

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Rodrick Craig R2428

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State of Indiana Henry County to wit

In the Henry Probate Court,

Be it remembered that on this the Eleventh day of November AD 1834 Personally appeared in Open Court before the Honorable Jesse Staily probate judge of the County of Henry and the State of Indiana Rodrick Craig a resident of the said County of Henry and aged Eighty four years who after being duly sworn according to Law doth on this oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of an act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he volunteered in the Service of the United States in the fall of 1781 in the County of Randolph State of North Caroline under Capt. Elija Williams [Elijah Williams] and Colonel Belford [Andrew Balfour] the names of the other officers he cannot recollect owing to his old age and bad memory we marched in the said fall of 1781 after the Tories from the said County of Randolph to More County [Moore County] in the State of North Caroline aforesaid we there remained one month watching the movements of the Tories and from there we returned to the said County of Randolph we were then discharged by our said Captain for the space of three days and that in the meantime that we were discharged by our Captain the Tories returned to the said County of Randolph and killed our Colonel. We then returned and on pursuit of them the Tories and followed them back to the said County of Moore and followed them back and forward for the space of two months after our said three days of discharge during all which time we served three months. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity of pension except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

Sworn and subscribed in open
Court the day and year aforesaid
S/ Eli Murphy, Clk

S/ Rodrick Craig, X his mark

Whereupon the Court propounded the following interrogatories to the applicant.

Ques. Where and in what year were you born

Ans: I was born in England in the year 1750.

Ques: Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live.

Ans. I was living in the State of North Caroline when called into service and remained there for ten or twelve years after the Revolutionary War and from there moved to the State of Ohio and there remained for sixteen years and from there removed to Henry County, Indiana and

have there remained ever since.

Ques. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom.

Ans. I was a volunteer in Capt. Williams Company

Ques. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served and such Continental and Militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your services.

Ans. Our officers were Capt. Elija Williams & Col. Belford & the general Circumstances of my service is stated in my declaration

Q: Did you ever receive a discharge from service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it.

Ans. I rec'd nothing but a verbal discharge

Ques. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood who can testify to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

Ans. There are John Coburn, William Hiatt and the neighborhood besides.

We John Coulburn, a Clergymen resident in the said County of Henry and William Hiatt a resident of the same place hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Rodrick Craig who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be the 84 years of age, that he is accepted and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution and that we concur in that opinion

S/ John Cobern

S/ William Hiatt

[Facts in file: The veteran died prior to October 1854, leaving children; date of his death and names of his wife and children not given in any of the documents in this file.]