

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Daniel Cremer R2477

Sarah Cremer

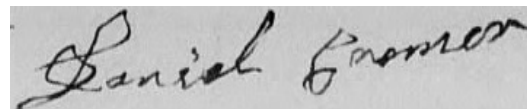
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Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Tennessee } On this 5th day of September 1833 personally appeared in open Court
Green [sic: Greene] County } before the Honorable the Judge of the Circuit Court of Law & Equity for
the County aforesaid Daniel Creamer a resident of said County & State aged seventy six years past who
being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to
obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed the 7th June 1833 [sic: 1832]. made & subscribed and was
sworn to the following declaration towit. That he served in the revolutionary army & war under the
officers herein after named & at the time stated. That he was born in the County of York State of
Pennsylvania in March 1757 but has no record of his age but saw the same some years since in a family
bible of his fathers then in the possession of his brother in the State of Ohio. That his father removed
when declarant was very young to the County of Frederick in the State of Maryland where he resided
until the commencement of the war and until the year 1776 when in the month of January of said year [sic]
he was drafted to perform a tour of duty in the Maryland militia, for a tour of three months & enrolled
under Cap'n Peter Swingly and under the command of Col James Smith, was marched from Washington
County Maryland (Washington having been struck off from Frederick County) to Morristown New Jersey
where was the main Army under G'l George Washington, at that time the British was at Brunswick, and
during the time declarant was under G'l Washington at Morristown the army had s'd place for winters
quarters [winter of 1779-80] & there he remained until the expiration of his three months, when he was
discharged verbally by said Cap'n Swingly and he returned home, through Philadelphia Lancaster &
little york.

Again in the year 1778 or 9 the precise year not recollected he volunteered for six months under one
Cap'n John Lee to perform a tour of duty but was put to the task of transporting continental stores from
Williamsport (alias Watkins's Ferry to old town & continued on that service for the term of time for
which he engaged was verbally discharged by his said Captain.

Again in the year 1781 he was called upon to perform a tour of duty for three months against Cornwallis,
was under Edward Davis but after being some time in service he hired a substitute to serve out his term
of time & did not perform the tour in person thinks one month of the Tour he performed That in putting
the substitute as before stated in his place, lastly mentioned he travelled to the frontiers of Virginia &
there volunteered to go a tour of duty against the Cherokees in the frontier of North Carolina now East
Tennessee. He entered under Capn Jacob Brown & marched against the Indians, and killed & took
prisoners some Indians on French Broad near where Newport now stands & drove the Indians & after
being out some time say about half month returned home after being verbally discharged. this service
was in the spring of 1781 and about the time of Cornwallis's capture [sic: captured at Yorktown 19 Oct
1781]. That in the four several tours he served ten months and half in person & the residue of his services
were in detached & irregular Indian expeditions not taken into the account, for which ten months & half
claims to be pensioned, that his name is not on the roll of the agency of any state, nor has he any
documentary evidence in his power nor does he know of any person by whom he can establish his said
services but that Alexander Brown and David Rankin are persons known to him & he to them & by whom
he can establish the reputation of his said services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a
pension except the present. That there is no minister of the gospel in his vicinity by whom he can
establish the facts required by the regulations of the War Department.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel Creamer". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

NOTE: On 27 April 1840 Sarah Cremer, aged about 70 and too incapacitated to attend either court or church, applied for a pension stating that as Sarah Wilson she married Daniel Cremer in Greene County on 9 Dec 1790, and after raising six children he died on 3 April 1840. The file includes a copy of a bond signed on 7 Dec 1790 by Daniel Cremer and William Caldwell for the marriage of Cremer to Sarah Wilson. Her application was rejected because she was not a widow at the time the law under which she applied was passed. The file includes a letter dated 4 Nov 1852 referring to a claim by Polly Cremer, by consent of her brothers, for pension thought owed to her parents, Daniel and Sarah Cremer. The letter states that Sarah Cremer died 29 June 1840. Another document states that five children survived her.