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Virginia documents pertaining to Ralph Edward Crunden VAS3215  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) in two files, one of which is indexed as Crunden, Ralph E.]

In the name of God Amen, I Ralph Edward Crunden of Culpeper County in Virginia being in good Health and sound memory, do make this my last will and Testament and do hereby revoke all former wills and Testaments, heretofore made by me and do hereby declare this to be my Last will and Testament in manner following, Item. I give to John Strother Junior the son of John Strother Sen'r. of Culpeper County all such wages Prise moeny, and all other sum or sums of money whatsoever as now are owed which hereafter shall and may be due to me for my service, for the American cause of Liberty.

Item I hereby appoint and ordain my Trusty friends Mr. John Strother Sen'r and [undeciphered] Strother to be my Executors to this my last will In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Ninth Day of January One thousand seven hundred and seventy seven

W D. Strother [possibly Capt. William D. Strother]                      Ralph Edward Crunden

Susanna Lawter[?]

Ezekiel Wright

The affidavit of John Strother sen'r and Mary his wife agreeable to a commission from Culpeper Court bearing date 20<sup>th</sup> March 1795. The said John and Mary says they saw the said Ralph E. Crunden execute the above will, at the same time and Crunden requested the said John Strother to take the above will in his possession which he has kept untill a short time past. further the said John says the said Crunden desired him to Witness the above will, but refused on account of being left an executor – and that the said John and Mary saw the Witnesses sign their names. and further saith not

Culpeper sct. Sworn to before us this 21<sup>st</sup> day March 1795.                      John S. Slaughter/ J. Thornton

At a Court held for Culpeper County the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 1805 This Last will and Testament of Ralph Edward Crunden dec'd was exhibited to the Court and proved by the above affidavit and Ordered to be Recorded.

[undeciphered word] John Jameson Ct C

Copy teste Wm. Broadus CCtC

July 17<sup>th</sup> 1809.

I certify that Ralph Edward Crunden was enlisted by me into my company as a Soldier for the Regiment commanded by Colonel (afterwards General) Elbert [Samuel Elbert BLWt1230-500] that we marched to Georgia [see endnote] & remained in that service, that Gen'l. Elbert appointed the said Ralph Edward Crunden to be an assistant surgeon, in which office he acted for a length of time, that he died in service whilst he was an officer as above mentioned, and I believe him entitled to the benefits of all other officers for such service & who died in service.

(signed) B. Porter [Benjamin Porter VAS242]

Late Major in Elberts Regiment.

Washington City January 1810

I am well acquainted with the hand writing of Major Benj'n. Porter and have no doubt that this certificate now [undeciphered word] is his writing. Signed. Wm H. Crawford

I copied the within from the originals/ J. S. [undeciphered]/ Dec'r 14<sup>th</sup> 1833

Culpeper County towit:    October Court 1811.

This day John Strother sen'r came into Court and made oath, that he is heir by will, as will more fully appear, by the records of the County Court of Culpeper, to Ralph Edward Crunden who enlisted under Capt. Benjamin Porter of the Virginia line, under the Continental establishment, destined for the

State of Georgia, who received an appointment by Gen'l. Elbert, at the time of his joining the army, of Assistant surgeon to the regiment, as will appear by a certificate of the said Porter, has never demanded or received any land or other compensation as heir aforesaid of said Crunder

A Copy Teste Wm. Broadus Jr.

NOTE: According to E. M. Sanchez-Saavedra, *A Guide to Virginia Military Organizations in the American Revolution*, after being recruited in Virginia, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Georgia Battalion of Foot under Col. Samuel Elbert sailed on the transport *Polly* and landed in May 1777 at the mouth of Saint Marys River at the Georgia-Florida border.