

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Crabtree R2419

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At a Special Term of the County Commissioners Court of Montgomery County Illinois begun and held on the 24th day of October A.D. 1835

On this 24th day of October A.D. 1835 personally appeared in open Court, before the County Commissioners of Montgomery County now sitting, John Crabtree, a resident of South District in said County of Montgomery and State of Illinois aged 71 or 72 years and nearly 5 months, 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He entered the service under Captain Edward Williams as a Militia man & was sometimes under Colonels Lopp [John Lopp] & Littrell [sic, John Luttrell] in Randolph County in the State of North Carolina, in the spring of 1780 as he believes, and served twelve months in succession in Tours of three months each. That he again entered immediately under Captain John Knight in the same kind of service that is militia, and served under said Knight twelve months also in tours of three months each making in all two full years Service as a militia man & was discharged from the said service in the same County viz. Randolph County North Carolina, in the spring of 1782. He marched against the Tories in the Counties of Randolph, Guilford & Rowan he had to battles with the Tories, both in the Lower end of Randolph County – his services were entirely confined to the service against the Tories in North Carolina. He was not acquainted with any General Officer, as he served in detached Company generally, he has no documentary evidence neither does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service.

I John Crabtree do hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

(Interrogatories to the said John Crabtree)

Question Where and in what year were you born

Answer. I was born in Randolph County North Carolina on the 31st day of May in the year 1763 or 1764.

Question. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have none.

Question. Where were you living when called into the service where have you lived since the

Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. I lived in Randolph County North Carolina when called into the service. I have lived since the Revolution in North Carolina, a short time in South Carolina, 30 years in Kentucky in Muhlenberg County, and I now live in Montgomery County in the State of Illinois.

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

Answer. I entered as a volunteer Militia man and so continued.

Question. State the names of some of the regular Officers who were with the Troops where you served. Such Continental & Militia regiments as you can recollect and the General Circumstances of your service

Answer. I was acquainted with none of the regular officers my service was confined to the Militia & that in detached Companies after the Tories, neither was any Regiment in company but our own Troops we being sometimes under Colonels Lopp & Littrell but mostly in detached companies after the Tories

Question. Did you receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given & what has become of it?

Answer. I received discharges every three months signed by Captain Williams, the first year of my service, and by Captain night the second year, but I got them all burnt when my House was burnt many years ago in South Carolina.

Question. 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, your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Answer. I am acquainted with the Reverend John Jordan and William Jordan.

S/ John Crabtree

A rectangular image showing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Crabtree". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. A small superscripted "1" is located at the end of the signature.

[John Jordan, a clergyman, and William Jordan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

¹ The veteran's the signature is in the identical handwriting with the balance of the application. This leads me to believe that it is not his actual signature but rather an indication by the scribe that the veteran signed the document with his mark.