

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Stephen Crain W9823

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State of South Carolina Chester District: On this 6th day of April 1833 personally appeared before me Peter Wylie Judge of the Court of Ordinary of Chester District Stephen Crain of the District & State aforesaid, aged going in his 73rd year; 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 the 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States about the middle or 25th day of April in the year 1781. Being drafted for one-year in the County of Halifax in the State of North Carolina (being as he thinks what was called the North Carolina New Levies). Was placed under Captain Edward Yarborough, Colonel Dickson, (he thinks Winn Dickson<sup>1</sup>) & Major Raiford & Dunnahoo [sic, Thomas Donoho] was clothed in the regular Uniform of the United States and was immediately after Cornwallis passed through Halifax Town, (he having been nearly captured by the British Troops at that place) marched to South Carolina & joined General Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] Army below Camden, about the High Hills of Santee. From thence the Army crossed the River & at the Battle of the Eutaw [sic, Eutaw Springs], he was sent back to guard the Baggage at Thomson's Fort. And after the Battle was marched back to the High Hills. Afterwards was marched down the country & continued in the service is full twelve months and some days over. And was discharged at Beacons Bridge [sic, Bacons Bridge] in South Carolina about the first of May 1782 by Colonel Harden Murphey [sic, Hardy Murfree]. That he then returned home to Halifax County North Carolina with others of the troops that served with him & was discharged at the same time. That the said discharge is lost or mislaid, so that he cannot tell at this time what is become of it. And that he knows of no person now living in this part of the Country that can testify to his Services except Reuben Bennett of Lancaster District in this State, who served with him in the same service. But expects that his name can be found on the Rolls of that time in the War Office, if they have been preserved. That Lewis Ballard late of Camden in this State, was his messmate in the said service but is now dead. That he also knew Captain Benjamin Carter in the service, who has since resided in Camden, & is now dead. So that he knows of no other testimony at present that he can obtain but the said Reuben Bennett.<sup>2</sup> That after he returned

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<sup>1</sup> Wynne Dixon never obtained the rank of colonel in the Continental Army to my knowledge. Consequently, I think the Colonel referred to would be Colonel Henry Dixon.

<sup>2</sup> [Reuben Bennett S18714](#)

home from the said service he resided in the said Halifax County & Warren County in North Carolina, until about the year 1806. And then removed to the State of South Carolina & District of Chester where he now resides.

And that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State or of the United States.

Sworn & subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court before  
S/ Peter Wylie, J.C.O.C.D. S/ Stephen Crain, X his mark

To the first interrogatory he answers

I believe I was born in the State of Virginia on Fleets Point at the mouth of Little WeCommoco [sic, Wicomico] River

2<sup>nd</sup> Ans. I have no record of my age only of memory from the information of my friends.

3<sup>rd</sup> Ans. I lived in Halifax County North Carolina & continued to live there & in Warren until the year 1806 when I removed to South Carolina, Chester District where I now live.

4<sup>th</sup> Ans. I was drafted for one-year. I suppose to fill up the North Carolina Continental line.

5<sup>th</sup> Ans. In addition to the names stated in my Declaration I knew General Green & General Sumner having seen them often when in Service. Major Blunt [sic, Blount], Captain Roads [sic, Rhodes], Lieutenant or Ensign Hill, and Adjutant William Bush, with a number of others

6<sup>th</sup> Ans. I have stated in my declaration that I was discharged by Colonel Hardin Murphy & that it is lost or misplaced, so that I cannot tell what has become of it.

7<sup>th</sup> Ans. As I have removed from the State where I lived, there is no person here that I know of that can testify to my services except Reuben Bennett of Lancaster District who was in the same service with me. And as to the general circumstances of my services, I have already stated them in my declaration. And can get any necessary number of my neighbors can testify to the veracity of my character.

[fn p. 32: The Reverend Samuel McCreary gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 12: on April fourth, 1846 in Chester District South Carolina, Hugh McLure, filed a claim on behalf of himself and the rest of the heirs for benefits due under the 1838 act to Mary Crain who was the widow of Stephen Crain; that he is the son-in-law and executor of the last will and testament of the widow; and that Stephen and Mary Crane were married September 9th, 1782; that Stephen Crain died March 29th 1834; that Mary Crane died June 18th 1845; that she remained a widow from the time of the death of her husband until her own death; in support of his claim he submits the family record in the handwriting of James Heath; that the heirs of Mary Crane our Sarah McCulla, Mary Heath, Margaret McLure & James Crane and that they all reside in Chester district except Mary Heath who is a resident of Alabama; that all of the heirs are of full age.]

[fn p. 15: family record]

Stephen Crain was married in the 26 year of his age to Mary Brinkley on the 9th of September 1782

Sarah Crain the Daughter of Stephen & Mary Crain was born the 26th June A.D. 1785

William Crain the Son of Stephen & Mary Crain was born the 14th May 1787

John Crain the Son of Stephen & Mary Crain was born the 2nd December 1789

Jas [?] Crain the Son of Stephen & Mary Crain Was Born the 2nd May 1792

Stephen Crain the Son of Stephen & Mary Crain Was Born the 24th of July 1795  
Mary Crain the Daughter of Stephen and Mary Crain Was Born the 16th of April 1798  
Isaac Crain the Son of Stephen & Mary Crain Was Born the [Illegible] February 1801

[fn p. 22]

State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify, that it appears by the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State that Stephen Crain a private in Captain Yarborough's Company of the 10th Regiment, enlisted in 1781 for 12 months, and that his time was out on the 22nd April 1782.

Given under my hand this 28th day of August 1833.

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a 12-months private in the North Carolina Continental line.]