

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Anthony Crocker S9267

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State of South Carolina Spartanburg District }

On this 29th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court, to wit the Court of Common Pleas and general Sessions of the Peace, now sitting – Anthony Crocker, a resident of Spartanburg District in the State aforesaid, aged seventy-four 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 he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. "I first entered the service in South Carolina at what time I cannot now recollect, under the command of Captain Robert McWhorter & Lieutenant John Goudelock who were under the command of Colonel John Thomas as a volunteer; and served against the Indians under that command for the term of 8 months.

On the 13th of February 1779, I again entered into the service under the command of Captain Thomas [Robert Thomas], and Colonel John Thomas of which Regiment James Lusk was adjutant, and served until the 13th of July following, after the Battle of Stono, which was on the 20 June, at which I was present. Shortly after the Battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] I again went into the service and continued under various officers until the close of the War – and then with many others, was dismissed without any regular written discharge. My first service was as a volunteer; the second campaign was as a draft – and my last services in Colonel White's [Henry White's] Regiment which extended to the close of the War a term of nearly three years, I served as a volunteer. I resided in Spartanburg District during, or at the time of entering the service and still reside there. I was in Battle of Stono, on the 20 June 1779. I was then in the Siege of Augusta under Colonel Clark [Elijah Clarke].<sup>1</sup> I was then at the Siege of Ninety Six under General Greene [May 21-June 19, 1781] and afterwards at the battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] under General Morgan [Daniel Morgan], which was the 17th or 18th January 1781 and was afterwards in the fight at Wadkins – I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of any State at this time. I was born in Franklin (formerly called Bute) County North Carolina. I am now in my 74th year, I have no record of my age. I refer to the Reverend Joshua Richards and Daniel White Esquire for my moral character, and their belief of my services as a soldier of

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<sup>1</sup> Siege of Augusta (first/Clarke) [September 12-18, 1780] <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800914-augusta/> Siege of Augusta (second/Clarke) [May 22-June 6, 1781] <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810522-augusta/>

the Revolution.

Sworn to in open Court

S/ John B O'Neill, Presiding Judge

S/ Anthony Crocker, X his mark

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South Carolina Spartanburg District } To wit

On this fifth day of April 1833 personally appeared before me William Trimmier a Justice of the Quorum Ex Officio in and for the District aforesaid, Anthony Crocker, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following statement in addition to his Declaration herewith attached: "I have no documentary evidence of my service, and know of no person now living who can attest my services except my brother Solomon Crocker<sup>2</sup> who served with me, eight months, and whose affidavit is herewith forwarded – as a further amendment of my said Declaration, in answer to the interrogatories<sup>3</sup> prescribed by the War Department, I answer to the 1st I was born in Bute County North Carolina in the month of April 1759 as I have been informed – 2nd my father was illiterate and kept no record. I have no record of my age. 3rd I lived in Spartanburg District when I entered the service and have lived there ever since. 4th. I entered the service as a volunteer and rendered all my services in that character and as a draft. 5th. I refer to my said Declaration. 6. I cannot recollect having received any written discharge. 7th I refer to my said Declaration – as relates to survivors of each term of service, I know of none, except, my said brother mentioned in the forepart of this amendment.

Sworn to & subscribed before me 5th of April 1833

S/ Thos Trimmier, JQ Ex Off

S/ Anthony Crocker, X his mark

[Joshua Richards, a clergyman, and Daniel White gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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South Carolina Spartanburg District } Personally came before me, Solomon Crocker, who being sworn on his oath saith, that he was well acquainted with his Brother Anthony Crocker, who has sworn to and subscribed the foregoing Declaration, during the Revolutionary War – that he was a Soldier of the Revolution, and that this deponent served in a tour of eight months with said Anthony.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 5th April 1833

S/ Thos. Trimmier, JQ Ex Off

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<sup>2</sup> [Solomon Crocker W9398](#)

<sup>3</sup> The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.]

S/ Solomon Crocker, S his mark

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South Carolina Spartanburg District} Personally came Daniel White Esquire before me & after being duly sworn saith, that he is well acquainted with the within named Anthony Crocker, and was acquainted with him in the time of the revolutionary war, & that he lived within the Regiment commanded by Colonel Benjamin Roebuck and that he has no doubt of his being the same Anthony Crocker alluded to & mentioned in the within certificate of the Secretary of State<sup>4</sup>, he further states that he has frequently seen the said Anthony Crocker under arms in the revolution. Sworn the 13th of May 1836 before me  
W/ Wm R. Poole, JP

D. White



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 13 months service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts <sup>5</sup> relating to Anthony Crocker	AA13
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 1619	
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[No.] 3457

No. 114

[Book] X

for August 86 [1786]

Anthony Croaker for Militia duty in Roebuck's [Benjamin Roebuck's] Regiment before and since the fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] per Anderson's [Colonel Robert Anderson's] Return [not extant]

[old South Carolina] Currency £297

Stg. [Sterling] £42.8.6 ¾

Ex<sup>d</sup>. J. M<sup>c</sup>. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

Received for August 1786 full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 3457, X, per order  
S/ Thomas Lehre



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<sup>4</sup> There is no certificate of the "Secretary of State" in this file, but this is a certificate dated March 28, 1836 from the South Carolina Comptroller General's office certifying to payments made to an Anthony Crocker for services in Roebuck Regiment before and after the fall of Charleston.

<sup>5</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

[p 3: Repeat of the above information]

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Anthony Croaker Order on the Publick

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Gentlemen

Please to pay Mr. Thomas Lehre all the Indent that appears to be Due in the office, for value Received, as witness my hand this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November 1785

S/ Anthony Croaker, X his mark

To the Treasury South Carolina

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No. D White

Petition of Anthony Croaker pray compensation for property lost in time of the Revolutionary war

Rejected

Claims

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To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina  
Greeting

The humble petition of Anthony Croaker of the District of Spartanburg, Respectfully Sheweth, to your Honorable body, that your petitioner was a Revolutionary Soldier and firmly attached to the American cause and willingly lent his feeble aid to assist in the Struggle against the common enemy, and that he has now grown old, even to the fifty seventh year of his age and in low circumstances of life: and that in the time of the Revolutionary war, your petitioner was met by three of the Tories who took from him a valuable rifle gun which was his own property, which gun he never got again, he thinks gun was worth at least thirty Dollars; your petitioner therefore prays your Honorable body to take his case into consideration and grant him such relief in the premises as to you shall seem meet, and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray  
12<sup>th</sup> of November 1819

S/ Anthony Croaker, X his mark

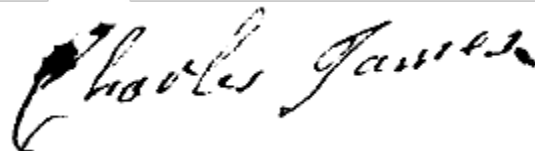
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I hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Anthony Croaker in the Revolutionary war, and that he was a faithful Soldier against the common enemy, and is yet a respectable man in Society.

Given under my hand

this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 1819

S/ Charles James

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles James". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below a horizontal line.

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South Carolina Union District} Personally came Hopkins Croaker before me the Subscribing Justice and after being duly sworn Saith on his oath that in the time of the Revolutionary war he was in company with Anthony Croaker in the District of Spartanburg and they were met by three of the Tory party who violently took from the said Anthony one rifle gun the property of said Anthony, which he believes he never got again, he thinks the gun was worth about twenty-five Dollars

Sworn & subscribed before  
me this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 1819  
S/ J. T. McJunkins, JP

S/ Hopkins Croaker, X his mark