

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lewis Crane R2450

Sophia Crane

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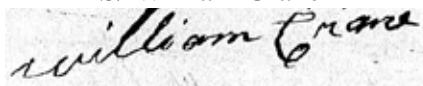
State of Alabama, Pike County

On this 10th day of May in the year 1852 before the Probate Court in and for said County the same being a Court of Record, and so declared by the Law creating it, personally appeared in open Court William Crane a resident of said County aged 83 years, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the Acts of Congress passed July 4th, 1836 and July 7th, 1838 and acts amendatory thereof – that he is a Son of Lewis Crane, who was a private in the war of the Revolution and served as such two years – that he entered the Service about the time of the Siege of Augusta in the State of Georgia – that he was under Captain Morrison and Captain Ellison or Allison and under Colonel Jackson, but he is unable to State how long he served under each, that he does not know in what State he entered the Service, nor by what State the officers aforesaid were Commissioned and employed that said Lewis Crane died in the State of Georgia about the first day of December in the year 1809 – that said Lewis Crane left a widow whose name was Sophia and that Said widow also died the 15th day of June and year 1840. That Lewis Crane and Sophia were married in the State of North Carolina but this affiant is not able to State in what County – that he is informed and verily believes they were married as early as the year 1765 that her name before her marriage [was] Sophia Leggett – that when said widow died she left two children and heirs and whose names are Jemima Smith and William Crane this applicant – and that he makes this Declaration for the purpose of obtaining for himself and the said Jemima the pension due their mother when she died.

Sworn to & Subscribed in Open Court This 10th Day of May 1852.

S/ Bird Fitzpatrick, Judge of Probate

S/ William Crane



[Thomas Smith gave a supporting affidavit.]

“State of Georgia, Richmond County

This is to certify, That Lewis Crane hath steadfastly done his duty, from the time of passing of an Act at Augusta to wit: on the 20th of August 1781 until the total Expulsion of the British from this State; and the said Lewis Crane 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 for 10 years.

Given under my hand at Pleasant Hill the 26th day of March 1784.

S/ G. C. Lee, Col.”

Executive Department GA

Milledgeville February 18, 1852

I William Steele, Secretary of the Executive Department of Georgia, do hereby certify the above

to be a true and correct copy of Original Certificate which is of file in this Department.

Given under my hand and Seal of the Executive Department on this the 18th day of February
A.D. 1852

S/ Wm. Steele
Secretary Executive Department Ga.

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State of Georgia

To the Honorable the President and the Members of Council, now Sitting in Augusta for the
Purpose of granting Lands in the two new Counties of Franklin and Washington.

The Petition of Lewis Craine [sic] a Citizen of the State aforesaid, Showeth,

That your Petitioner is entitled to 287 ½ Acres of Land, as a Bounty for his Services, pursuant to
the Certificate hereunto annexed. That your Petitioner is desirous of taking up the said Lands in the
County of Washington.

May it therefore please your Honorable Board to grant your Petitioner 287 ½ acres of land in
the County of Washington, on the Right aforesaid, and on his complying with the terms mentioned in
the late Land Act; and your Petitioner will pray.

S/ Lewis Craine [sic]

[The above document is certified as a true copy in the records at the Executive Department for the state
of Georgia, said certificate being dated February 23rd, 1852.]

[p 16: On December 19, 1851 in Pike County Alabama, Thomas Smith gave testimony that he is about
87 years of age; that he 1st knew Lewis and Sophia Crane about 1777; that they were living together as
husband and wife; that they lived in Wilkes County, State of Georgia; that according to information
Lewis and Sophia crane were married as early as 1765 in the State of North Carolina; that the affiant's
"acquaintance with the children of William Crane and Jemima Smith took place about the same time as
it did with their father and mother and they appeared to be about seven or eight years of age"; that
Lewis Crane died in Georgia in 1809; that Sophia crane died in 1840 on the 15th day of June according
to the affiant's best recollection; that affiant had heard Lewis Crane say that he served in the
revolutionary war and was at the siege of Augusta. The Affiant signed his affidavit with his mark.]