State of South Carolina Orangeburg District} Personally appeared before us Joseph Crofts and after being Sworn as the law directs saith
On his oath that he was a Resident and Inhabitant of this State before the year 1775 and that him this deponent was wounded in defense of the Same; which wounds renders him Incapable of getting his living by his labour as he used formerly to do and that he is possessed of more than fifty acres of pine land, no Negroes or other Slaves to maintain him
S/ Joseph Crofts

Sworn to and Subscribed
Before us this 22nd of October 1796
S/ Wm Buford, J Q
S/ Tarlton Brown, JQ
S/ Wilson Cook, JP

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To the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Representatives, & the Honorable Members thereof

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The Petition of Joseph Crofts humbly Sheweth; That your Petitioner having Been considered a Pensioner on account of a Wound which he received at the battle of the Eutaws [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781], in the Service of this State, by a Select Committee Appointed By your Honorable House, to Investigate the appropriateness of his Claim, which he set forth in his Petition at the Session of 1793. Which Committee so Appointed reporting of the same, Your Petitioner was allowed an annuity of Five pounds to be paid in Arrearage from 1787 to 1793, Inclusive Amounting in all to 30 Pounds; But Congress having passed an Act, that the Claims of Petitioners should be made known by Petition preferred [sic] to the Legislature of each State; of which they were Inhabitants previous to the year 1793. Of which your Petitioner was not then apprised; In Consequence of which he has ever since been Dispossessed of his Annuity. He therefore Prays that a Select Committee be Appointed by your Honorable House to Take into Due consideration the most wretched and deplorable Situation of your most humble Petitioner whom From his wounds and Infirmity is rendered Incapable of hard Labour, and unserviceable toward supporting a family thereby; Consisting of a Wife & Six small children whose support alone Depends on your Petitioner, Therefore Your Humble Petition are Prayeth your Honorable House by way of relief to his Distressed Family that his Pension may again be allowed him, and that the arrearages be paid up, from the year 1793, From which time his annuity ceased to be paid; Your Honorable House taking into Consideration your Petitioners Truly deplorable Situation, and Granting the Desired Relief, will Oblige your Humble Petitioner as in Duty Bound ever to Pray
S/ Joseph Croft

[p 18: identical petition addressed to the President of the South Carolina Senate and the members thereof]

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The Committee on Pensions beg leave to Report that they have considered the Petitions of Joseph Crofts, John Calhoun, George Sayers and Thomas Davidson and are of opinion that the prayers thereof be granted and that they be put on the Pension list to commence from the year 1779. Your Committee or further of opinion after considering the Petition of Margaret Henderson that the prayer thereof ought not to be granted
Columbia December 12th 1799

Your Committee beg leave further to recommend that the following Persons be put on the Pension list agreeable to the Report from your Committee at the last Session to wit David Kerr, Nathaniel Lusk, Andrew Pickens, Henry Casten, Dolly Loper, Joseph Corbett, Mary Gowen, David McDuffie, Bethell Lamb, David Jackson, Eleanor Rogers, Samuel Leard, James Brewer, Mourning Tyler, Priscilla Lyles, William Carter, Ann Cannon, Andrew Adams, James Swan and Sarah Hodge. –