

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Crute S24980

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For the purpose of obtaining the benefits 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 of May 1828, I John Crute in the County of Prince Edward, in the State of Virginia, do hereby declare that I was an officer in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution, and served as such to the end of the War, at which period I was a Lieutenant in the Regiment (detached) and Commanded by Colo. Abraham Buford and marched to the South as a part of Gen'l Scotts [Charles Scott's] Brigade. And I also declare that I afterwards received Certificates (commonly called Commutation Certificates) for a sum equal to the amount of five years full pay, which sum was offered by the resolve of Congress of the 22^d of March 1783, instead of the half pay for life, to which I was entitled under the resolve of the 21st of October 1780. And I do further declare that I have received of the United States as a pensioner since the 3rd day of March 1826, the sum of Three hundred and fifty three dollars and sixty cents, paid to me by the agent for paying pensions in the State of Virginia. Witness my hand this 18th day of July in the year 1828.

[signed] John Crute

State of Virginia

Prince Edward County August 25th 1836

It is hereby certified that John Crute, a Lieutenant in a Company of Infantry in the Virginia Regiment Continental Army is rendered incapable of performing the duty of a soldier by reason of wounds or other injuries inflicted while he was actually in the service aforesaid and in the line of his duty Viz during an engagement with the British Troops on the [blank] day of [blank] 1781 [sic: Battle of Waxhaws SC, 29 May 1780]

By satisfactory evidence and accurate examination it appears that on the [blank] in the year 1781 being engaged with the British Troops at or near a place called Hanging Rock [12 miles S of Waxhaws] in the State of South Carolina, He received wounds as follows Viz. Three on the head apparently with a Sword which made it necessary for him to be trepanned and caused the loss of the sight of his right eye, he has been [illegible word] in the left eye and may lose the sight of it *in toto* 2nd A Sword wound on his right shoulder which nearly cut it off, which prevents his raising his right arm higher than a level with his shoulder and also prevents the motion of the arm backwards, it also prevents the rotatory motion of the said arm on the shoulder thereby, A bayonet wound under his right arm which transfixed his breast. when in perfect health this wound appears to cause no inconvenience but when indisposed he constantly experiences pain in his breast connected with the wound. He is thereby not only incapacitated for military service, but in the opinion of the undersigned, is totally disabled from obtaining his subsistence from manual labor.

G. Wilson Surgeon

B. F. Wilson Surgeon

NOTE: A document dated 20 Nov 1854 states that Major John Crute died on 6 Oct 1840, leaving no widow but the following children: Venable Crute; Samuel Smith Crute; Clement Crute; Maria M. Mottley, widow of Nathaniel Mottley; and Mary Ellington, widow of Thomas Ellington.