

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Alexander Craig S1658

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State of Tennessee Henry County

On this 5th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of Henry County now sitting Alexander Craig a resident of Henry County and State of Tennessee aged about seventy-five years who being first 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. I was drafted into service in Mecklenburg County North Carolina I think in June 17 under the command of Captain Richard Spring [Richard Springs] for the term of three months General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], Colonel Irvine [Robert Irwin], Major White [probably William White], I do not remember the name of the Lieutenant, marched to Salisbury on my way to Salisbury took charge of 15 or 20 prisoners in an engagement with a party of Tories and took them to Salisbury and put them in jail, from thence we marched to at Adkin River [sic, Yadkin River] where we lay several days and returned to Salisbury. Captain Spring and half his company of which number I was one were furloughed and went home on our return to the Army we met the Army flying from Camden in consequence of Gates defeat. Major William Davie [William Richardson Davie] was stationed at Waxhaw Creek South Carolina. General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] came along with his Army. We joined him and marched on crossing Catawba River, to the Rocky Mount in South Carolina, where we had a fight of several hours. We were marched from the Rocky Mount to Land's Ford on the Catawba South Carolina where we were discharged by Colonel Irvine on the Catawba River. My discharge is lost.

I volunteered in the Continental line of North Carolina for 10 months in March or April as well as I recollect 1781 in Mecklenburg County under Captain John Foster, Lieutenant Robert Porter, Majors Moore or Bluford and Colonel Henry Hampton. Our company went to the Congaree River South Carolina where we joined the Army commanded by General Sumter about this time Colonel Henry Hampton, Captain John Foster and Lieutenants Robert Porter and many others were sent home as supernumeraries and I was put under Captain Jacob Barnett, Lieutenant Flannigan and Colonel Wade Hampton, we lay several months in the Town of Orangeburg South Carolina a portion of the Army of which I was one were marched to the four hole bridge within about 40 miles of Charleston South Carolina, we returned to Orangeburg where we were discharged by Major Fennell. This discharge is lost also. I have no documentary evidence and I know of no person whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my service.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and

declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Question 1. Where and in what year were you born

Answer – I was born in Kent County Delaware in the year 1757 in my father removed to Mecklenburg County North Carolina when I was about 5 years old.

Q2. Have you any record of your age.

The record of my age is in my father's Bible in North Carolina.

3. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live

I was living in Mecklenburg County North Carolina when I entered the service and remained 3 or 4 years after the Revolutionary war I removed to Lancaster County South Carolina where I lived 10 or 12 years from there I returned to Mecklenburg County North Carolina, where I lived about 10 years, I then moved to Montgomery County Tennessee where I lived one-year from there I removed to Standing Rock Creek in Stewart County Tennessee where I lived about 12 years from there I removed to Henry County Tennessee where I have lived nearly 13 years and I now live in Henry County Tennessee.

4. How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom

I volunteered, I never substituted

5th. State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments, as you can recollect and the general Circumstances of your service.

(Answer) I do not know that I can name any of the Regular Officers only that General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] with his Army lay near us a time or two, General Sumter, Colonel Hampton and the others I have named in the foregoing part of this declaration. I have seen General Smallwood, General Butler and Colonel Washington when at Orangeburg I sold General Sinclair and his Army.

6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the Service and if so by whom was it signed , and what has become of it – I received a discharge for each term of service, the first was signed by Colonel Irvine the second by Major Tennill, both have been lost long since

7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can certify as to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

I refer for character to David Cowan & Robert Searcy.

S/ Alexander Craig, X his mark

[David Cowan and Robert Searcy gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 commencing March 4th, 1831, for 13 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]