Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew Creswell S1948 f30VA
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State of Tennessee, Sevier County

This day personally appeared before me John Brabson an acting Justice of the Peace for Sevier County, Andrew Creswell a resident of said County and State, aged seventy-four years and six months, 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 he entered the service of the United States sometime in the last of June or first of July 1776, in Washington County, State of Virginia; that he was then and there enrolled in a company commanded by Captain Colville to perform garrison duty; that he remained in said service at Black's Station for three months under the said Captain Colville who at that time was under the command of Colonel Arthur Campbell who commanded the militia of said Washington County – that at the expiration of the said three months it was thought safe to dispense the troops who had been in defense of said station and affiant states that he was released from said service until again called out, without receiving any regular discharge – affiant further states that for four or five years immediately succeeding the above service, he was drafted each summer to perform a monthly tour of duty against the northern Indians who committed depredations on the head waters of Clinch River, but affiant cannot at this remote period distinctly state under what officers these tours were performed-- he thinks however that one tour, he was under the command of Colonel Evan Shelby and he believes that he served one or two terms under Lieutenant Newell-- affiant recollects distinctly that he served on a tour to the head of New River to suppress the Tories, in the fall before the battle of King's Mountain, but he does not know how long the term was or by what officer he was commanded – affiant further states that sometime in the month of September 1780, he was drafted to go to the King's Mountain campaign, and that he was put under the command of Captain Dysart, Lieutenant Newell, and Ensign Robert Campbell, all under the command of Col. William Campbell – that he continued under the command of the said William Campbell until after the battle of King's Mountain [October 7, 1780] in which affiant acted an honorable part, and returned home again with others of his Regiment, precisely one month from the day he started, and was honorably released from the said service without receiving any regular discharge – affiant further states that sometime early in the year 1781 Col. Campbell, commander of the Regiment of militia of Washington County Virginia, called the Regiment together and gave them choice either to go and defend the stations west of them from the incursions of the Indians, or to go and join General Greene [Nathanael Greene] at Guilford – affiant made choice of the latter and proceeded under the command of Col. William Campbell to join General Greene, but from the unavoidable detention of the troops to which he was attached, he did not arrive until after the battle of Guilford had been fought [March 15, 1780]. After this battle, affiant was ordered home and received no regular discharge – affiant believes that this tour continued about one month – affiant states that besides the various tours above mentioned

he was frequently called out to do active service in defending the frontiers from incursions of the Indians, and in suppressing the outrages of the Tories, but these services were so frequent, so short and under so many different commanders, that he is wholly unable at this time to relate circumstantially what transpired in them-- affiant believes however that all the time he was in the actual service of his country during the Revolutionary War will amount to 12 months service – he states that he never received any written discharge to the best of his recollection, and if he had received them, they were probably consumed when his house was burned several years ago – affiant states that he has no documentary evidence of his service, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to the whole of his services – affiant hereby relinquishes any claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

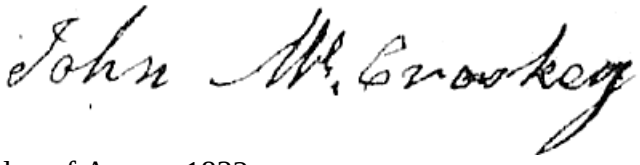
S/ Andrew Creswell

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written.
S/ John Pitner [?], J. P.

State of Tennessee, Sevier County

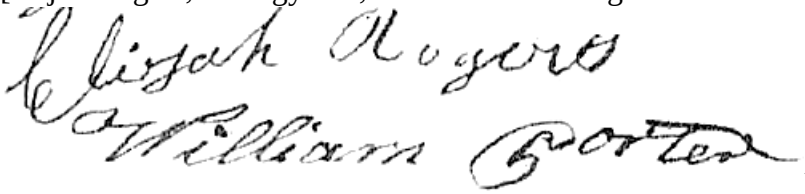
This day personally appeared before me John Pitner [?] an acting Justice of the Peace for Sevier County, John McCrosky[1] aged about seventy-four years, who being first duly sworn according to law says he is well acquainted with Andrew Creswell who signed the foregoing declaration, and that he served with he said Andrew in the campaign to King's Mountain, and that he knows the declaration of the said Andrew as above written, in relation to the said campaign, is substantially true, and that he has reason to believe the whole of the said Andrew's declaration as above written is true.

S/ John McCroskey



Sworn to and subscribed before me the blank day of August 1832.
S/ John Pitner [?], J. P.

[Elijah Rogers, a clergyman, & William Porter gave the standard supporting affidavit.



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[Facts in file: Veteran died July one, 1838. The file contains no family data.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of $40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one-year in the Virginia militia.]

[1] **John McCroskey (McCrosky) S2781**