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Pennsylvania

David Crosby

Chester Co. in the State of Penn^a
was a Capt. V. Ensign, in the company commanded
by Captain Strawbridge of the Regt. commanded
in the Penn^a Mil.

for 2 months Capt. — 40.00
3 " Ensign — 30.00
1/2 " 28 days Sgt. 24.60
\$94.60

assessed on the Roll of Pennsylvania
at the rate of 94 Dollars 60 Cents per annum,
commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

certificate of Pension issued the 12 day of July
1833 and sent to S. M. Cunningham
West Chester Pa

appears to the 1st of March 1833 189.20
Semi-ann. allowances ending 1st Sept. 1833 47.30

\$236.50

{ Revolutionary Claim, }
{ Act June 7, 1832. }

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania }
Chester County, Pa }
}

On this tenth day of December
A. D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before
the Court of Common Pleas now sitting at West Chester
in the said County of Chester David Crosby a resi-
dent of the Township of Upper Oxford in the County
aforesaid aged seventy seven years who being first duly
sworn according to law doth on his oath make the fol-
lowing declaration in order to obtain the benefit of
the Act of Congress of June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under
the following named officers and served as herein
stated to wit

1st Early in the month of July 1776. I marched as
a serjeant and a volunteer in a company commanded
by Captain Thomas Strawbridge in which John Ramsey
was first Lieutenant - Joseph Strawbridge second Lieutenant
and Charles Creswell Ensign. Our company were all
volunteers and marched en Masse to Philadelphia - thence
to Trenton and Amboy. I went from thence conveyed up the
sound between the Jersey shore and Staten Island to the
blazing Star Ferry where we lay on camped until the
latter end of September in the same year and were dismis-
sed after having served near three months - The field
officers were Colonel William Montgomery Lieutenant
Colonel, Evan Evans - First Major David Mackey &
2^d Major Patterson Bell

2^d In the winter following I again marched
as a serjeant and a volunteer in the same company &
under the same company officers - our company again

marched on maps but where we marched or who was
the Regimental or Commanding Officers were this declarant
cannot now recollect - The Cannonade of Trenton was
during the time I was out upon this tour and after having
served about two months we concluded (at the request of our
Officers), to stay about two weeks longer, till a fresh recruit of
men either militia or soldiers should arrive to take the place
of those whose term of service had expired - which lengthened our
tour of service till about two months and an half - we were
dismissed and returned to our homes

3^d In August 1777. I was called in my Class, being
at this time an Ensign. This call was made by Thomas
Strawbridge who at that time was one of the Sub-Lieutenants
of the County. after reaching our Rendezvous it
was discovered that there were more officers, and particularly,
more Ensigns, than were wanted or necessary to command the
number of men who appeared in obedience to the call -
the Companies not being full. This declarant was ordered to
engage in aiding to procure, ^{by coercion or compulsion} & conduct teams for the purpose
of drawing and conveying Boats or Carriages or Wheels to be
used in case it should become necessary for the army to
cross deep waters, in haste.

After the Battle of Brandywine
myself and others were directed to leave the Boats, and the
teams were directed to haul ammunition and other military
stores out of the city of Philadelphia for the use of the army
This tour continued ~~about~~ until November, when we were
dismissed having served near three months

4th In 1781 I was chosen Captain and as such
directed to march my Company to Philadelphia - I
paraded my men prepared and ready to march when
ever directed - our orders were countermanded with
directions to hold myself and my men in readiness to march
at a minutes warning until further orders, and were not

dismissed for about two months.

This declarant further states that when he entered the army
he resided in the Township of Landenberg in the County of Chester &
that his residence during the whole of the Revolution was in the same
Township. That his two first tours of service was performed as a
volunteer and his two last as an officer, and drafted according
to the ^{then} existing laws of Pennsylvania. and that he never was a sub-
stitute - never was in any battle - the country over which he
marched was Pennsylvania & Jersey only. That he has no recollection
of the names of any Regular officers other than those whose names
he has mentioned. That he has no documentary evidence of his
services and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure
to testify thereto. And in answer to the interrogatories
directed to be put by the Court to the applicant under the
act which has been mentioned the declarant answers, to wit

To the first Interrogatory. Where and in what year were you
born? This declarant answers I was born in the Township of Landenberg
in the County of Chester in the year 1755. To the second
Interrogatory viz. Have you any record of your age and if
so, where is it? The declarant answers. There is a record of
the time of my birth made upon a leaf bound in my fathers family
Bible now in my possession. To the third. Where were you
living when called into service? Where have you lived since the
Revolutionary War, and where do you now live? the declarant answers
When I entered and when called into the service of my country I resided
in the Township of Landenberg in Chester County - since the war
I have lived part of the time in the same Township, and part of
the time in the Township of ~~Leppor~~ ^{same County} Oxford, where I now live.
To the fourth Interrogatory to wit. How were you called into service
were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute?
This deponent answers. I marched as a volunteer the two first tours
the third tour I was drafted (as an ensign) and as a captain
was called for a fourth tour as I have before stated - I never

Served as a substitute for any man, my object was to serve my country and not to earn money. To the fifth Interrogatory Q⁵: 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? This declarant answers that he recollects General Rober. Dear having visited the encampment once or twice and on one occasion that he addressed the Regiment, but there was no General officer in command at any time or place where the company to which this declarant was encamped. Colonel William Montgomery of Chester County, was our Commander at one time & Col John M^r: Soule of the same County, at another, can not now recollect any Continental Regiments either marching or being encamped with us, was never in any Regular Battle - when we lay near the sound the Redskins were frequently firing over upon us. To the sixth Interrogatory to wit Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what had become of it? & did you ever receive a Commission and if so by whom was it signed and what had become of it? This declarant answers that he never had a specific or regular discharge but was on each occasion dismissed up or from Parade with the rest of the company - that he had a Commission as an ensign it was issued by the Supreme Executive Council of the State of Pennsylvania and has long since been lost or destroyed - does not now recollect by whom it was signed but thinks it was dated in the year 1777. - Declarant had also a Captains Commission which was issued by the same authority but the date thereof or by whom signed is not now recollect, this Commission is also lost or destroyed but when or under what circumstances the declarant does not recollect.

To the seventh to wit, State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution. The declarant answers that he is personally known to Robert Cochran James Creswell Rev: Robert White

^{Jonathan Gordon}
William Carlisle, & Genl John W^m: Cunningham either or all of whom can testify as to his character for veracity and also their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

and finally that the declarant is now in his seventy eighth year of age and that his memory is much impaired.

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

December 10th 1832

Sworn to and subscribed
the day and year aforesaid

J. Cropley
Diff

John W. Cunningham
Pro

~~The~~ General John W. Cunningham of Jonathan Gordon both of the County of Chester, & State of Pennsylvania being duly sworn, - do State of Pennsylvania
Chester County, Pa. General John W. Cunningham of said County being duly sworn & Jonathan Gordon of same place being duly sworn, do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with David Crosby who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be above seventy seven years of age: that he is reputed and believed in the neighbourhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

affirmed
Sworn to and subscribed on
the 11 Dec. 1832.
the day and year aforesaid
John W. Cunningham
Pro

Jonathan Gordon

Sworn to and subscribed on
the 11 Dec. 1832.

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Pro: said Court

John W. Cunningham

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War department that the ~~said~~ applicant named in the foregoing declaration was a Revolutionary Soldier and served as he states. And the Court further certifies that it appears to them that Gen. John W. Cunningham & Jonathan Gordon & the Rev. Robert White who have made & subscribed the foregoing affirmation & declaration & the Rev. Robert White who made & subscribed the following deposition and ~~that~~ ^{their} statements are entitled to credit

By the Court

These are created for informality

State of Pennsylvania
Chester County, ss

The Reverend Robert White of said County, being duly sworn doth depose and say, that he is Pastor of the Wesleyan or Owen Presbyterian congregation called Faggs Church, in Upper Merion township, said County of Chester, which is the place named to David Crosby in the declaration within named, & that he is the nearest clergyman to the said David Crosby, & that he is well acquainted with David Crosby who has subscribed and sworn to the within declaration, & that he believes him to be above seventy seven years of age & that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution & that this deponent concurs in that opinion

Sworn & subscribed in open Court, the day of Dec. 1832

State of Pennsylvania
Chester County, ss. We the Rev. Robert White a clergyman residing in the township of Upper Oxford in the County of Chester, State of Pennsylvania, and Gen. John W. Cunningham residing in New London township, said County of Chester, hereby certify that we are well acquainted with David Crosby who has subscribed and sworn to the within declaration; that we believe him to be above seventy seven years of age; that he is reputed and believed in the neighbourhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution, and that we concur in that opinion.

Robert White,
John W. Cunningham

Sworn & Subscribed in open Court, this 11 Dec. 1832.

Wm. D. Davis
Pres. Dist. Ct.

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion, after the investigation of the matter, and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War department that David Crosby, the within named applicant was a revolutionary soldier, and served as he states. And the Court further certifies, that it appears to them that the Rev. Robert White who has signed the preceding certificate, is a clergyman, resident in the township of Upper Oxford, said County of Chester, State of Pennsylvania, & that Gen. John W. Cunningham, who has also signed the same, is a resident in the same County of Chester, & that Jonathan Gordon who signed the Affirmation immediately succeeding the within declaration is a resident in the same County of Chester, & that the said Robert White, John W. Cunningham and Jonathan Gordon are credible persons, and that their statements are entitled to credit.

By the Court
John W. Cunningham Pro

I John W. Cunningham Prothonotary of the Court of
Common Pleas in and for the County of Chester do
hereby certify that the foregoing and within contain
the original proceedings of the said Court in the
matter of the application of ~~the~~ David Crosby the
within named declarant, for a pension

In testimony whereof, I have hereto set my
hand and seal of ^{the said Court} office, this eleventh day of December
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and thirty two.

John W. Cunningham Pro

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Chester County Js

And now on this day to wit on the
eleventh day of May A.D. 1833 personally appeared
in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas now
sitting at West Chester, in the said County of Chester
David Crosby, the within named declarant for
a pension, who being duly sworn doth amend his
within declaration and doth depose and say, that
by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he can-
not swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but ac-
cording to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods
mentioned below and in the following grades. In the year 1776 on the tenth or
the 11 July, I marched as a Sergeant and volunteer in a company commanded
by Captain Strawbridge as stated in my within declaration, and served as
a Sergeant in said company for a period not less than two months and four-
teen days from the said 10 or 11 July. In the winter following I again marched
as a Sergeant and volunteer in the same company as stated in my within
declaration, and served on that occasion as a Sergeant, not less than
another period of two months and fourteen days. In Aug or A.D. 1777
I was called in my class being at this time an ensign as stated in my
within declaration, & in this year that is, 1777 I served as an ensign as
stated in my within declaration for a period not less than three
months. In 1781 I was chosen Captain, as stated in my within declaration,
and served as a Captain for a period not less than two months.
And for such services I claim a pension.

Sworn to and Subscribed
this eleventh day of May
A.D. 1833 in open Court.

John W. Cunningham Pro

D. Crosby
D. H.

Commonwealth of Penna.
Chester County

I John W. Cunningham Prothonotary of the
Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Chester do certify that
the foregoing contains the additional original proceedings of the said
Court in the matter of the application and declaration of David Crosby
the deponent (who has subscribed the same) in order to obtain a perjury
under the act of June 7, 1832

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and the seal of said Court at West Chester in
the said County of Chester this Eleventh day of May
in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and thirty three

John W. Cunningham Pro

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David Lovell
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[Arrangement of 1870.]

David Lovell May 11 1832

Adm^e

2nd Lt. Captain	40.00
3 " Ensign	30.-
4 " 2nd Lt. Capt.	16.60
	<u>86.40</u>
4. 2nd Lt. Capt.	24.60
	<u>£ 94.60</u>

L. W. Lummington Esq.
 Westchester
 Pa

BRIEF objections to the admission of Pension Claims, of which those answered in the negative, in red ink, will apply to the claim of *David Crosby* further proof or explanation which require

- I. Does the declaration show where the applicant resides?
- II. Did the declarant make the declaration in the county where he resides?
- III. If the applicant did not make the declaration in the county where he resides, is there any reason assigned for his not doing so?
- IV. Has the declarant mentioned the period or periods of the war when he served?
- V. * Has he mentioned with precision the length of his service, and the different grades in which he served, in language so definite as to enable the department to determine to what amount of pension he is entitled?
No. See Question 5
- VI. Has he given the names of the officers under whom he served, in conformity with the regulations?
- VII. Has he made a relinquishment of every claim to any other pension than the one under the Act of June 7, 1832?
- VIII. Has the Court given their opinion?
- IX. Has the Clerk given his certificate?
- X. Is the Clerk's seal affixed? And if so, has it a device or inscription by which it can be distinguished from any other seal?

- XI. Has the applicant obtained the evidence of a clergyman and another respectable citizen as to their belief respecting his age and the general belief in his neighborhood relative to his revolutionary service?
- XII. If the clergyman's affidavit has not been produced, is there any reason assigned for not obtaining it?
- XIII. If the applicant has no documentary evidence, and has not obtained the testimony of at least one living witness, has he stated in his declaration that such proof cannot be had?
- XIV. † If the applicant's name is not found on the rolls of military service, has he produced a witness or witnesses as to his service?
If he has produced direct proof as to service, has the magistrate who administered the oath, certified to the credibility of the witness or witnesses?
Has the proper officer certified to the official character and signature of the magistrate as the regulations direct?
- XV. Does it appear from any of the papers that the witness was in such a situation, or of such an age, as to have a personal knowledge of the applicant's service?
- XVI. † Are the papers authenticated as the regulations direct?
- XVII. Are the seven interrogatories prescribed by the War Department answered satisfactorily? And, if not, which of them is not so answered?

EXPLANATORY NOTES.

- * QUERE V. In a case where the applicant cannot, by reason of the loss of memory, state precisely how long he served, he should amend his declaration by making an affidavit in the following words:
- “ Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace, &c. A. B. who, being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that, by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades; For _____ year _____ months, and _____ days, I served as a _____ For _____ months and _____ days, I served as a _____; and for such service I claim a pension.

It is important in all cases to determine with precision the period for which each applicant served, and the particular rank he held, as the law directs the pension to be paid according to the grade of the pensioner and the length of his service. The use of the phrase *about three or four months* is too indefinite, and all such qualifying expressions are objectionable. Some persons who apply for pensions merely state they served two years in the militia, &c. without specifying the tours; the names of the officers, and other particulars respecting their service. This form of a declaration is highly objectionable. It must in every case be clearly shewn under what officers the applicant served; the duration of each term of engagement; the particular place or places where the service was performed; that the applicant served with an embodied corps called into service by competent authority; that he was either in the field or in garrison; and for the time during which the service was performed, he was not employed in any civil pursuit.

QUERE XIV. Proof of Service.

In a case where the name of the applicant is not found on the records of the Department, he must prove his service by two credible witnesses, who are required to set forth in their affidavits the time of the claimants entering the service, and the time and manner of his leaving the same, as well as the regiment, company, and line to which he belonged. The magistrate who may administer the oaths must certify to the credibility of the witnesses, and the official character and signature of the magistrate must be certified by the proper officer, under his seal of office.

QUERE XVI. Mode of authenticating papers.

In every instance where the certificate of the certifying officer who authenticates the papers is not written on the same sheet of paper which contains the affidavit, or other paper authenticated, the certificate must be attached thereto by a piece of tape or narrow ribbon, the ends of which must pass under the seal of office of the certifying officer, so as to prevent any paper from being improperly attached to the certificate.

In every case where the clerk of the court, or other certifying officer, has no public seal of office, the certificate of a member of congress, proving the official character and signature of the certifying officer, should accompany the papers.

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Wm. J. Edwards

Pension Office
Washington City

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Sir I have the Honour to enclose you the declaration
of Captain Davis Grosby a soldier of the Revolution as the same
has been amended by supplementary declaration before the Court
the day

When Papered upon please to enclose the result to

me

I am very respectfully yours

John W. Long Ingham

Hon J L Edwards Esq
Com. Persons

West Chester Penna
May 11. 1833