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Pension Application of John Crosby R2509

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State of Kentucky }

Shelby County } Sgt

On this the 12th day of May 1845 personally appeared in open Court John Crosby a resident of said County & state aged (90) ninty years the 10th day of May 1845 who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, that he enlisted in the army of the United States during the Revolutionary War. the precise date he has now forgotten, he was then a resident of Fauquier County Virginia Thomas Keith was his lieutenant. William Blackwell his Captain. Thomas Marshall his major and Martin Pickett was his Colonel, he was in what was called at the time, the "minute" Service. He was first under the above named officers rendezvoused at Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] Court House Virginia and marched thence to Williamsburg where he was stationed some time in the capital, he was during that tour marched to Hampton and there repulsed an attack made by the enemy on the town in which they captured an English brig which was employed by the enemy as a tender to their ship of the line called the *King-fisher*. from thence he was marched back to Williamsburg where he remained until cold wether say six months from the date of his enlistment. He was thence re-taken to Culpepper Court House – not discharged but with orders to hold himself in readiness at any time to obey whatever orders might be given him

He was next in his second tour marched with his company with orders to join the army under the immediate command of Genl. Washington at Germantown where he arrived tow days after the Battle took place [4 Oct 1777], having been delayed on the rout in order to obtain provisions. he remained encamped there a good while several months though he does not now from the great laps of time recollect how long, and thence returned to Virginia. He was next (it being the third time) all under the same officers marched to a point on the Potomac River where the enemy had burned and destroyed Brents houses there he remained for some time, from this last mentioned period until the close of the war by the capture of Cornwallis at little York[19 Oct 1781], under arms and readiness to obey any orders & subject to the requisitions of his officers & Government.

He furnished his own arms and equipment and the government provided the provisions for his corps.

He was paid at different times times in what was then called Continental money which was of little or no value, the amount he does not now recollect. he never received a written discharge from the Service

He states that he has been heretofore averse to receiving any compensation under the act of Congress, and some years since he wrote to his friend Col R. M. Johnson respecting the subject but he does not now remember the particulars or what was done in the premises. this he did at the time to satisfy his friends. He does not know that any formal declaration or application has ever been made in his behalf before the proper department of the Government.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

[signed] John Crosby