

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Craig S30971

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State of Illinois Montgomery County Sct.

Court of County Commissioners (Special September Term 1832)

On this 18th day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the County Commissioners of Montgomery County now sitting Thomas Craig Senior a resident of Wes Fork Township in said County of Montgomery and State of Illinois aged 69 years and 11 months 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 entered the service under Captain Smith as a Militiaman in Colonel McKissick's Regiment in Burke County in the State of North Carolina in the Spring or Summer of 1781 and after serving near three months was discharged in the edge of Lincoln County in the State of North Carolina. He was in no battle while in the service. He marched against the British and Tories through the Counties of Lincoln and perhaps Mecklenburg in the County of North Carolina. He entered as a detached Militia man. A few days after his return home he again entered the Service as an Indian spy under Captain Brown and was under Captain Stinson & Captain Sevier and under the command of Colonel Robinson and continued about 12 months in the said service continuing on the frontiers between the whites and the Cherokee Indians on the Nolichucky River. He was acquainted with Colonel Isaac Shelby during the service. He served with no regulars during his servitude. His services and marches were entirely confined to the watching of the Indians. He has no documentary evidence neither does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

I Thomas Craig do hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or an annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

(Interrogatories propounded by the court to the said Thomas Craig)

Question. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in Granville County in the State of North Carolina in October in the year 1762 –

Question. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. I have none –

Question. Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the

Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. In Burke County in the State of North Carolina I have lived since the revolution in North Carolina, Kentucky & Illinois. I now live in Montgomery County in the State of Illinois

Question. 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 was first called out as a detached Militia man and served nearly 3 months. I was next a volunteer Indian Spy in which capacity I served 12 months or thereabouts –

Question. 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 was acquainted with some of the regular Officers – my service was confined to the militia and Indian Spies – neither was any Regiment but our own to wit Colonel McKissick's in Company – and Colonel McKissick was not in the Western Country

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

Answer. I received a discharge from Colonel McKissick for my three months course of duty. But I do not know what has become of it.

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 acquainted with the Reverend Thomas Potter and Thomas Mann Esquire Sworn to and subscribed the date aforesaid

S/ Thomas Craig, Senior, X his mark

[Thomas Potter, a clergyman, and Thomas Mann gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace in and for said County Thomas Craig Senior who being duly sworn deposed and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as 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. For two months and twenty-five days I served as a detached Militiaman. For eleven months and twenty-five days I served as an Indian spy making in all fourteen months and twenty days and for such service I claim a pension.

S/ Thomas Craig, Senior, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$48.84 commencing March 4th, 1831, for 14 months & 20 days service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]