

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Crow R2538

Sarah Crow

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State of Tennessee [indecipherable scribble] Sixth Judicial Circuit

This day personally appeared before me Alfred M Harris, one of the Circuit Judges in & for the State of Tennessee, the undersigned Thomas Crow, who being sworn saith that he is a citizen of the United States of America & resident in the County of Giles & State of Tennessee – That he did some time during the revolutionary war between the now United States of America and Great Britain, in the State of North Carolina at a place known by the name of the Cross Roads enlist as a private Soldier under a Captain John Montgomery for the term of three years on the Continental establishment in the sixth Regiment of the South Carolina State Troops – and in General Pinckney's [Charles Cotesworth Pinckney] Brigade – That he does not at this time recollect the time of his enlistment. That he did serve faithfully during the said revolutionary war against the common enemy (Great Britain) in pursuance of his aforesaid enlistment for the term of three years & until the expiration of his said term in a company commanded by Captain George Varly [George Warley] of Charleston. That at the capture of Charlestown [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] in South Carolina by the British, he was taken prisoner on Sullivan's Island, by the enemy, and detained on Board the *Roebuck*, about four months, when, on account of disease prevailing on board, he with some other prisoners, were put ashore between the mouth of Stono River & St. John's Island, & a guard placed over them, from whom he made his escape, & returned home. That before the time of making his escape, his term of service had expired. That he never returned again to the Army, & consequently procured no discharge. That he was in a battle against the enemy Great Britain at the mouth of Stono River [Stono Ferry, June 20, 1779], at the town of Savannah [Siege of Savannah, September 16-October 9, 1779] – at Charlestown [May 12, 1780] – and at Sullivan's Island. He is now about sixty years of age: & has nearly lost his eyesight, and is in other respects so infirm as to be unable to procure a comfortable subsistence by his own labor, and has no other adequate means of support. He stands in need of assistance from his Government for a support. He never has received a pension from his Government; and hereby releases all pensions heretofore granted him by the laws of the United States except the one hereby prayed for –

He prays to be placed on the pension list agreeably to the provisions of a late act of Congress in such cases made and provided – That he knows of no person whom he can procure by whom he can prove his said service – 1st January 1819

Subscribed & sworn to before made this first January 1819

S/ Alfred M Harris, Judge

S/ Thomas Crow, X his mark

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State of Tennessee [same indecipherable scribble]

This day personally appeared before me the subscriber one of the Circuit Judges in & for the State of Tennessee, the above named Thomas Crow, who being solemnly sworn according to law, saith, that he did serve as fifer as mentioned in his foregoing declaration in a Regiment commanded by Colonel William Henderson; & that he does not recollect the time when he enlisted, further than can be collected from the facts stated in the foregoing declaration – That he is entirely destitute of property; & requires assistance of his country for support.

18th March 1820

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day & date aforesaid
S/ Alfred M Harris, Judge

S/ Thomas Crow, X his mark

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State of Tennessee Lawrence County Court: July Term 1821

On this 3rd day of July 1821 personally appeared in open Court being a court of record helden [sic] [indecipherable word] for said County, Thomas Crow aged 62 years resident in said County, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, that he enlisted for three years at the Cross Roads in the State of North Carolina [sic] (the time not exactly none) in the company commanded by Captain Duff (Montgomery being listing master) [sic, enlisting officer], and was afterwards transferred to the company commanded by Captain George Verley & 6th South Carolina Regiment commanded by Colonel William Henderson in General Pinckney's Brigade of the South Carolina Continental establishment. That he served three years as a fifer in the Continental line. That he was in the battles of Stono, Savannah, Charlestown & Sullivan's Island and that he was taken prisoner at Sullivan' Island under Colonel Scott & Captain Turner & detained four months a prisoner in the British man of war *Roebuck* & that he made his escape from his guard near St. John's Island after the time of his enlistment had expired & that he never had an opportunity to procure a discharge. That he never obtained a pension and made any declaration except the one which accompanies this & that he is a farmer but from infirmity, unable to support himself. My family consists of my wife named Sarah aged fifty years so much disabled by Rheumatic Pains that she cannot work for her living. My daughter Betsy aged 16 years healthy and able to support herself. Patsy 14 and sickly: James aged 11 [indecipherable word, could be intended to be "healthy"], Thomas aged 8 [unclearly written, could be 6] & healthy – and 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons 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 contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

S/ Thomas Crow X his mark

Schedule

1 cow & calf, 1 heifer & calf, 3 beds & furniture, 2 pots & 1 oven, 2 wheels & 2 cards, ½ dozen

old pewter plates, 1 old dish & old knives & forks, 3 tin cups, 2 earthen crocks & 1 pitcher, 1 half dozen iron spoons, 1 pale & 1 piggin, 1 old washing tub, 1 churn, & coffee pot & 3 chairs, 1 ax, 2 sows & 11 pigs, 1 half dozen tea ware, 1 old rifle gun, which properly [?] I have for the support of myself my wife & five children as I swear & subscribe.

S/ Thomas Crow, X his mark

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State of Tennessee Lawrence County Circuit Court August Term 1822

On this 26 day of August 1822 personally appeared in open court Thomas Crow & being first duly sworn according to law makes this declaration for a pension supplemental to his declarations of 1819 & 1821, that he enlisted at the Cross roads in the State of North Carolina as a fifer for three years under Captain Duff (Montgomery listing master) and was marched to General Sumpters camp on Santee at [indecipherable word, looks like "Tanca"] Swamp, where he was taken from said company & attached to George Verley's that through mistake Montgomery enlisted him as a soldier during the war, that he cannot state the time he enlisted first only by reference to the fall of Charleston, but the three years expired about 4 or 5 months before Charleston was taken, that he applied for a discharge at the expiration of the said three years & could not get it owing to the mistake of said Montgomery & he then to wit about four months before Charleston was taken, enlisted during the War under Colonel Wade Hampton in Charleston South Carolina from which he was sent to Sullivan's Island where he was taken prisoner by the British from whom he made his escape, that he was very young when he enlisted & cannot recollect dates but by reference to the fall of Charleston believes he enlisted the first time in the year 1777 about the month of January & the second time in the year 1780 in January or February.

S/ Thomas Crow, X his mark

[p 17: On September 4, 1848 in McNairy County Tennessee, Sarah Crow, 77, applied for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Thomas Crow, a fifer in the 6th South Carolina Regiment and a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$96 per annum. Her application does not contain a statement as to when she married her husband or when he died. Thomas Brown testified that the veteran and his wife were married after he left the service but before 1794.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing January one, 1819 for service as a Fifer in the South Carolina Continental line.]