

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Archillis Craft S30357

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On the 17th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the [indecipherably faint] Judicial Circuit now sitting Arhillis Craft aged 74 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 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1780 as he now believes for nine months as a volunteer in Wilkes County State of North Carolina in the Company Commanded by Samuel Johnston in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Ben Herndon in the line of the State of North Carolina. His Lieutenant was Whitfield Wilson. He entered the service in Wilkes County aforesaid in the year aforesaid and was marched to the [several indecipherable words] to Moncks Corner & Charlestown & back to North Carolina and continued to serve out his term of nine months when he was honorably discharged – at Bell's Branch in 1781 as he now believes near Salisbury North Carolina by Colonel Locke (their commander of the Regiment aforesaid) – on this route he saw General Green of the regular Army and was in the Hanging Rock Battle.

Before this trip he volunteered in Wilkes County North Carolina for three months in the year 1778 as he supposes in Captain Johnston's Company in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Gorden. He was marched against the Indians on French broad [River] against the Cherokee Indians, he continued to serve about two months & better when he was with the balance dismissed to return home at the head of the Catawba River in North Carolina the year forgotten. Next in the year 1781 (after the aforesaid tours) he volunteered in Wilkes County North Carolina for three months in the Militia and Captain Alex Gordon's Company in Colonel Malmond [Malmedy] Regiment (a Frenchman) – his Lieutenant was Silas Thompkins [sic, Silas Tompkins?]. Before his term expired Colonel Locke took the command. After serving out three months he was discharged near Salisbury by Colonel Locke aforesaid. At each time he entered the service he lived in Wilkes County North Carolina. On his own account he was born in Newes County [sic, ?] North Carolina. His age he has given. Has no record of his age. Since the Revolution he lived in North Carolina and since in Kentucky where he now lives. He entered the service on his own account and as to the manner he has explained. As to his officers & regular Officers he has explained as well as he now remembers. His charges [sic, discharges] he

has explained which was long since burned up in his house. He received no commission being but a private soldier.

As to his character he refers to his neighbors Stephen Cordill, James Cordill and William Hagens. During his service he was at the Eutaw battle [Eutaw Springs]. 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 nor has it ever been.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Achillas Craft



William Hagens¹ living in Perry County aged 73, in open court upon oath, declares that he was a soldier in the Army of the Revolution with the aforesaid Arhillis Craft at the battle of the Eutaw Springs North Carolina [sic, Eutaw Springs South Carolina]. He knows he served on said trip three months. He has from a boy known said Craft and from his good character he has no doubt he served in the Revolution as by him stated in the foregoing declaration.

S/ Wm Hagens



[Benjamin Webb, the Sheriff of Perry County, and John Hall gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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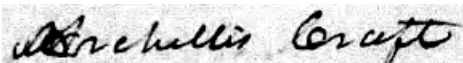
On this 23rd day of October 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Joseph Eve Judge of the Perry Circuit Court Arhillis Craft a resident citizen of Perry County and State of Tennessee aged eighty-three years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following additional declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1780 at Brier Creek in Wilkes County State of North Carolina for nine months as a volunteer, in a company commanded by Captain Samuel Johnstone in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Ben Herinden [sic, Benjamin Herndon?] in the North Carolina State Troops. His Lieutenant was Whitfield Wilson. He enlisted the service in Wilkes County aforesaid in the year aforesaid and was marched into South Carolina to Moncks Corner & Charlestown and back to North Carolina and continued to serve out his Term of nine months when he was Honorable [sic] discharged at Bell's Branch in 1781 as he now believes near Saulsberry [sic, Salisbury] North Carolina by Colonel Locke (then commanding of the Regiment aforesaid) on this route he saw General Green [sic, Nathaniel Green] of the regular Army and was in the Hanging Rock Battle, Before this trip he volunteered in Wilkes County North Carolina where he then lived for three months in the year 1778 as he supposes in Captain Johnstons company in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Gorden. He was marched against the Indians on French Broad [River] against the Cherokee Indians, he continued to serve two months and 15 days when he was with the Balance, dismissed to return home at the head of the Catawba River in North Carolina the year forgotten In the year 1781 (after the aforesaid Tours) he volunteered in Wilkes County North Carolina where he then lived for three months in the Militia, in Captain

¹ Sic, William Hagins FPA S30459

Alex Gordins company and Colonel Malmunday [sic, Malmedy] Regiment (a Frenchman). His Lieutenant was Silas Thompkins [sic, Silas Tompkins?] before his term expired Colonel Locke took the command, after serving out three months he was discharged near Salisbury North Carolina by Colonel Locke aforesaid. The applicant states that he knows of no person living by which he can prove his service or any part thereof except William Hagins – and John Hall who has heretofore given their affidavit, in his original Declaration for a pension, which is here referred to. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency in any other State or (if any) only on that of the Agency in the State of Kentucky.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Archillis Craft



The court propounded the following interrogatories to the applicant

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in News [sic?] County on Roanoke River in the State of North Carolina on the 25th day of December in the year 1749 as I am informed by my father. I left that County when I was small and recollect very little about it.

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

Answer. No I have no record of my age only what my parents have told me

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

Answer. I refer to my original Declaration for an answer to this question. I now live in. County State of Kentucky and have lived here for 26 years.

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

Answer. I also refer to my original Declaration

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

Answer. I again refer to my original Declaration, and answer to this question

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

Answer. See my original Declaration

7th 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.

Answer. I am known to John Hagins & Henry Polly in my present neighborhood and to Colonel Robert J Brashers who lives some distance from me, but who has been well acquainted with me for 20 years, and who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a Soldier of the Revolution. There is no clergyman living in my neighborhood, and I am unable to procure one without considerable trouble and expense.

[John Hagins, Henry Polly and Robert J. Brashers gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$46.66 commencing March 4th, 1831, for 14 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]