

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Richard Hazelwood Crittenden R2491 Sally Crittenden VA
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State of Indiana } Sct
Bartholomew County }

On this twelfth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in the Probate Court in and for said County now open and held before the Hon William S. Jones Judge thereof, and being a Court of record and now sitting, Richard Crittenden a resident of the township of Columbus in the County of Bartholomew and State of Indiana aged seventy one years, who first being 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.

That on the 15th day of March in the year 1778 [sic] then about 17 years he was a substitute for his father, in Virginia line who had been previously drafted in the Company commanded by James Dilyard, or Dillard [James Dillard], Lieut William Martin, Col. Patrick Rose [probably Hugh Rose] and served three months and was during that time in the battle at Guilford Courthouse [15 Mar 1781], Genl Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] was commander in chief at that battle.

In August afterwards of the August subsequent my memory does not now directly[?] serve me, I was drafted for Eighteen months by Col. Witholm Cavell [sic: Nicholas Cabell] who was then as he beliees was then Col. of the Regiment within whose County and whose bounds he then lived in Amherst County, State of Virginia and served the said Eighteen months. I was in the company of Isaac Rucker, the name of the Ensign or Lieut is not now recollected, but thinks Gidion Cruiks [possibly Gideon Crews] was Lieut, but does not certainly know. In this service was in the battle of the Island ford of the Big Catawba [see endnote]. he served the Eighteen Months aforesaid.

Three months before Cornrallis was taken at the seige of Yorktown (Virginia) [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781] he was drafted, and was in the company of Capt. Charles Christian, Lieut. & Ensign not recollected. In this last service he does not recollect his Col. Lieut or Ensign, but Gen'l. Washington & Green were pesent [see endnote], and Col Ballet[?] at the Battle of Yorktown. He had an honourble discharge for each of the above services, but had them all burnt up with his house in the year 1789. In answer to qestians asked by the Court, he makes the following answs, to wit. Was born in Charles City County, Virginia, in the year 1761, & has a record of his age under my fathers hands in the bible of my father which I have now in my possession which is now in my possession. When first called into service was living in Amherst County in Virginia. He has lived since the Revolutionary War five years in Fen Castle, Bottaentut Co. [sic: Fincastle in Botetourt County] Virginia, one year in Salem North Carolina, then in Union Co. South Carolina nine years then in Kentucky twenty odd years the exact number not recollected, then In Indiana Bartholomew County six years where he now resides. He knows of no other person by whom he can prove his services. He is known to the Rev'd Joseph Pawnal and [blank] He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of and State or Territory

[signed?] R Crittenden

On this 15th day of May in the year 1833 personally appeared before me William Chapman a Justice of the peace in and for Bartholomew County and state of Indiana, Richard Crittenden, a Resident of said County, and being duly sworn according to law maketh the following additional declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That as stated by him in his declaration made on the 12st day of November 1832 and herewith returned, on the 15th day of March in the year 1778

being then about 17 years he became a substitute as a private soldier for his father in the Virginia State line of troops, his father having been previously drafted as a private soldier in the Company by James Dilyard, or Dillard, William Martin Leut. Col. Patrick Rose commanded the Regiment to which his company belonged and he served three months, and was during this service in the battle of Guilford Courthouse, Genl. Green was commander in that battle In the month of August in the year 1778 he was drafted as a private soldier for the term of eighteen months in the same line of troops, by Col. Nicholas Cavell, and served as a private soldier for and during eighteen months. then next following, in a company commanded by Capt. Isaac Parker, the names of his Leiut. and Ensign are not remembered, but he thinks the name of the Leiut. was Gideon Cruise. During this service he was in the battle of Island Ford and Big Catawba. In the month of July, the day of the month he cannot remember, but thinks it was before the 20th of the month, he was again drafted as a private soldier in the same line of troops and served three months in a company commanded by Capt. Charles Christian, but cannot remember the names of his Leeut. or Ensign, nor does he remember the name of his Col. In this service he was in the batele of York-town, which was commenced on the 9th October 1781, and Cornwallis capitulated on the 19th. Genl. Washington and Genl. Greene was both present during this battle. After the battle he voluntarily remained eight days at the request of his officers, which was several days longer period than he was drafted for. At the expiration of each of his terms aforesaid he received an honourable discharge. for the last tour his discharge by Gen'l. Washington, as he believes. They were all burnt together with his house in the year 1789. During the War while yet a minor he was drafted for the term of Eighteen months besides the service aforesaid, but his father hired a substitute, but he is informed he can receive no benefit from the service of a sustitute. Rich'd. Crittenden [signature does not match previous one]

NOTES:

Island Ford is on Broad River at Cliffside NC. No battle is known to have occurred there. On Catawba River at Cowan's Ford there was a skirmish on 1 Feb 1781, but Virginia troops were apparently not involved.

There was no General Green or Greene at the Siege of Yorktown.

On 9 Oct 1843 Sally Crittenden, 70, applied for a pension as "the widow of Richard Crittenden who was a second Lieutenat in the army of the Revolution" and a pensioner. She stated that she married Richard Crittenden on 12 Feb 1789, and he died on 22 June 1841. Martha Lemaster, formerly Martha Tanner, the mother of Sally Crittenden, stated that Richard and Sally Crittenden were married at the house of, Josiah Tanner, in Spartanburg County SC. A letter dated 15 May 1844 states that Mrs. Lemaster was married to Josiah Tanner on 1 Dec 1771. On 30 June 1845 Patsy Tanner, 68 on the following 7 Aug, stated that she had witnessed the marriage of her sister, Sally, to Richard Crittenden about four years before her own marriage on 12 Jan 1793 to Lucius Tanner.

Richard H. Crittenden, Jr. and Mary W. Singer certified that the first family record transcribed below was removed from "a very old Testament" that belonged to Richard and Sally Crittenden, and that the copy was made in their presence.

Matthew taner Crittenden the fifth was born the 14th of January 1797

Samuel Crittenden the Sixth was born the 24th of December 1798

Martha Crittenden the Seventh and second daughter was born the 22^{Sed} of June 1801

Nancy Crittenden the Eighth & third daughter was born the 16th of August 1803

Richard Hazelwood Ju'r the Ninth was born the 7th of January 1806

then Josiah My firstborn Deces'd July 22^{Sed} 1796

And Matthew our 5th deces'd. August the 5th 1798

And Martha our 7th Deces'd December 23th 1818

James Harris[?] Singer was born July the 20th 1819

[The following is on a separate sheet and more legible:]

Richard Crittenden Was Born March [illegible]th 1761
Sally Crittenden his wife was born October 30th 1773
Was married February 12th 1789
Josiah Crittenden was Born October 24th 1789
John Crittenden was Born December 23rd 1790
Charles Crittenden Was Born January 11th 1793
Mary W Crittenden Born Dec 15th 1794
Matthew Tanner Crittenden Born January 14th 1797
Samuel Crittenden was Born December 24th 1798
Martha Crittenden Was Born June 22nd 1801
Nancy Crittenden Was Born August 16th 1803
Richard H Crittenden Born January 7th 1806

[The following is in a third handwriting:]

Richard Hazelwood Crittenden was Born march 6th 1761
Sally Crittenden his Wife Was Born October 30th 1773
Was married February 12th 1789
Was Baptised in the seperate baptist Church september 13th 1801
Josiah Crittenden the first was Born October 24th 1789
John Crittenden Born December 23rd 1790
Charles Worde Crittenden born January 11th 1793