

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Craig R2426

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State of Tennessee Morgan County:

On this the 15th day of March 1839 personally appeared before me Thomas Jack a Justice of the peace for said County, Barbary Craig a Resident citizen of the County of Morgan State of Tennessee she being aged seventy-seven years from her best calculation having no record of her age who being first duly sworn for that purpose according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836, that she is the widow of John Craig deceased who was a private soldier in the Army of the Revolution and entered service of the United States according to her best knowledge and belief as a soldier under Colonel Shelby as a volunteer some time in the summer of 1780 as to the Captain she is not prepared to state his name, not being certain that she has in particular ever heard her said husband state the name of his husband in his first service, but of the Colonel she distinctly recollects that he served under Colonel Shelby, that she in fact knew of her said husband being in the said service at the time of his being in service from Report having a knowledge of his starting into the same and returning from the neighborhood, having engaged in the service near the edge of Washington and Sullivan Counties now East Tennessee [sic, then North Carolina], that her said husband served according to her best knowledge, and believe six months service under Colonel Shelby the fall and summer previous to her marriage to him in Sullivan County Tennessee during which time he was in the battle at Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] and ranging after the Indians whether her husband ever had a written discharge from said service or not she does not recollect of hearing him say, nor does she recollect as to the precise time of his beginning or quitting said service. She states that she was married to her said husband in Sullivan County East Tennessee by Squire Gilbert Christy in Sullivan County on the first day of January 1881 [sic, 1781] and some time about three months after her marriage, her husband volunteered in the Indian service under Captain John Miller and under Gilbert Christy as a Ranger and ranged the frontiers of Virginia and North Carolina and down to the Holston River, She believes was in no Battle, but buried some for [? four? or few?] white persons that had been killed by the Indians and continued in service nine months until after her oldest child was born, to wit, Thomas Craig . She has no recollection of his saying that he had a written discharge. She states she has no record nor Documentary Evidence of her said marriage, nor of his service. She has no doubt she can prove by her husband's intimate acquaintance that he was understood and believed by all his intimate acquaintance to have been a Revolutionary Soldier, and that he was respected as a man of truth and that the subject of his being in the battle at of Kings Mountain and an Indian soldier, and of the officers, to wit, Shelby, Miller and Christie word the subject of his most social and friendly conversations, that her said husband the said John Craig lived with her until his death and died in Morgan County Tennessee on the 15th day

of October 1828 with old age and a kind of stomach debility, that she has remained a widow ever since his death as will more fully appear from reference to the proof hereunto annexed, she states she is unable to labor will go to a neighbor house and has been on the charity of the County for some months. She knows of no person by whom she can prove his service.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year above mentioned before me

S/ Thomas Jack, JP

S/ Barbary Craig, X her mark

[Thomas Adcock and Archible Adcock [Archibald Adcock?] gave a supporting affidavit. In their affidavit they state that Thomas Craig, the son of Barbary Craig is deceased and died" some years after his said father."]