## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Jeremiah Crook W8634 Jane Crook VA
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State of Kentucky } Sct. Grant County }

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Grant County Court, now sitting, Jeremiah Crook, of the said County of Grant and State aforesaid, aged sixty nine 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, – that about three years before the surrender of Lord Cornwallace [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781] he volunteered, in Prince William County, Virginia, under Captain Peter Evans for three months, during which time he was stationed at Alexandria, he does not recollect the name of the Regiment or of any of the Field Officers, he got his discharge but has long since lost it. – About one year after his first discharge [sic] he volunteered in same County under Captain John Brit for three months, during which time he was engaged clearing a road for the Regular Army under Washington, to march to York Town [Sep 1781], does not recollect the name of Regiment or Field Officers during, – he was attached to the French troops and assisted as a waggoner in carrying their baggage to Philadelphia, where he was discharged, haveing served under Captain Moore three months, that discharge is also lost. – he thinks he can prove by Bennett Williams [pension application S35726] of Grant County who is on the pension list, the servises he rendered under Capt. Moore, if so and he can be got, his testimony shall be attached to this declaration. He was born in Fairfax County, Virginia in the year 1764 he removed to Kentucky about forty three years ago. He hereby relinquishes any claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

The commonwealth of Kentucky

Grant County Sct [6 May 1834]

[Th]e Deposition of Bennett Williams who being first sworn deposeth and saith That he was well acquainted with the within Declarant, Jeremiah Crook Sr who is now applying for an increased pension That this Deponant and the s'd Declarant Jeremiah Crook Sr joined the s'd French Troops at Baltimore with their Baggage each one takeing charge of a waggon. That they drove the same to Philadelphia afsd – at which place they continued untill the s'd Crook was taken sick as he hath alleged in his Declaration. This Deponant having gone on to Trenton State of New Jersey This Deponant further states that he knows the time s'd Declarant started from his home to render s'd service. That he saw him rendering the same at Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] State of Virginia afsd I do think that he entered s'd service in the latter part of Winter 1782 and returned in the Autumn of the same The precise time he can not state. Further this Deponant saith not [signed] Bennett Williams

State of Kentucky } Sct County of Grant }

On this 27 day of May 1834 Personally appeared before the Honorable H. O. Brown Circuit Judge for the County afsd jeremiah Crook Sr a Resident of Grant County (on the Dry Ridge) and State of Kentucky aged 73 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in addition to and here to fore made at the Feby Term of the Grant Circuit Court held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of Feby 1833 for the purpose of obtaining a Pension and the benefit of the provision made by the

act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 (The afore mentioned Declaration is prayed to be taken as part of this)

That he Volunteered, on the first of February 1782 [sic] under Captain Daniel Moore in the County of Prince William State of Virginia and served in a Regiment of volunteers raised in said State under the command of Col James Smith for the purpose of hauling the [illegible word] French Troops forage &c from Williamsburgh (Virginia) to New York That he started from sd Prince William County on the day afs'd and went to Williamsburgh under the command of s'd Moore as Captain and said Smith as Colonel. That after he arrived at s'd Williamsburgh he took charge of a waggon and Team, and managed the same, as a waggoner volunteer afd hauling forage wood &c from the adjacent country round about to, s'd Williamsburgh and Little york for the use of the French Army under the command of General De Le Fayette [sic: Marquis de Lafayette]; untill the first of June 178 [sic: 1781] aforesaid. That after the s'd first of June in the year afsd, he hauled a load of clothing to a Regiment of French Troops that lay in the State of North Carolina and then returned to the Head Quarters at Williams Burgh; said trip occupied his time one moth. That there were eight waggons ingaged in said trip four soldiers to every waggon all under the command of a French Sergeant

This Declarent would state for further particulars in relation to said tour to North Carolina That previously to the setting out from s'd Williamsburgh That General De La Fayette handed this Declarant a large package of letters to hand to the commandant of the Regiment of the Troops where said cloths were hauled and by s'd commandant a like Package back again to s'd General De La Fayette. And this Declarent would further state that immediately after his return to Williamsburgh the whole French Army (that went by land) started bag and bagage to New York That this Declarent went with them to Philadelpia at which place he was taken sick and laid up for one month. He then left his commander and French Troops (at Philadelphia) and started for home in Prince William County State of Virginia where he arrived in the month of November in the year 178 [sic] aforesaid. After having served Ten months as a Volunteer to drive said waggons and commanded by the officers aforesaid. That he received a Discharge from said Captain Moore for the Term aforesaid which s'd Discharge has been mislaid or lost long since – believing that it was valueless

He here by relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and the act to which this is now [illegible word]. and he Declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any State only on the one (to which this is an amendant as aforesaid) in the agency of the State of Kentucky

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

- qu 1. Where and in what year were you born?
- An I was born in Fairfax County State of Virginia (near the Residence of General Washington) in the year 1761
- qu 2 Have you any Record of your age, and if so where is it?
- An I have no Record of my age
- qu Where were you living when called in to service where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live
- An I was living in Prince William County when called in to s'd service where I resided till I came to Kentucky now live in s'd County of Grant and on the Dry Ridge
- 4th How were you called in to Service; were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute? And if a substitute, for whom?
- Ans I Volunteered to serve my country I never would be drafted
- 5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the Troops where you served such Continental and Malitia Regiments as you can recollect, and the General Circumstances of your service?
- An There were no Regular Troops with us. James Smith was Colonel and Daniel Moore my Captain.

- I have a distinct recollection of General De La Fayette.
- 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?
- An I did receive a discharge from Capt Daniel Moore for Ten months service; subsequent to my former service and Declaration (To which this is an amendment) Its been long since lost
- 7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbor hood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity and good behaviour our services as a soldier of the Revolution?
- An I am known particularly by Col Rudow H B Smith Eqr clerk of the Grant circuit and County Court and Capt William Arnold. Bennett William has testified; (and will do so again) to my services
  - Sworn to and subscribed to the day and year afsd Jeremiah hisXmark Crook Sr

NOTE: On 28 Aug 1838 Jane Crook of Campbell County KY applied for a pension stating that she married Jeremiah Crook in 1783, and he died on 14 June 1834. The file contains a certificate of the application for a license for the marriage of Jeremiah Crook and Jane Williams in Charles County MD on 7 Oct 1782. On 28 Sep 1846 Jane Crook, 82 and living in Lewis County MO, stated that she married Jeremiah Crook on 7 Oct 1782, and he died in April 1834. On 23 Aug 1847 she stated that she and her husband had lived several years in Bourbon County KY and then on Licking River in Pendleton County KY before moving to Grant County, where they lived more than 30 years. On 23 Nov 1847 Jesse Woodyard of Lewis County MO stated that in 1810 he married Elizabeth Crook, the fourth child of Jeremiah and Jane Crook, when she was about 18. A letter dated 28 Feb 1848 states that Jane Crook had died.