

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Crane (Crain) R2429

Elizabeth Crane

f38NC

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State of North Carolina Rutherford County: Court of Pleas & Order Sessions January Sessions
1833

On this __day of January 1833 appeared in open Court before the justices of pleas & quarter Sessions in and for said County William Crane a resident of Rutherford County in the State of North Carolina aged eighty-four 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers & served as herein stated.

He entered the service of the United States in the Spring of 1781 in Tryon County North Carolina (now Rutherford County) enlisted under Captain Johnson [probably Levi Johnson of the 1st Spartan Regiment of light dragoons], Lieutenant Samuel Jackson a cavalry company in the Regiment of Colonel Middleton [Charles Myddleton] marched to Brown's old field in South Carolina on the Congaree River after remaining there for some time marched to Camden in the same State, from there to Orangeburg in the same State from thence to the place called the four hole bridge, thence back to Orangeburg & was there dismissed after having served ten months & received a written discharge from Captain Waters [Philemon Waters]. The Regiment that he served in formed a part of the Army of General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] – He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, & he declares, that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier & served as he states.

Sworn to in open Court 14th of January 1833

S/ Theo. F. Birchett, Clk

S/ William Crane, X his mark

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Charles Thompson¹ a resident of Lincoln County, North Carolina, swears that he was acquainted with William Crane in the War of the Revolution & has been acquainted with him ever since &

¹ [Charles Thompson W11624](#)

that he served with him as a listed soldier under the same officers that he states he served under in the foregoing declaration, for the space of ten months, & knows his statement as to his service there set forth is true.

Sworn to in open Court 14 January 1833

S/ Theo. F. Birchett, Clk

S/ Charles Tomson, X his mark

State of North Carolina Rutherford County: On this 8th day of June A.D. 1833

Personally appeared before me an acting justice of the peace in and for the County of Rutherford & State of North Carolina William Crane a resident of said County of Rutherford, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration amendatory of his former declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

He states that he is unable by means of old age and bodily infirmity to travel to the Courthouse without subjecting himself to hazard and inconvenience, as he lives at a distance of twenty-five miles from the Courthouse – That in addition to the service before mentioned he served two Tours of six months against the Indians in Rutherford County then Tryon County under Captain Samuel Hunter in the years as well as he recollects of 1776 & 1777 he was mostly at a place called Russells Station on Broad River, that the reason of his not mentioning this Service in his former declaration was that he did not know that he was entitled to a pension ~~against~~ for his service against the Indians – That he was born in Virginia Culpeper County in the year 1748.² That he has no record of his age only ascertains his age from memory being told by his parents. That he was living in Tryon County North Carolina when called into service (now Rutherford County) that he lived three or four years in the same County after the close of the Revolution he then removed to Pendleton District South Carolina where he lived for twenty-seven years that he then removed back to Rutherford County in the year 1807 or 1808 where he has lived ever since and where he now lives. That he volunteered for the two tours before mentioned against the Indians, and that he enlisted under Lieutenant Samuel Jackson in the company of Captain Johnson in the Regiment of Colonel Middleton, who formed a part of General Sumter's Army. That he was acquainted with Colonel Thomas [John Thomas], Colonel Middleton, Colonel Waters [Philemon Waters], Captain Waters, Major Baker, & General Sumter. That he never had any written discharge but was discharged verbally or if he did receive a written discharge he does not now recollect. That he is acquainted with John Howell & Charles Collins who live in his present neighborhood & who can testify as to his character for veracity and give their belief as to his services as a soldier of the revolution and that there is no

² Veteran is responding to the War Department regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5th 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.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

clergyman in his neighborhood.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John L. Gladden, JP

S/ William Crain, X his mark

[John Howell & James Collins gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 14: on February 13, 1846 in Cleveland County North Carolina, Elizabeth Crane, aged 8? [last digit written over and obliterated] filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of William Crane, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$41.66 per annum; that she married him sometime in the year 1789; that her husband William Crane died July 10, ~~1835~~¹⁸³⁶ and that she remains his widow.]

[p 18: on February 28, 1846 in Cleveland County North Carolina, Margaret Bailey gave an affidavit in support of the application made by Elizabeth Crane in which the affiant states that she is sure William and Elizabeth Crane were married prior to January 1794 because she herself was married in 1792 and at the time of her marriage she is certain that Elizabeth Crane had two or three children.]

[p 23: on February four, 1847 in Cleveland County North Carolina, Elizabeth Crane, 81, made another application for a widow's pension as the widow of William Crane; in this application she states that she married her husband sometime in the year 1785 and that her husband died July 10th, 1837; that she does of no record of her marriage to William Crane.]

[p 34: On September 7th 1846 in Cleveland County North Carolina, Samuel Bailey gave testimony that he was acquainted with William and Elizabeth Crane; that he knows they were married prior to his own marriage which took place on June 18, 1792; at the time of affiant's marriage, Mrs. Crane had several children, "James, Polly &c."; that he has a record of the data his marriage in a family Bible said record having been made years ago by one John Lusk.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$41.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 10 months service as a private of cavalry in the North Carolina militia.]