

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Redman Crews S40054

SC [sic: VA]

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State of Tennessee }

Carroll County } June Term 1831 of the Court of Pleas and quart Sessions

On this the 15th of June 1831 personally appeared in Open Court, the same being a court of record, and having authority and Jurisdiction to hear and determine Causes in and for said County & State Redmond Crews, resident in said County aged sixty seven years, who being duly first sworn according to law doth on his Oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18 March 1818. and of the 1st May 1820. that he the said Redman Crews enlisted for the Term of three years on the 30th June in the year 1781 [see endnote]. in the state of South Carolina in the Company Commanded by Capt Joseph Handy in the regiment Commanded by Col Henry Lea with the line of the state of South Carolina [sic: Henry Lee, commander of Lee's Legion, nominally from Virginia], that he continued to serve in said company and line until the end of of three years, when he was honorably discharged at Charlestown South Carolina from the service of his Country which discharge it was his misfortune to have burnt in the burning of his house some fifteen or sixteen years since. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present, that his name is not on the pension roll of any other state, except the one as above mentioned, and that the following is the reasons for not making an earlier application for a pension. that at the passage of the act of 1818. and for many years before & until the last two years he was a citizen of the state of Kentucky, that all his life he has been a poor man and unable to bear expense of going in search of his witnesses, that he was ignorant of the law, and for a long time did not know what was necessary to be done and it was only the last year he could get information where his witness Judge Peter Johnston then lived & that he has availed the first opportunity in his power to bring his claim before his Country. And in pursuance of the act of the 1st May 1820. I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the Untied 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 persons engaged in the land and Naval services of the United States in the Revolutionary War, pass'd. on the 18th March 1818. and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securitys contracts or debts, due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contain'd. in the schedule hereto annex'd. and by me subscribed.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court. the 15th June 1831} Redman hisXmark Crews

The following is a schedule of my property at the present time One mare three years old worth about thirty dollars One cow and calf worth Ten Dollars That at the passage of the act of the 18th March of 1818. he then owned one Horse worth forty or fifty Dollars, some few Cattle & Hoggs and Blacksmiths Tools all worth not more that one hundred and fifty dollars, that his situation from that time to the present has not materially chang'd. only a gradually state of decline That he is a blacksmith by trade but from his ill health and infirmities he has been unable to follow his trade for the last four years, or to follow any other kind of work, that his family at present consists of himself and two children one of the age of nine years nam'd. Redmon and the other the age of seven named Barbara Ann

Redman hisXmark Crewes

Charlotte County and State of Virginia to wit: [29 Oct 1830]

Came before me Wm. B. Green a justice of the peace in the aforesaid county & state Clement Carrington [pension application S46427] of the said county formerly of Lees Legion in the revolutionary warr, and made oath, that Redman Cruse now of the state of Tennessee was a solder in the s'd Legion, he enlisted for

the warr at Ninty Six [sic: Ninety Six] in the state of S carolina and served as an orderly and Brave soldier till the end of it; he was in the hard faught Battle of the Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781] for I remember to have remarked that a muskett Ball had passed thro' the cock and crown of hatt on leaving the Battle ground.

I hereby certify, on oath, that Redman Crewes, now a resident of [blank] County in the State of Tennessee, served as a private soldier for a longer period than twelve months, in the Infantry of Lee's Legion, on continental establishment, in the war of the American revolution. I was a lieutenant in the same corps, and retain a perfect recollection of the said Crewes, and of his services. In justice to the meritorious character of this man, I feel it a duty to add, that he was distinguished for his rderly, correct, and soldier-like conduct, during the whole time of his service. Witness my hand, at Abingdon, in the Count of Washington and State of Virginia, on this tenth day of August in the year 1830.

[signed] Peter Johnston [S27629]

[The following are from the [Revolutionary bounty-warrant papers in the Library of Virginia](#):]

I hereby certify that Redman Cruze was a Citizen of the Common Wealth of Virg'a. at the time of his enlisting as a Soldier into the Continental Line Thomas Collier/ 10th Dec'r. 1783

I certify that Redman Cruze enlisted as a soldier in Lee's Legion the 18th of June 1781 for the Term of three years & served in the said Legion until discharged by Order of Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] in June 1783; & also that he is entitled to his Pay until the 3rd of this Instant (to wit) when the Army was discharged by a declaration of Congress.

20th Nov'r 1783

Jos. Eggleston [Joseph Eggleston] Maj. Lee's Legion

NOTE: If Crewes enlisted at Ninety Six SC, as stated by Clement Carrington, then it must have been before 30 June 1781. Gen. Nathanael Greene besieged Ninety Six from 22 May until 22 Jun 1781, when he was forced by the arrival of British reinforcements to abandon it and leave the area.