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Pension application of Anthony Crafton S16351

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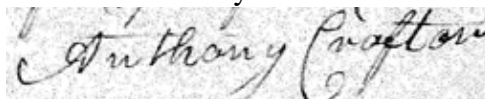
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State of Kentucky, County of Spencer

On the 10th day of September 1832, personally appearing in open Court before Justices of the County Court of Spencer County now sitting Anthony Crafton a resident in the County of Spencer and State of Kentucky, Aged Eighty five years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following Declarations in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832, that he was drafted for a three months tour of duty in the County of Lunenburg and State of Virginia in the month of May in the year of 1778 and Served the same at Portsmouth and Hampton under Josiah Morton as Captain and was discharged in the month of September in the year of 1778. He does not recollect the names of any of the officers in Service during the aforesaid expedition; also that he volunteered for a three months tour in the County of Lunenburg & State of Virginia in the month of January 1781, under Sylvester Walker as his Captain & James Speed as his Ensign, was marched toward the South, was in battle of Guilford courthouse fought on the 15 of March 1781 under General Greene [Nathanael Greene] as Commander in Chief. Recollects that General Lawson [Robert Lawson] and Colonels Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] and Washington [William Washington] were in command while he was in service, and was discharged in the month of April 1781, but can't say the day nor the place. He states that he recollects written discharge from the service aforesaid, but that they are destroyed by time and accident and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services He states he was born the county of King William in the State of Virginia in the year 1747, the month not recollected. He had a record of his age, but it has been destroyed some years since, moved from the County of King William to the County of Lunenburg in the year 1771. In the year 1784, he moved to the State of South Carolina and then moved back to the County of Charlotte State of Virginia in the year 1785, where he lived until about the year 1796 or 1797. He moved from thence to the State of Kentucky, settled in the County of Lincoln, since which time he has resided in the Counties of Lincoln, Nelson, Shelby in said state and about five months since moved into Spencer County where he now resides. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension rolls of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Anthony Crafton

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anthony Crafton". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[William Stout, a clergyman, and John Huston gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]