

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Craig S16740

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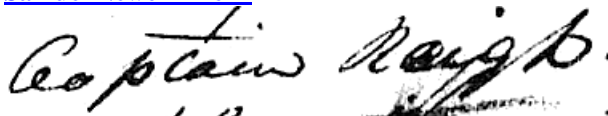
The State of Alabama, Circuit Court of Limestone County: SS

On this \_\_\_\_ day of September personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the said Circuit Court held in & for the County aforesaid, now sitting, John Craig, a resident of said County of Limestone aged Sixty-nine 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, & served as herein stated. --

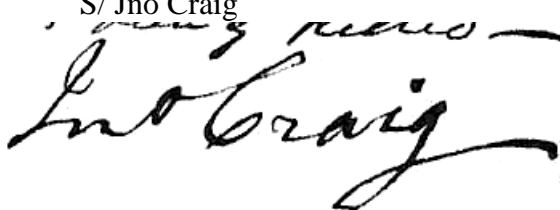
That in the latter part of May 1780, he then residing in the County of Washington, State of Virginia, joined a company of mounted riflemen, as a volunteer, said troops were called minute men & said Company was commanded by Captain Beaty [Captain David Beatie or Beattie] whose Christian name he is not positive about but thinks it was David & by Robert Edmundson [also spelled Robert Edmiston] as Lieutenant, said Company at the time of his volunteering belonging to the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Campbell & Major William Edmundson [also spelled William Edmiston]. That he did not go into actual service until the latter part of August following, when he marched in said Company with said troops to the battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780]. That before said Battle, said Campbell assumed a higher command & said Edmondson took command of said Regiment. That Colonels Shelby [Isaac Shelby], Sevier [John Sevier], Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] & said Campbell commanded at Kings Mountain but as he understood said Campbell held the chief command. That after the battle he marched with the prisoners into North Carolina to a Moravian Town called old Bethlehem, where he was dismissed and returned home. That to the best of his recollection he served during this campaign about three months from the time he was called into service. That sometime afterwards & in the Spring following, he was marched with a body of sixty men under the command of Lieutenant Samuel Newel<sup>1</sup> against the Shawnee Indians who had made an incursion into Washington County & killed some people & he pursued said Indians across big Sandy River & that he was on this service upwards of six weeks. That shortly afterwards he was marched with a body of about one hundred of said minute men under the command of Captain Reigh [?]<sup>2</sup> against a body of Tories on New River & he was in service on this expedition about five weeks. That sometime afterwards he was marched with the same volunteer minute men, James Daisy [sic, probably Captain James Dysart] being his Captain & said William Campbell Colonel being then General; a body of two hundred of said minute men went on this expedition from Washington County there being two companies, said Daisey's & the other commanded by Captain Montgomery [perhaps James

<sup>1</sup> [Samuel Newell R7617](#)

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Montgomery]. After they joined other troops amounting in all to about seven hundred, said Campbell commanded them. That while under said command he joined General Green [Nathanael Greene] between Hillsboro & Guilford & that sometime after said juncture he was in a skirmish with the Enemy under Cornwallis at Whitsell's Mill [Weitzel's or Wetzels Mill, March 6, 1781] Mill, where he lost his baggage and had his gun struck with a ball and much injured & in consequence of not being able after waiting at quarters five or six weeks, to get other supplies his Company was ordered home. That while at General Greene's quarters he saw & knew Colonel Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] & General Greene; he was upwards of three months in service on this last expedition. He was born the 24<sup>th</sup> May 1764 in York County Pennsylvania & he has a record of the same taken from his father's family record. That he continued about three years after the peace in said Washington County & removed thence to Greene County then in North Carolina since belonging to Tennessee. He continued in Tennessee until he removed about 22 years ago to Alabama where he now resides in Limestone County. That he has no documentary proof of his service but as the certificate. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. That he did not get a discharge from service in consequence of said Campbell's being killed.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Jno Craig  


S/ Thos. H. Ford, Clk

[John A. Dewoody [?], a clergyman, and John Allison gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Alabama Limestone County: Before me Archibald Harris an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County, Jeremiah Alexander,<sup>3</sup> who being sworn in due form of law, deposeth and saith, that he was in service with John Craig in the year 1780, and that he said John Craig belonged to a company of mounted riflemen, as a volunteer and was commanded by a Captain Beatys [David Beatie or Beattie] and that he said affiant has read the declaration of said John Craig, and from the recollection of him said affiant, he believes it to be strictly true and correct so far as relates to his service during the campaign, at which the battle of Kings Mountain was fought, -- and that he said affiant was also in service with the said John Craig in the year 1781, and believes the said John's declaration as to his services during said year 1781 to be strictly true, and that he said affiant recollects distinctly that the said John Craig, while in an engagement with the enemy under Cornwallis at Whitsell's Mill [Wetzels Mill] in the State of North Carolina on Haw River, had his gun shivered with a ball from the enemy and that in the engagement the whole of the Troops under the command of William Campbell lost their baggage.

S/ Jeremiah Alexander, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th of September 1832

S/ A. Harris, JP

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<sup>3</sup> [Jeremiah Alexander S31515](#)

[Facts in file: p 9: Veteran died March 24, 1852 and was survived by his widow named Jane.

Jane Craig ]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$28.54 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months and 17 days in the Virginia militia.]