

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Mayfield Crane S30356

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

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State of Alabama Pickens County: Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

On this 16th day of April [1833] personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Circuit Court of said County now in session Mayfield Crane a resident of Pickens County and State of Alabama aged about Sixty five 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 entered the service about (does not recollect the time) under Captain Thomas Branon [Thomas Brandon], Colonel William Farr and Samuel Jackson Lieutenant – does not recollect the other officers' names, says that he was hired or served as a substitute this tour for another man & was about twelve or fourteen years of age, & continued in service about twelve months, had one skirmish during this Tour in which our Captain & forces were defeated & himself together with the rest of the men returned home, says this battle took place on Briar Creek [March 3, 1789]<sup>1</sup> in Georgia & that it was with a company which had detached itself from the main body – says there was 3 or 4 killed & several wounded, next tour he volunteered under General Williamson [Andrew Williamson], Colonel Thomas Branon [Thomas Brandon] – Major \_\_, Captain Palmore [Joshua Palmer], Lieutenant Samuel Jackson – says it was in the summer season when he took this Tour but does not recollect what year, continued in service about one year – most of the time in Augusta Georgia – had a little's Skirmish with the Enemy in which we were surprised and routed, and returned to our station at Augusta where we were reinforced by General Williamson – but could not succeed in finding the enemy – states that the next Tour he took was under General Sumter [Thomas Sumter] in South Carolina, Colonel Middleton [Charles Myddleton] – Captain Philemon Waters – in this Campaign states that he was in one battle to wit the Battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781]<sup>2</sup> – says it was a warm contest & the Enemy kept the Ground, from the Battle Colonel Middleton marched to what was called the four hole bridge Bridge [Four Holes Bridge] in South Carolina where we remained under Colonel Middleton until peace was concluded – States that he received a discharge from Colonel Middleton after this campaign – says he served ten months in this campaign. This applicant says that he received two discharges one from General Williamson

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_eutaw\\_springs.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html)

& the other from Colonel Middleton, says that after the war & when peace was declared he lost them, with other papers which he deemed alike of little value – states that he has lost all his documentary Evidence, that ever he had, & that he knows of no person who can testify to his service or whose Testimony he can procure except Joel Vaughn<sup>3</sup> a resident citizen of this County.

He hereby relinquishes all & every claim whatsoever to any 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 & year aforesaid in open Court

S/ Samuel B Moore, Clerk

S/ Mayfield Crayne, X his mark

[John M. C. Walker and William Sanders gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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To the 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th & 7th Interrogatories<sup>4</sup> propounded by the Court to this applicant he answers that he was born in North Carolina near Virginia line but does not recollect the name of the County – from there his father moved to South Carolina Ninety Six district (or Abbeville as it is now called) continued there until the commencement of the war – from that place moved to Rutherford North Carolina near there some short time, from thence returned to Abbeville where he resided (except what time he was in the service of his country) during the war, from thence he returned to Rutherford County North Carolina and continued there about 5 years – from thence to Mississippi – Gipson port – remained there about 18 months, from thence to Mississippi Territory continued there about 3 years – from there I moved to now Pickens County Alabama where I now reside & have been living here 16 or 17 years – says he has no record of his age – says he volunteered twice and went once a substitute – says that he was very young when he was a substitute and consequently does not recollect the name of the person for whom he substituted – says that he has stated in his Declaration the name of all the officers he recollects, who were with the troops where he served – does not recollect the name of the regiments he served – received 2 discharges the first from General Branon the 2nd from Colonel Middleton – says they have been since lost out of his possession, (considering them of but little value) never received any commission, sworn & subscribed in open court this 16th day of April 1833

S/ Mayfield Crayne, X his mark

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State of Alabama Pickens County} Before me Robert Love an acting Justice of the Peace in and

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<sup>3</sup> [Joel Vaughan S7781](#)

<sup>4</sup> The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

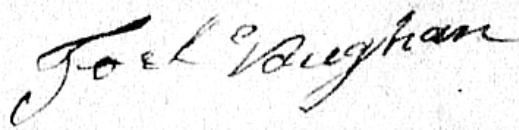
7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

for the County of Pickens personally Came before me Joel Vaughan who Being Duly Sworn Deposeth and Saith that he was perfectly acquainted with Mayfield Crane when in the South Carolina Troops Under the Command of General Sumpter and Colonel Middleton in Captain Philemon Waters Company and that the above mentioned Mayfield Crane Served a ten Month tower [tour] along with myself and was Both Discharged at one and the same time.

Sworn & subscribed before me this 26 Day of April 1833

S/ Robt. Love, JP

S/ Joel Vaughan

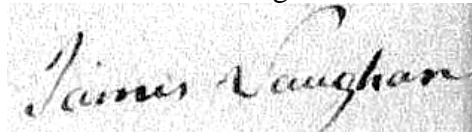
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joel Vaughan". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

State of Alabama Pickens County} Before me Robert Love an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Pickens Personally appeared James Vaughan who after being Duly Sworn Deposeth and Saith that he was perfectly acquainted with Mayfield Crane in the State of North Carolina and that he went Into the Army and Stayed a length of time and I Verily Believe that he was in the Army with my father and I believe this to be the said Mayfield Crane.

Sworn to and subscribed Before me this 26 Day of April 1833

S/ Robt. Love, JP

S/ James Vaughan

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Vaughan". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

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State of Alabama Pickens County: Personally appeared before the undersigned an acting justice of the peace in and for said County James Vaughn who after being first duly sworn according to law deposes and Saith, that he was a small boy when his father (Joel Vaughn) returned home from the last Tour he took as a soldier in the Revolution – that the circumstances of his arrival after so long an absence made a lasting impression on his mind, & very well recollects that there was in company with his father a fellow Soldier whom he called Crane & that he has a faint recollection of his features and from the best of his recollection he would say that Mayfield Crayne [sic] who has sworn to & subscribed the within certificate is the very same Individual

S/ James Vaughan

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State of Alabama Pickens County: Personally appeared before me the undersigned an acting justice of the peace in and for said County Mayfield Crane who after first being duly sworn according to law deposes and says that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. The first Tour as a private (and substitute) 12 months. The 2nd Tour as a private (volunteer) one year. The 3rd Tour as a private and continued in service 10 months amounting in all to 2 years & 10 months for which this deponent claims a pension. And this applicant further states on oath that each of the periods of his service as above mentioned was in embodied companies with

commissioned officers as he believes, that he was called into service by those officers under whom he served that he was either in the field or in Garrison and during the time of his service as above mentioned he was not employed in any civil pursuit.

Sworn and subscribed to before made this the 18th day of February A.D. 1834

S/ Robert Love, JP

S/ Mayfield Crane, X his mark

State of Alabama Pickens County} Personally appeared before the undersigned an acting justice of the peace in and for said County Joel Vaughan who after first being duly sworn according to law deposes and Saith that he was himself a soldier of the revolution and that during his service as such he became acquainted with Mayfield Crane who was also a soldier of the revolution that he served 10 months with him under General Sumter of South Carolina Troops, Colonel Middleton & Captain Philemon Waters that they both received discharges at the same time & place & that they belonged to the same company commanded by Captain Waters. This deponent further states that when he first made his application for a pension under the act of 1832, he did not know that the above named Mayfield Crane was alive or where he was living (if alive) & at that time did not know of any person that could testify to his services except James Vaughan.

Sworn to & subscribed before made this 18th day of February A.D. 1834

S/ Robert Love, JP

S/ Joel Vaughan

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The State of Alabama Jefferson County SS} On this eleventh day of April 1837, before me the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for said County Personally appeared Mayfield Crane, who on his oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain Brandon in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Fair, and at another period of the War the company commanded by Colonel Joshua Palmore in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Brandon and in the company commanded by Captain Philemon Waters in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Middleton, in the service of the United States, that his name was placed on the pension Roll of the State of Alabama Pickens County from whence he has lately removed that he now resides in said State of Alabama in Jefferson County where he intends to remain, and wishes his pension to be payable at Decatur Alabama in future,

The following are my reasons for removing from Pickens County to Jefferson County.

In the early settlement of Pickens County, he purchased a small tract of land at Government Prices, and for a time was well satisfied, But so great was the emigration to that part of the Country in the years 1833, 1834 & 1835 and such was the increase in the price of land that he found it to his interest sell his land in Pickens County which he did for a handsome profit in 1836, and removed to Jefferson County to a retired situation where he was not so hemmed in by large Planters as he was in Pickens, and where he was able to purchase the same No. Of acres for a much lower price than he sold for,

Sworn & subscribed to before me the day and year aforesaid

S/ H. Morrow Jr. [JP]

S/ Mayfield Crane, X his mark

[p 22: On April 16, 1842 in Tishomingo County Mississippi, the veteran filed an application for transfer of his pension benefit saying that he had recently moved from Alabama to Mississippi in order to purchase a home which he was unable to do in Alabama.]

[Facts in file: Veteran died November one, 1843 in Jackson County Mississippi; the file contains no information regarding his wife or children, if any.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the South Carolina service.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts <sup>5</sup> relating to Mayfield Crain [sic]	AA 11
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Know all By these presents that I Mayfield Crain of the State of North Carolina in Rutherford County have Bargained and Sold unto George Wistenhunt of Lincoln County and State aforesaid for the Consideration of the Sum of forty-four pounds lawful Money of the State aforesaid, all my Right and title of a Negro Draw Bounty and Clothing Due to me for Service done under Captain Waters in Colonel Middleton's Regiment of light dragoons under the command of General Sumter and I do Warrant and Defend Said lot or Chance from all persons laying any Just Claim thereunto. In witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January 1785

S/ Mayfield Crain, X his mark

[pp 3-9: illegible images]

[p 10: Printed form of Indent No. 494 Book M dated October 1<sup>st</sup>, 1784 "delivered to Mr. Mafeals Crane [sic] late a Private in Waters Troops Thomas' [John Thomas'] Regiment Sumpter's Brigade State Troops this our Indented Certificate for the Sum of ninety-four pounds Sterling amount pay and bounty due him for Services in that Troop with the Interest thereon from the first day of April 1782 to date hereof Agreeable to Resolution of General Assembly of Eleventh March last."]

[p 12: Reverse of the above Indent]

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<sup>5</sup> 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.