

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Asa Crabb R2416

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State of Georgia, Henry County

On this the second day of July 1838 personally appeared in open Court before the Inferior Court of said County (being a Court of Record) now sitting Asa Crabb a resident of the County of Henry and the State of Georgia aged seventy-eight years on the twenty-fifth day of March last past 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service some time in the month of January or February 1780 (the precise day not recollected) as a substitute for Joseph Ray who was drafted for the time of six months but now thinks that he was discharged some three or four weeks before the expiration of the said term – that at the time he entered the service he was a citizen of Columbia County State of Georgia and during that service was stationed at a place in said County of Columbia called “Head of White Oak” under the command of Captain Story and Colonel Benjamin Few. That he was during that service engaged in no regular Battle but was merely stationed there as a guard that is the company to which he belonged were stationed there we as such and for the purpose of forming scouting parties to prevent the incursions of the Indians and Tories on the frontiers – and from that service he received a written discharge in the name of said Joseph Ray and when he returned home gave it up to the said Ray.

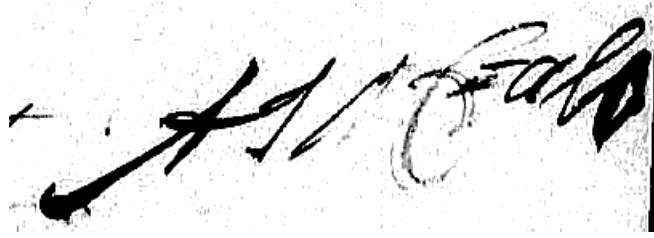
That on the 20th day of August 1781 a draft was ordered in the County of Colombia aforesaid and two of his brothers having been drafted he felt loath to see them leave him, and volunteered as one of the company (which took place a few days after the draft) – he was then ordered to Savannah State of Georgia and remained there during the service which he performed – under the command of Captain Ignatius Few – Colonel Benjamin Few and General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] – as chief commander. After his term of service had expired he was marched back to Augusta Georgia and on the twenty-fourth day of April 1784 received a written discharge bearing date the day last mentioned signed by the said Ignatius Few Captain & which he now has in his possession. That during the last mentioned service he was engaged in no noted battle. That he served as a private altogether. That he now knows of no person living by whom he can prove his service and presumes that his written discharge is the best evidence that he can procure.

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 and assigns the two following as reasons why he has not applied at an earlier date for a pension --
First – that he had a written discharge but had mislaid it and could not find it until recently – and without it he was fearful that he could not make satisfactory proof of his service – And secondly and principally because he has heretofore had a competence for his support by which he could live comfortably without a Pension but now having found his written discharge and having by misfortune lost the greater part of his property, he is now induced to make this application.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Abel A. Lemon, JIC

S/ Asa Crabb

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Asa Crabb', written over a circular stamp or seal. The signature is slanted and somewhat cursive.

S/ H. J. Williams, JIC

S/ John T. Bentley, JIC

[William A. Callaway, a clergyman, Burton Crabb, & James Love gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Questions propounded and answers to the same

1st: When and in what year were you born?

I was born in Halifax County State of North Carolina on the 25th day of March 1760.

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

I have the Record of my age in my father's old family Bible, and it is now in my possession.

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

I lived in Columbia County when called into the service and most of the time since the close of the war – a small part of my time recently I have lived in Newton County but now in Henry County State of Georgia.

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

The first term of my service which was nearly six months I was a substitute for Joseph Ray. The remainder of my service I was a volunteer though attached to a drafted company.

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.

General Wayne, Colonel Benjamin Few and Captain Ignatius Few, are the only officers that I can now distinctly recollect – and the general circumstances of my service are stated as distinctly as I can recollect in the foregoing declaration.

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

I received a written discharge given by Captain Ignatius Few and I now have it in my possession.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

William A. Calloway and Burton Crabb, James Love

“State of Georgia, Richmond County

This is to certify, that Asa Crabb hath steadfastly done his duty, from the time of passing an act at Augusta, to wit, on the 20th of August, 1781, until the total expulsion of the British from this state; and that the said Asa Crabb cannot, to my knowledge or belief, be convicted of plundering or distressing the country; and is therefore, under the said Act, entitled to a Bounty of 250 acres of good Land, free from taxes 14 years.

Given under my hand at Augusta the 24th day of April 1784.

S/ Ignatius Few, Capt.”

STATE OF GEORGIA.

Richmond County

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and is therefore, under the said Act, entitled to a
Bounty of Two Hundred and fifty Acres of good
Land, free from taxes for ten years.

Given under my hand, at

twenty fourth day of

Augusta the
April 1784.

Equatius Jew.
Capt.

[p 7: On December 12, 1853 in Polk County, Georgia, Burton Crabb, 60, son of Asa Crabb filed a petition stating that his father, Asa, died in Polk (then Pauling) County on January 3, 1846; survived by his wife Theriba Crabb who he married in 1824 and who died in 1852, and by Benjamin Crabb, Rebecca who intermarried with John Mitchell, Samuel Crabb, William D. Crabb and applicant.

Burton Crabb]