Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Crutcher W6773 Sarah Crutcher VA
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On this twenty fourth day of May 1824 [sic: 1827] personally appeared in open court John Crutcher resident in Franklin county and District aforesaid aged sixty three years who being first duly 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 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820, that he the said John Crutcher enlisted for the term of two or three years on the [blank] day of April 1781 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Samuel Finley & afterwards Captain [Abraham] Kirkpatrick in the Regiment commanded by Colo Thomas Posey in the line of Virginia on the continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said corps until January 1783 when he was discharged from the service in Frederick county in the State of Virginia, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present; that his name is not on the roll of any state, and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension; that heretofore until the last summer he was enabled to support himself by reason of the labour and service of a negro man named Moses that belonged to him, that said negroe died during the last summer, and that his death has left this declarant without the means of support. - And in pursuance of the act of the 1st of May 1820 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 hereinafter mentioned. That he is by trade and occupation a house Joiner, and that by reason of age and imperfection of sight he is unable to pursue his trade for a livelihood, and that he has no wife or family That since the 18th of March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property, that on the said 18th day of March 1818 he owned nothing but his wearing apparel and the negro man aforesaid, and that the death of said negroe has created the only change in his property except as to is wearing apparel which is all the property that now remains to him, and he has nothing except his wearing apparel of which to make a Schedule.

NOTE: On 2 March 1853 Sarah Crutcher, 52, of Hardin County KY, applied for a pension stating that as Sarah Runner she was married in Hardin County by Rev. Jacob Rogers, a Baptist minister, to John Crutcher on 10 July 1845, and her husband died on or about 16 March 1850. The file contains a copy of the minister's return. On 21 Dec 1855 at age 56 Sarah Crutcher applied for bounty land, with James Crutcher, 61, and Ben Cowley, 34, certifying her statement.