

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elijah Cross S1947

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State of Tennessee Sullivan County: On this 21st day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Sullivan County now sitting Elijah Cross aged seventy-four years a resident in said County and State 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.

That he was born in Baltimore County Maryland in the year 1758 that he moved to what is now Sullivan County in the State of Tennessee about the commencement of the Revolutionary War, that pretty early in the war he cannot state the year he was ordered out a two months tour under Colonel Evan Shelby, that James Shelby or ___ Daisy was his Captain that they marched to the glade hollow Fort near Clinch River that they were stationed there as Rangers on the frontiers – that he stayed his time out and returned home – but got no discharge.

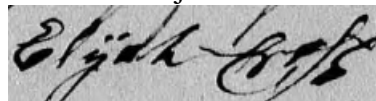
That he thinks about two years after the above tour he was ordered out on a two months tour under Captain (afterwards Colonel) Anderson of the Blockhouse, that they marched to Blackamores Fort [Blackmore's Fort?] on Clinch River, that they followed the Indians who wounded Henry Robers and took two of his daughters prisoner but did not overtake them that they returned to the Fort from which they ranged on the frontier until his time expired, when he returned home but got no discharge.

That about three weeks afterward he was ordered out for a one month tour, that he marched under Lieutenant Stanton to Blackamores Fort on Clinch River that they ranged on the frontier until his time expired when he returned home but got no discharge. Did about one year after the last mentioned tour he volunteered under Captain Martin to go to the Cherokee Nation that they rendezvoused not far from Dodsons Ford on Holston River at Honeycutt's place that they crossed the French broad River that he took sick and was unable to proceed further than Benjamin Looney came back to take care of him that on their return by Mr. Brooms Fort in Carter's Valley they had a skirmish with some Indians and drove them from the Fort. That he lay sick at said Looneys some time and then returned home after a tour of five weeks.

That in the fall of the year when Cornwallis was taken he served as orderly Sergeant a three months tour under Captain Wallace, that Isaac Shelby was Colonel that they marched to the

Yellow Mountain where they were joined by Colonel Sevier that they marched from there to Ramsour's Mill in North Carolina where they lay for some days from there they went to Burke Courthouse from there to Charlotte from thence they marched to Camden from there to the high Hills of Santee where General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] then lay, from thence they crossed the Santee River and joined General Marion, that they marched from Marion near the quarter house where a party of the British lay. They then marched to where a party of the British lay not far from Moncks Corner – that they attacked the British and took a number prisoners, that they then returned with the prisoners to Marion's headquarters on the Santee, that they stayed there until his time expired when he got a discharge from Colonel Shelby, that he was acquainted with Colonel Mayhem [sic, Maham] of the horse at Santee who was a regular officer, that he has lost his discharge and has no documentary [evidence] and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service and that there is no clergyman in his vicinity whose testimony he can procure. 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 any state.

S/ Elijah Cross



[William Snodgrass & John Spurgeon gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Blountsville: August 19, 1935

Hon. Lewis Cass

D. Sir

We are among the number that yet survive of those who fought for the liberty that we now enjoy. Through the kindness of our Government, we are entitled to receive annually a small pension for which we feel grateful. As I all pensions are small we wish to draw it with as little expense as possible – we are old and none of us well able to attend at Jonesborough to draw our money of course have to empower a friend in Jonesborough to draw for us. Your instructions to Mr. W. Blair, as we are informed, on that our attorney must go before a magistrate and swear he is not interested &c, and the clerk must certify that said magistrate is an acting magistrate for which service he claims from each of us \$.50. This we consider a grievance and humbly ask of you to reconsider your instructions and if you can consistent with duty recall them, we shall be much obliged and by this we shall each of us save \$1 per year.¹ It has been represented to us, that your agent Mr. Robt. King in Knoxville, has never required the County seal nor has he been so instructed we mean the seal of the clerk's certificate relative to the justice who took the attorney's oath. We always employ some person in Jonesborough as our attorney who is well known to Mr. Blair –

We hope you will hear our request and grant the relief asked for which will confer a lasting favor on some hundreds of your pensioners and very much oblige your unworthy servants.

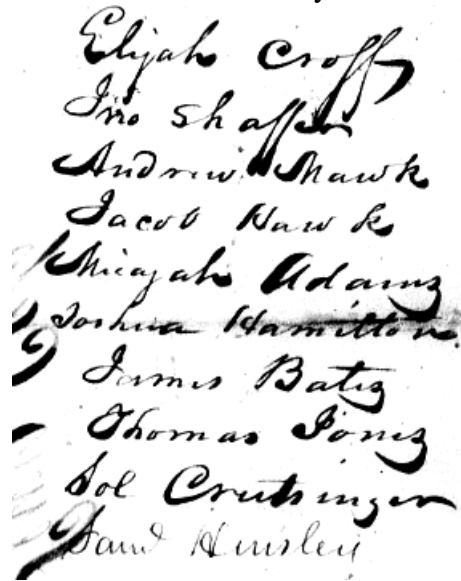
S/ Elijah Cross

S/ Jno Shaffer²

¹ The pension payments were made semi-annually, hence the reference to the \$1 of expense in obtaining the clerk's seal twice a year.

² FPA S3899

S/ Andrew Mank³
S/ Jacob Hawk⁴
S/ Micajah Adams⁵
S/ Joshua Hamilton⁶
S/ James Bates⁷
S/ Thomas Jones⁸
S/ Sol Crutsinger⁹
S/ Saml. Hensley¹⁰



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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$35.54 commencing March 4th, 1831, for nine months and five days service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

³ FPA S1852

⁴ [Jacob Hawk W362](#)

⁵ [Micajah Adams S1783](#)

⁶ [Joshua Hamilton S2608](#)

⁷ [James Bates S2938](#)

⁸ [Thomas Jones W43](#)

⁹ Solomon Crutsinger, Krutsinger, Cutsinger FPA W375

¹⁰ FPA S21278