

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Sterling Crowder S10496

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District of Kentucky Ss.

On this Twenty third day of may 1818 before me the subscriber, one of the Judges for the Circuit Court of the State of Kentucky, personally appeared Sterling Crowder aged about fifty nine years, resident in Jessamine County in said State, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war," That he the said Sterling Crowder enlisted in the year 1777 in Pittsylvania in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Capt Henry Conway and was afterwards transfered from said Company to Capt. Joseph Masieu [probably Joseph Michaux] which was commanded by Colonel Abraham Buford of the 14th Virginia Reg't of the Continental line for the term of three years; that he continued to serve in said corps or in the service of the United States until the expiration of the three years for which he enlisted when he was discharged from service in Philadelphia State of Pennsylvania; that he was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Germantown [4 Oct 1777] and Munmouth [sic: Monmouth, 28 Jun 1778]; and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support, that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services and that he has never received a pension from the United States.

I hereby Certify that the within named Sterling Crowder as a private soldier joined the 14th Virginia Regiment On Continental establishment, In the early part of the year 1777 and continued as such in said Reg't until the spring of the year 1779 when I was ordered with a detachment to march to the [Sou]th since which I have no further knowle[dge] of said Crowders service. Given under my hand the 24th of June 1818
[signed] A Buford formerly Col 14th Virg'a Reg't

District of Kentucky SS.

Jessamine County Court

On this 17th day of January 1831 personally appeared in open Court (being a Court of Record for said County) Sterling Crowder aged Seventy four years and a resident in the aforesaid County of Jessamine, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the Act of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and 1st of May 1820. that he the said Sterling Crowder enlisted for the term of three years in the regiment commanded by Colonel [Charles] Lewis & Major Ab'm. Buford on the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the expiration of his term of enlistment when he was duley and honourably discharged from the said service in 1776 [sic] by said Buford and he is inscribed on the pention list of the united States Kentucky Agency 11th February 1819 but has not drawn for some years owing to his having title to a small tract of poor land which he sold to his son several years ago with a view of supporting himself and aged wife, but contrary to his expectation has not realised anything from said Contract and has lost all hopes of ever Reaping any benefit therefrom in consequence of his inability to procure evidence sufficient to sustain an action which he was compelled to institute against his son on said contract. [See endnote] And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th

day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. He has no debts due him nor does he owe any as he now recollects of, he being aged & unable to worke & having no assistance in his occupation of farming, Several years ago sold to his son the tract of land above mentioned in the County of Jessamine with a view of supporting himself & aged wife (who is also infirm & unable to work) from which Contract he has been & still is unable to reap any benefit from & has lost all hopes of ever obtaining anything therefrom and that he is thrown on the charity of his children for a subsistance (who are in indigent circumstances) he has some household & kitchen furniture of an ordinary and indiferent kind, a few farming utensils a Cow & riding beast towit.

Shugar desk, plates, knives & forks of the value of.....	\$14.00
Folding Table, spinning wheel, Bureaue & chest.....	11.00
3 weaving stays[?] a big wheel, check real & looking glass. . .	10.00
pot mettle.	3.50
An ax, plough, pair of gear hoe & Saddle.	6.50
Bucket, churn, & Tea waiter.	1.66
One Cow.....	6.00
A riding horse.....	<u>35.00</u>
	[illegible].66

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NOTE: The file includes copies of two documents transcribed in part as follows:

Article of agreement made and entered into this nineteenth day of January eighteen hundred twenty nine between Currency Crowder and Starling Crowder his father, the conditions are this, the said Currency Crowder doth bind himself to take his Father & Mother to maintain as long as they do both do live for the inconsideration of seventy five acres of land that he now lives on, which he is — as he please also all the rest of the property that he is in possession of, the said property is to be for the use of Currency Crowder only for the support of the family until the decease of his father and mother after their decease the property is to be currency Crowders for his services to his father and Mother.... If the said Currency does not agree to stay and remain with them the said property is to be returned to his father and mother again inliss some accident should happen.

[13 Dec 1830] Know all men by these presence that I Currency Crowder of Jessamine County and State of Kentucky do hereby release a certain part of the property that I had put into my hands for the purpose of maintaining my father and mother. The condition of the contract is such, There being a suit in the Jessamine Circuit Court between Sterling Crowder and Currency Crowder the said Sterling Crowder doth hereby agree to dismiss the said suit and entirely release the said Currency Crowder therefrom, on condition that the said Currency Crowder shall pay unto Samuel Crowder the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars which the said Sterling is indebted to Samuel, or shall entirely release to the said Sterling to the full satisfaction of Samuel Crowder then the said Sterling Crowder is to give his bond for a Deed to the land whereon he now lives to the said Currency Crowder.... Also the property which the said Sterling Crowder bought of Currency Crowder's at constables sale dated November the 24th 1828 is also to be released at the same time.