

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Crane S21716

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State of South Carolina Greenville District: On this fifteenth day of October in the year while Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting William Crane a resident of Greenville District State of South Carolina aged sixty-seven 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 – He first volunteered for three months under Captain George Avery in the spring of 1782 – was stationed at Orangeburg in South Carolina under the command of Colonel William Fair [sic, William Farr] of the South Carolina Militia. He served the whole of this tour at Orangeburg. The second tour he volunteered again in the fall of the year 1782 for three months under the command of Lieutenant William Henly. This tour he served in an expedition against the Cherokee Indians under the command of Colonel William Fair. He was stationed some time near a place called the "Pine Log" – The troops under Colonel Fair met the Georgia troops in the Cherokee nation under the command of Colonel Clark [Elijah Clarke]. There was no regular engagement with the Indians but some skirmishes. He lived in Union District, South Carolina when he entered the service. He volunteered both tours. He was with no Continental regiments, or regular officers. He has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person except Jno Farmer [John Farmer] whose testimony he can procure as to his services – John Farmer,¹ who now draws a pension, served with this applicant the tour in which he went against the Cherokee Indians, and will make affidavit to the fact. This applicant was born in Union District State of South Carolina in the year 1766. He has no record of his age but knows that he knew was sixteen years old when he first volunteered in 1782. Was living in Union District when called into service, and has lived in Spartanburg and Greenville Districts ever since the revolutionary War. He never received a written discharge. He is known in his present neighborhood to Robert Nelson, David Jackson, William King and others who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Daniel, CCO

S/ William Crane, X his mark

[Thomas Hutchings, a clergyman, and Robert Nelson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

¹ [John Farmer S21191](#)

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

South Carolina Audited Accounts² relating to William Crain (Crane)
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 1574B
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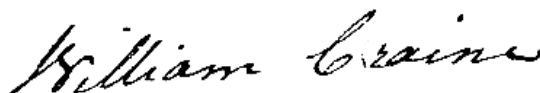
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William Craines Petition for a pension

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To the Honorable the President and other members of the Senate the speaker and other members of the House of Representatives of the state of South Carolina the humble petition of William Crane Sheweth your Honorable body that in the year 1782 that he was called into service a two months tower [tour] of Duty as a South Carolina Militiaman under the command of Colonel William Fare [William Farr] against the Cherokee Indians that he obeyed the call and was Carried by his Commander aforesaid into the Nation that he served that tower of duty and as your petitioner is now old and infirm and also in indigent Circumstances your petitioner Begs that your honor [sic] body would take his Case under your Consideration and make him such Compensation as in your Great wisdom may think proper in your petitioner will ever pray
November the 10th, 1831

S/ William Craine



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South Carolina Greenville district} Personally came John Farmer before me the Subscribing Justice and made [oath] that in the year 1782 that he served a two months tower of Duty against the Cherokee Indians as a South Carolina Militiaman under the command of Colonel William Fare and that William Craine served the tower of duty with him under the same commander. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of November 1831
S/ Robert Nelson, J. Q. S/ John Farmer, X his mark

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South Carolina Greenville district} Personally came William Crane before me the subscribing Justice and made oath that from the best of his recollection that in the year 1782 that he was called on to serve a two months tower of Duty as a South Carolina Militiaman from union District in the State aforesaid under the command of Colonel William Fare that he served the tower of Duty as aforesaid Against the Cherokee Indians. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of November 1831
S/ Robert Nelson, J. Q. S/ William Crain, X his mark

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² The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The "SC" file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.

two hundred and forty acres of poor land	240	
one small bay mare worth	10	
one small spotted mare	25	
two C him ows and Calves		16
two heifers	10	
one small old wagon	10	
two Barrow hogs	06	
	03	
one Sow and pigs	01	
one shoat	05	
Sheep		
one old still and stands	20	
two beds and furniture	40	
table Chest Chairs Cupboard Crockery	04	
one old Musket & one shotgun	05	
one Note of hand on James Robertson D'ed	20	80
Do Wm Craine Jnr. 2 notes	23	00
one Do on Morris Gosnel	02	
one Do on Timothy Pitman	03	31 ¼
one Do on William Moor	03	50
one Do on Jesse Covil	00	37 ½
a few pounds of indigo	05	
one note on ___ Akins	02	
one Note on Abner Farmer	01	
one Do on George Farmer	[illegible]	
Accpt Against James Robertson J [ink blot]	3	00
About ten gallons of Brandy	5	00
Cash in hand	37	
Hugh Montgomery acct.	\$1..93/1	
William Silk acct.	5..67	
Jane Williams Do	5 94	
Phillip Danagan Do	5 40	
five beaf hides or Rag hides	10 00	
four Bunches of Cotton yarn	10 00	
Acct on Edward Watson	02 00	
two old plows two old axes		
and pair Drawing chains	02..00	

South Carolina Greenville district } personally came William Craine before me the subscribing Justice and made oath that the above Schedule Contains a Just and true return of all the property he possesses Were real & personal Either in his own right or the right of any other person as agent attorney or trustee. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of November 1831
S/ Robert Nelson S/ William Craine, X his mark

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The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the Petition of William Craine praying for a

Pension

Recommend

That the prayer of the Petition be not granted

S/ Peter J Shand, Chairman