Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Benjamin Crow R20353
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Be it Remembered that on this fifth day of July 1824 at the Request of Benjamin Crow Philip Fine Sen’r personally appeared before me Thomas Sappington a justice of the peace who being of Lawful age and duly Sworn; depoeth and saith that in the year 1776 he this deponant knew the above named Benjamin Crow and that he the said Benjamin Crow was at that time a soldier in the United States army in eight Virginia Rigement commanded by Col Muhlinburgh [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] and that he continued in said Regiment for the space of two years until he this deponent was discharged and he knows not how much Longer he continued in the army; and this deponent would come personally into Court if his health and strength would permit him to do so and further this deponent saith not Philip hisXmark Fine

For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an Act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved on the 15th of May 1828, I Benjamin Crow, of Autwisow[?] Township in the County of Clark, in the Territory of Arkansas, do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental Line of The Army of the Revolution, for three years or during the War. And continued in its service until the expiration of three years at which period I was a private in Capt. David Stinsons, alias Stephinsons [sic: David Stephenson’s], Company, in the eight Regiment of the Virginia line. And I also declare that I never received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May 1778. And I further declare that I was not on the fifteenth day of March 1828, on the Pension list of the United States [signed 11 Aug 1829] Ben’n. Crow

NOTE: The file also includes a printed application form with the following note at the bottom explaining why Crow’s claim was not allowed: “The Name of Benjamin Crow cannot be found among those of the Virginia line, to whom Certificates for the gratuity of Eighty Dollars, were issued.” However, the following entry is found on the muster roll of Capt. David Stephenson’s company for May and June 1777: “Benj’n. Crow Enlisted for 3 years  Sick at Middlebrook”