

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Cradlebaugh S30354 VA
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[Punctuation partly corrected.]

State of Kentucky } S.S

Madison County }

On this 30th day of August 1832 personally appeared before me Henry B. Hawkins one of the Justices of the Madison County Court in & for the County of Madison aforesaid William Cradlebaugh a resident of the County aforesaid aged 88 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 – That he came from North Carolina to Kentucky in 1776 and settled at Boonsborough [sic: Boonesborough] and was there enlisted to do fort duty & act as a guard & Indian spy til may 1779 There was a company raised by Col J. Boman [sic: John Bowman] to got to the chilcothia towns [sic: Old Chillicothe] against the Indians. We there attacked the Indians: & we followed them in their retreat: half way into the Town: where we were ordered to proceed no farther: several Indians were killed: among the rest was the chief Black Fish: that he served another expedition in 1780 under Benj. Logan [Benjamin Logan] & George Rogers Clarke [sic: George Rogers Clark] was the commander as General beyond the Chilicotha Towns: the name of the place he does not recollect but twelve or thirteen Indians were killed: he served another expedition under Daniel Bone [sic: Daniel Boone] & Col. Thos. Kennedy [Thomas Kennedy] upon which he proceeded almost as far as the head of Mad River: on this expedition were killed twelve or thirteen warriors & took thirty two prisoners and destroyed three Towns: and that he was at three sieges at the Town of Boonsborough. And further states that he was a single man and came to Boonsborough in the year 1776 and that he continued to hunt for provision for the fort, to act as spie, and serve in different campaigns for six or seven years: & that he went on an express from Boonsborough to Kenaway [sic: Kanawha River], scouted without provisions & swam the rivers & creeks a distance of two hundred miles & the pay he received for his services amounted to a mere nothing: in all the above instances he volunteered:

He has lived in the now bounds of Madison County since 1776 he has no documentary evidence to prove his services in his possession, but can prove them by Colo Samuel Estill [pension application S12876], Maj. Jos. Kennedy [Joseph Kennedy, S13600] & Gilveston Payton &c – He was born in North Carolina He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity & declares that his name is not on the pension role of the agency of any State

Will hisXmark Cradlebaugh

State of Kentucky } S.S.

Madison County }

This day personally appeared before me Henry B. Hawkins a Justice of the peace in & for the County of Madison aforesaid William Cradlebaugh, a resident of said County, and an applicant for a pension under the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, & whose original declaration was made before me on the 30th August 1832, who being first duly sworn according to Law states upon oath. That in 1776 he came from North Carolina to Kentucky – That in same year he volunteered as a private in Capt. Daniel Boone's Company at the Fort or Garrison at Boonesboro. He cannot now state whether he enlisted or volunteered for any specific length of time, but he knows well that he continued as a Soldier in the Company of Capt Daniel Boone & of Capt John Holder & Capt Calloway, who commanded the Fort at Boonesboro subsequently to Capt Boone or after he was promoted, to do regular garrison duty at Boonesboro for more than three years from the time he volunteered or enlisted, except when absent on

expeditions against the Indians; in such cases as many usually went as could be spared from the Fort so that a sufficient guard was left. He states that according to the best of his recollection he served upon Campaigns against the Indians under Colo Bowman, Gen'l Clark, Colo Thomas Kennedy & Daniel Boone not less than six months. He cannot from his loss of memory & great age recollect the different years when he served on these Campaigns, but knows it was during the Revolutionary war. He states during his services at Boonesboro his sole business was to do garrison duty, to spy for Indians and to hunt for provisions for those in the Fort – He knows that he served as a soldier at this Fort at Boonesboro during the Revolutionary War & on Campaigns against the Indians during same period a good deal more than two years & for such services he trusts he will receive a pension – he claims it – his age & poverty render it doubly desirable

William hisXmark Cradlebaugh

NOTE: Jesse Hodges (pension application S31143) certified that he had served with Cradlebaugh.