approved on the 15th May, 1828, I Joseph Crockett of the Town of Nicholasville in the County of Jessamine, in the State of Kentucky, do hereby declare that I was an officer in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, and served as such to the time when the arrangement of the Army provided by the resolves of Congress of the 3rd. and 21st. of October, 1780 was carried into effect, and that I was reduced under that arrangement. At which period I was a Captain in the Seventh regiment of the Virginia line. And I also declare that I afterwards received certificates (commonly called commutation certificates as well as I now recollect) for a sum equal to the amount of five years full pay, which sum was offered by the Resolve of Congress of the 22d of March 1783, instead of the half pay for life, to which I was entitled under the Resolve of the 21st of October 1780—

Witness my hand this 21st. day of June 1828 in the year 1828—

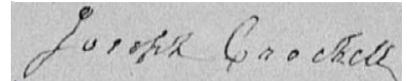
(Signed)



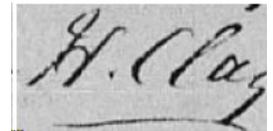
P.S.

I would beg leave to state to the Honb Secretary of the Treasury that my commission is lost or destroyed, and I have no other paper evidence in my possession corroborative of the statements set forth in my declaration except the testimony of a few surviving soldiers who would prove the facts stated & hope the records of the War department will manifest. If I would be so fortunate as to be a successful applicant under the provisions of the act, for a portion of that remuneration to which I have long since known I was justly entitled & for which my needy circumstances have several times induced me to petition Congress, but without success, I hope you will transmit to me as kindly suggested in your letter of instructions. If this were a transaction in which it might be admissible, I would take the liberty to refer you to my old & much esteemed acquaintance the Honb'l H Clay [Henry Clay, Secretary of State] in relation to myself.

Your obedient & Hub'l. Serv't.



I have been long and intimately acquainted with Col. Joseph Crockett, who subscribes the above. I always understood that he performed important military services, during the revolutionary War. He has ever stood very high as a man of honor & veracity, and has been highly beloved as he yet is. From what I know and have heard of his situation, I believe it to be one of abject poverty. 5 Feb. 1829



State of Kentucky } [6 Oct 1828]

Mason County } Personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace in & for said County Capt Thomas Young [pension application S11921], who being duly sworn, saith that he was a Captain of the Virginia State line in the Army of the Revolution and belonged to the Regiment or Battilion Commanded by Col'n. Joseph Crocket, and says that he remained in said Regiment or Battilion either in the Field or at Home where he held himself in readiness to march whenever called on until the termination of the said War of the Revolution, and he says that his Col'n Joseph Crockett continued in service in like

manner with himself until the termination of the said War, and was the last time when heard of by him the said deponent, residing in the aforesaid State of Kentucky, and further he saith not.

Thomas Young

The commonwealth of Virginia to Joseph Crocket Gentleman, greeting:

Know You, that from the special Trust and confidence which is reposed in your Fidelity, Courage, Activity, and good conduct, our Governour, with the Advice of the Council of State, doth hereby constitute and appoint you the said Joseph Crocket a Lieutenant Colonel Commandant of a Battalion of Infantry in the forces of this Commonwealth.

In Testimony whereof these our letters are made patent.

Witness Thomas Jefferson, Esquire, our said Governour at Williamsburg, on the Eighth Day of November in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Nine Th. Jefferson

[Copy certified 21 May 1842.]

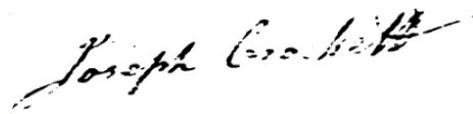
[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Kentucky Frankfort Nov 21<sup>st</sup> 1809

Dear Sir [Gen'l James Wood BLWt2419-500] From my long acquaintance with you and the many marks of attention I received, when under your command, embolden me to beg leave to trouble you Sir to transact a small piece of business for me at the City of Richmond. I have seen a list of the Officers returned who had served during the war, & find myself on that list returned as a Lieutenant Colonel com'd [commandant] during the war. Enclosed I send you a statement of my services certified by Gen'l Charles Scott [BLWt2055-500; statement not found], most of which I know to come within your own knowledge. If any thing can be done for me, if you can procure for me a warrant for any additional bounty of land promised for any number of given years, and enclose it to me directed to Lexington Ky, and any expences that will occur, I will immediately enclose to you in an eastern note to the amount of such expen[page torn]

The Heirs of Rowland Madison [VAS469] deceased who was a Captain in the Virginia line on the Continental establishment, may be entitled to a land warrant, you will please to make some enquiries about it, and if you find they are entitled to a warrant, will be so good as to let me know by letter, as there is no time to be lost in sending a power of Attorney, so that the warrant may get out in time for location. Give my best respects to your lady I am Dear Sir yours respectfully/ Your Obt Servt

Joseph Crockett

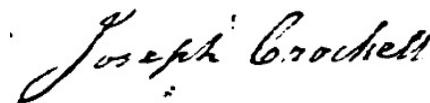


State of Kentucky Dec'r 9<sup>th</sup> 1809

I do certify that Rowland Madison deceased formerly of Botetourt County Virginia, was in January 1776, appointed a second Lieutenant, in Captain Thomas Posey's [BLWt1733-450] Company, of the seventh Virginia Regiment on the continental establishment, and served as such untill some time in the summer of the year 1777, when he the said Madison, was appointed a Captain in one of the new Regiments (I believe the 12<sup>th</sup>) raised by Virginia on the continental establishment, Capt Rowland Madison raised his Company of men and continued in the Army untill the fall of the year 1778, but how much longer I am unable to say, as I left the army about that time as a Supernumerary Major.

Given under my hand the date above

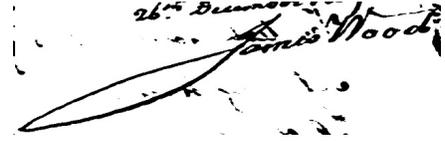
Joseph Crockett Sup'r Major



I recollect the appointment of Joseph Crockett as a Lieutenant in the fall of the year 1775. I was then a Member of the Convention. I know of a Certainty that he became a Supernumerary Major at the arrangement of the Virginia Line in september 1778 [see <http://revwarapps.org/b183.pdf>], being President of the Board of Officers appointed by General Orders, to make the arrangement & to establish the relative rank between the Officers and I have no Doubt of the other parts of the statement as above made by Colo. Crockett.

26<sup>th</sup> December 1809

James Wood formerly B. Gen'l  
Cont'l Army

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Wood". Above the signature, there is some faint, partially legible text that includes "26<sup>th</sup> Decem".

I am not acquainted with the services of Captain Rowland Madison in the 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment but have no doubt of the Correctness of Colonel Crockett's statement. Captain Madison was appointed to the 12<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment (then under my Command) the latter end of the year 1776, or begining of the year 1777, and Continued in Service until sometime in 1778. My impressions are that he resigned, but of this I am not Certain. Given under my hand this 15<sup>th</sup> January 1810.

James Wood formerly Brig. Gen'l  
Continental Army.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Wood".

It appears by the books in this Office, that Joseph Crockett has received a Warrant for military services as a Lieutenant Colonel Commandant of the State line from September 1775 to the 6th of February 1781.

Edw'd Davis

NOTES:

A letter dated 2 May 1829 refers to W. Mead Woodson, "a highly respectable young gentleman of Kentucky," grandson of Joseph Crockett.

A typed summary states that Joseph Crockett died 7 Nov. 1829.

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Addendum to Joseph Crockett S46377

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[In [Virginia Half-Pay pension records on fold3.com](#) are documents indicating that G. M. Bower and Daniel B. Price were the sons-in-law, administrators, and sole legatees of Joseph Crockett.]