

State of Tennessee } County court of Williamson County
Williamson County } August term 1848

on this 7th day of August 1848 in open court in the court aforesaid, personally appeared Nathaniel B. Smithson Senior aged seventy five years, (and is a citizen of Williamson county) who being first sworn according to law, doth on his oath state as follows, that about eighteen years ago in Williamson county affiant with one Drury Harrell, (who was a soldier of the revolutionary war) say, that he said Daniel Crenshaw did serve one tour with him said Harrell in the revolutionary war. Affiant states that he believes the tour to which said Harrell alluded to was a tour of six months. Affiant states that he after the declaration aforesaid read by said Harrell, heard him say many times, that he said Daniel Crenshaw did serve with him said Harrell one tour in the revolutionary war. Affiant states that he said Harrell was a man of standing and credit, and a man of truth. Affiant states that the Daniel Crenshaw of whom said Harrell spoke the words aforesaid was the same Daniel Crenshaw who was in his lifetime the husband of Nancy Crenshaw who is an applicant for a pension in this case. He states that said Drury Harrell is dead, and has been been for several years. Nathaniel hisXmark B Smithson

State of Tennessee } County court of the county of Williamson in the state aforesaid at
Williamson County } August term 1848 on this 7th day of August 1848 in open court personally appeared Nathaniel Crenshaw aged forty-four years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statement. That about ten years ago in Williamson county he heard George Andrews frequently say that Daniel Crenshaw did go out two times, into service and did serve two tours in the revolutionary war. He states that sd Andrews was at that time an old man, old enough from his appearance to have been a soldier of the revolution himself. And in one of said conversations, with affiant, said Andrews informed affiant, he sd Andrews, was a near neighbour of said Daniel Crenshaw, at the time, he went out and served the two tours above mentioned. Affiant states he was intimately acquainted with sd Andrews and that he was a man of truth and entitled to credit as to any statement he would make. He states that sd George Andrews informed affiant that sd Daniel Crenshaw performed sd two tours of service at the same time that A brother of his named, John Andrews [pension application S2908] was out in sd service and refered affiant to sd John Andrews for information. And but a short time, afterwards affiant went to sd John Andrews to get sd information from him. And sd John Andrews informed affiant, that he said Daniel Crenshaw did serve with him said John Andrews tow tours in the revolutionary war. Affiant states that he sd John Andrews was at the time he had the conversation aforesaid with him drawing a pension from the Government of the United States. He states he was very well acquainted with the character and standing of sd John Andrews. And he was a man of truth and entitled to credit. Affiant states sd George Andrews has been dead six or more years. And John Andrews died eight or nine years ago [signed] N. Crenshaw

NOTE: A letter from the Pension Office objected to Nancy Crenshaw's claim on the grounds that Virginia militiamen were drafted for tours no longer than three months, (although, in fact, drafted militiamen were often kept in service for longer periods.) On 18 Sep 1852 Nancy Crenshaw assigned power of attorney to pursue her claim to a pension, adding that after her marriage to Daniel Crenshaw they lived in Lunenburg County for 24 years before moving to Williamson County. Her application was never approved, mainly because of insufficient proof of Daniel Crenshaw's service, and inquiries were still being made on Nancy Crenshaw's account as late as 28 April 1856.

The family record is transcribed as follows:
Daniel Crenshaw and Nancy jenning was married 2th of july 1789
Cornelous crenshaw wa[s] Born may 12th 1790
Catie[?] Crenshaw was Born july 6th 1792
Polly Jennings Crensh[aw] Was born October 25th 1794

