

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Jesse Crocker S17903 VA
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State of Virginia: Southampton County Sct.

On this 17 day of Setpember 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the justices of the County Court of Southampton now sitting jesse Crocker a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 72. seventy two years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That being a resident of the county of Isle of Wight State of Virginia he entered the service as a militiaman at the age of sixteen in the year [blank] in the month of [blank] under the command of [blank] from the county aforesaid and marched to [blank]

That during the Revolution he served under the command of Col. Wills [John Scarbrook "Book" Wills] of Isle of wight Col Josiah Parker of sd county Maj [Boyce] Boyce Capt Fern Capt Hogum Capt Gay That he served during the Revolution about eighteen months at what particular times he entered the service in the different tours of duty it is impossible for him to state. The tours were generally short and he never had a written discharge as it was not the custom to give the militia written discharges a short time before the captur of cornwallace at york [sic: Cornwallis at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781] being then under the command of capt [blank] from Isle of wight was placed under the command of Maj [Samuel] Duval on the Brittish lines before York and from thence was ordered across James River to Makeys mills [Mackie's Mill] in Isl of wight to cut & saw timber for the use of the seige at York as we were told, on our way we stoped at Hogg Island in James River & killed one hundred Beeves which were for the troops then at Williamsburg, that he was at McKys mills when a skirmish took place between a boddy of troops under the command of [blank] and Col Wells or Parker commanding the Americans They drove us to Everitts[?] Bridg - he marched during the war through the countys of Nansemond Isle of wight Surry James citty charles citty York Southampton & Norfolk that he always entered the service from the county of Isle of wight That while he was engaged at McKys mills cutting & sawing timber with the Southampton & Isle of wight troops cornwallace was captured and he was ordered to Portsmouth under the command of [blank] to level the Breastworks at that place where he was discharged as soon as the work was compleated, That he has been now a resident of this county for forty years and knows no person living with whome he served, as to the names of the commanding officers or the time of service it is impossible for him to remember

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his ame is not on the pension Rool of the agency of any State or Territory sworn to & subscribed the day & year

[The following is evidently an addition made in response to objections by the Pension Office.]

The first objection as to particularising the [three illegible words] of the war at which he served as he kept no memorandum of the events and has to speak from memory he cannot say at what particular period of the war he seved but having intered the service at 16 years of age and being 72 years old at the swearing this declaration he must have entered the year 1776 and from that time served in many tours of duty as to the particular time of eah tour he cannot swear from laps of time & failure of memory born in the year 1760 & ha no record of his age

he always seved as a private militiaman and can swear with out hesitation that he served as such at different tours during the Revolution at least eighteen months Jesse hisXmark Crocker
given under my hand & seal this 12th of June 1833 at Jerusalem Benj Griffin JP

This day Samuel Cobbett [Samuel Corbit (Corbett), pension application S9202] personally appeared before me & made oath that he served in a tour of duty with Jesse Crocker during the Revolution in the county of Nansemond under the command of Capt [the rest missing]

[In the original the following summary is set up as a table with five columns labeled "Names of officers/ Place of service/ corps served with &c whether in field or Garrison & by what authority/ in civil employ or not/ and Length of Tour."]

Statement of Jesse Crocker's service as a private in the militia of the State of Virginia during the revolutionary war

Capt. Hogam

on the Banks of James River & at Bundes[?] Bay on said River and on the look out for the Enemy with the Militia of Isle of Wight commanded by Col Parker
in no civil pursuit
Six weeks

Capt. Thomas Furn

at McKays mills in Isle of Wight & the county of Nansemond in scouting parties on the River Nansemond looking for the enemy
with the militia called out by authority
in no civil employ
Six weeks

Capt Jones Johnson

In Smithfield & Suffolk & at Portsmouth.
with the militia called out by authority & under the command of Maj B. Wills
in no civil employ
Six weeks

Capt. Gay

on the Banks of James River at Smithfield
with the militia as above commander not Remembered
in no civil employ
Six weeks

Capt. Hogum

on the same service on the River & high ways in flying parties watching the enemy
with the militia as above
in no civil employ
Six weeks

Capt not remembered

on James River & at York & on York River, & at McKays mills & at Hogg Island
with the militia called out by authority under the command of Maj Duval & Maj Boyce
in no civil employ
Seven weeks

Capt not recollected
at Portsmouth below the Breast works
with militia as above under Col B. Wills
in no civil employ
Three weeks

amount of time stated Nine months & $\frac{1}{3}$

The applicant says he served many tours in which he cannot recollect the officers, nor the particulars of the service nor can he state the years at which time he performed the duty as above stated from laps of time & loss of memory but as to what is above stated he is certain and wishes not to state any thing which is not conformable to the requisites of the war department as read to him, of the above service he can swear positively by which all he can recollect with certainty Sworn to & subscribed before me Benjamin Griffin a justice of the peace for the county of Southampton this 14th day of September 1833 by Jesse Crocker the above applicant for a pension given under my hand & seal this day & date above

Jesse hisXmark Crocker