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Pension Application of James Crews S39387

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State of Tennessee }

Second Judicial Circuit }

On this fourth day of June 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Circuit Court for the State aforesaid, personally appeared James Crews aged about sixty years, resident in Knox County in the circuit and state aforesaid, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War;" that he the said James Crews enlisted in Buckingham County in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Patterson of the Sixth Regiment from Virginia; that he continued in the service of the United States about two years, and until a few months after the Capture of Burgoine [sic: Burgoyne, 17 Oct 1777] at the battle of Saratoga, the precise time not now recollected, his discharge having since been lost, when he was discharged from service at Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania, that he was in the battles near Saratoga [Battle of Freeman's Farm NY, 19 Sep 1777 and Battle of Bemis Heights NY, 7 Oct 1777] at the taking of Burgoine, at the battle of Age hill [sic: Edge Hill PA, 7 Dec 1777], and in many other battles and skirmishes; and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services, but the affidavit of his brother Gideon Crews [pension application S39371] hereto annexed

James hisXmark Crews

State of Tennessee, Knox County, July 31st 1819.

This day before me Edward Scott, Judge [illegible word] as aforesaid personally appeared James Crews, and in addition, to the foregoing declaration, makes the following: that he enlisted as before stated, and for the term of two years, about one year of which he served in the Sixth regiment aforesaid, and the remainder of his time under Col. [Daniel] Morgan.

James hisXmark Crews

I, John Childress [pension application S2423], do swear, that I was present when the above named James Crews enlisted in the service of the United States, as he has stated in his declaration above, that I saw him, together with his brother Gideon Crews, a soldier in camp, a few months afterwards, at Springfield below Williamsburg,; that a little more that two years after he enlisted, he and his brother returned from the army, and called at my house on their way home; this affiant further states, that the said James Crews is apparently and he believes in reality, unable to work in a common way, on account of age and pains; that, as to his property, he has some, but no great quantity, of stock on his plantation; that he has never yet, as this affiant has understood and believes, paid any of the instalments for his land to the state, and that the whole price of the same is yet unpaid.

John hisXmark Childress

State of Tennessee }

Knox County }

On the 7th day of April 1829 personally appeared in Open Court, it being a Court of record with Criminal Jurisdiction for the County of Knox and State of Tennessee, James Crews resident in said County aged 73 years, who first being duly sworn according to Law, doth make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the Act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820, that he the said James Crews enlisted for the term of two years on the 9th day of March 1776, in the State of Virginia, in the Company commanded by Captain Thomas Patterson in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel [James] Hendricks, and sometimes by Colo Morgan and by the

frequent change he was sometimes com'd by other Colos not remembered in the line of the State of Virginia, on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in said corps until the expiration of his term of enlistment, when he was discharged from the service, in the state of Pennsylvania, under Colo's Morgan's command, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present, that he does not know whether his name is on any roll, of any state, but states that it ought to be, Declarant states that on the [blank] day of [blank] 1818 he was placed on the pension roll of East Tennessee, and that he made but one draw amounting to \$168.23 Cts that after this he was stricken from the said pension roll, with many others. Declarant states that about 15 or 18 months since he applied through Doctor McKitsh[?], to be replaced on the pension list, which he understood was refused, as the same was not presented in due form. He further states that until lately he was not informed of the extent of property that would prevent, an old soldier from receiving his pension, and that this is the earliest opportunity he has had to renew his application since he has been well informed of the existing regulations of the war department. Declarant is entirely illiterate

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. No changes of my property have taken place since the 18th of March 1818, except in my small stock of hogs &c and such incidents as will follow the light and lean produce of the place on which I live by the mere bounty of the state

Schedule -

About thirty three years since Declarant purchased about three hundred acres of land, that he purchased the same subject to the lien that the colleges have on it for the Original price of the same except about the fourth part which has been paid - Declarant has failed from his entire inability to pay the interest on said on said Debt and now holds the same at the mere mercy & indulgence of the state, which superintends the same for the Colleges, this is all the real property he has claim to -

The [illegible word] and profit of said land it being not of very good quality is worth yearly	\$25.00
One Negro man about 40 years of age worth yearly	30.00
Seven head of sheep worth yearly	2 "
Two cows and calves worth yearly	2 "
One yoke of oxen worth yearly	5 "
One mare & colt & one horse worth yearly	5 "
13 Shoats & 2 sows worth yearly	<u>6 "</u>
	\$75. "

This is the whole of the means of my support

Declarant is a farmer and not able to work, his wife is about 60 years of age, and is tolerable healthy & as able to work as is usual for persons of her age, his sister is insane and has long been so, and unable to aid in her support & is about 65 years of age, this is all his family

Sworn to in Open Court the 7th April 1829

James hisXmark Crews

NOTE:

In support of the pension application of John Bayliss (S39175), Crews stated that he had been with Bayliss at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781. This service may have been as a militiaman, and therefore not mentioned by Crews, because militia service did not count toward a pension under the act of 1818.

A Treasury-Department document states that the executor of Crews's estate received the final pension payment up to the date of his death on 6 March 1841.