

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Craig ¹ S24885

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James Winchester Judge of the United States for Maryland district

To John Gassaway, John Kitty and Ninian Pinkney of the city of Annapolis, Greeting

Know you that I have assigned and appointed you, or anyone of you, to be Commissioners or Commissioner to take upon Oath the depositions of all witnesses produce before you to establish the claim of John Craig, a private Soldier, wounded during the revolutionary War, to be placed on the pension list agreeable he to the Statute of the United States in such cases made and provided. Given under my hand and seal this 5th day of June 1805.

S/ J Winchester {Seal}

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State of Maryland City of Annapolis to wit

I Ninian Pinkney appointed a Commissioner by the Hon. James Winchester Judge of the United States for Maryland District to take Evidence in the case of John Craig late a Soldier in the third Maryland Regiment in the service of the United States do hereby certify that I have taken the following Deposition to wit

Appeared before me this Eleventh day of June in the year of our Lord 1805 Major John Davidson of the City of Annapolis, and being duly sworn on the holy Evangely of Almighty God deposeth and saith that he knew John Craig a Soldier in the third Maryland Regiment, that he served during the whole of the Revolutionary War or nearly so, that he does not recollect when he was enlisted, but knows that the said Craig was wounded at the action of Guilford Court House [Battle of Guilford County Court House, March 15, 1781] and knows he served to the end of the War in 1783.

And appeared before me this Eleventh day of June in the year of our Lord 1805 Thomas King² of the City of Annapolis and being duly sworn on the holy Evangely of Almighty God deposeth and saith that he this Deponent served as a soldier during the whole of the Revolutionary War, that he was well acquainted with John Craig a Soldier in the third Maryland Regiment: that he knows that the said Craig was wounded at the action of Guilford Court House through both Hips, and that previous to that period he knows the said Craig was wounded at the

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² This MAY be the same man as [Thomas King S34948](#) who claimed a pension based on service in the 1st MD Regiment from 1778 to 1783.

action of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] in the State of New Jersey and that said John Craig served to the end of the War.

In testimony that the foregoing Depositions of Major John Davidson and Thomas King were taken and sworn to before me, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at the City of Annapolis, this Eleventh day of June, in the year of our Lord 1805.

S/ Ninian Pickney

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James Winchester Judge of the United States for Maryland district

To John T. Shaaff of said district Doctor of Medicine Greeting

Know you that upon the application of John Craig a private soldier during the revolutionary War to be placed upon the pension list, I have assigned and appointed you to examine and report upon oath the nature of the wounds of said Applicant, and how far he is disabled from obtaining a livelihood by bodily Labor agreeably to the Statute in such cases made and provided: Given under my hand & Seal this fifth day of June in the year of our Lord 1805

S/ J. Winchester

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By Virtue of the annexed commission to me directed by the Hon. James Winchester Judge of the United States for Maryland District – I have examined upon oath John Craig who swears that while a private soldier in the armies of the United States he received three several Wounds in the Battles of Monmouth, Guilford & Cowpens [June 17, 1781] –

I find on Examination that he has received a Gun Shot wound which has passed through the thick muscles of the Hips & across the Sacrum a flesh wound in the left leg & one in the right arm & am of opinion that he is wholly incapacitated from obtaining a livelihood by bodily Labor.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 12th of June 1805.

S/ J. T. Shaaff, M. D.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. T. Shaaff, M. D.", with a horizontal line underneath.

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Auditor's Office Annapolis September 26, 1806

I hereby Certify to whom it may concern that it appears on the Books of the record of Musters of the Maryland line lodged in this Office that John Craig enlisted as a soldier in the 3rd Maryland Regiment to serve during the War on the 5th day of May 1778.

S/ Robt. Denny, Auditor
State of Maryland

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State of Maryland – Baltimore County, SS

On this 7th day of September 1821 before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the said County personally appeared John Craig who, on his oath, declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Capt. Jacob Brice in the Regiment commanded by Col. Ramsay in the service of the United States; that his name was placed on the

pension roll of the State of Maryland, that he received a certificate of that fact, under the signature and seal of the Secretary of War; which certificate between the 4th day of March 1821 & 4th day of September 1821 at his residence in Harford County he lost.

S/ John Craig, X his mark

Bracket Veteran was inscribed on the pension rolls of Maryland at the rate of \$5 per month on January 1, 1803; his pension was increased to \$8 per month by law of April 24, 1816.]