

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Eleazer Craddick S8252

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State of North Carolina Tyrrell County

On this day the __ day of January 1833, personally appeared in open Court, in the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Tyrrell, now sitting, Eleazer Craddick a resident of this County aged seventy-three years, who, being first duly sworn, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress for the relief of Revolutionary Soldiers of the 7th of June 1832 =

I was born in the County of Tyrrell State of North Carolina in the year 1759. I have my age recorded in my Bible at home. I was living in this County when I was called into the service, and have lived and yet continued to live in this County. I was drafted to serve in the militia of the State of North Carolina for three months, sometime about the beginning of the War. I do not remember the year, but it was not long after the War broke out. I was drafted at the Courthouse of this County and marched up to Kingston [sic, Kinston] in this State. From thence (after a short halt) we were marched to Salisbury this State. The officers of my Company were Captain Abraham Gerrot – Lieutenant Nathan Hooker and Ensign Joshua Chesson – we were marched up as far as the Catawba River and town of Charlotte where we were discharged and sent home, having been served out our time. I received a discharge from Major Pugh but have long since lost it. – After I had been home about three weeks I enlisted as fife master to serve twelve months. I was enlisted by Colonel Spruill of this County and marched to South Carolina in a company commanded by Captain Gregory, we marched to the Santee Hills of South Carolina; were joined on the route by many other troops – I was at the Battle of the Santee Hills, and, there had the fife knocked not out of my mouth by a ball, and my brother-in-law was killed by my side –; having lost my fife, I took up a musket and performed the duties of a private, after having served about six months as fifer, I took a musket and performed the duty of a private all the time I was engaged in Service –. I do not remember the number of my Regiment but think it was the 5th or 6th the Major was named Pugh, the Colonel was named Hart, and General Gregory, I think, commanded the whole. Among the Officers of the regular Army, I recollect Colonel Francis Locke, Major Armstrong and Major Clement Hall, the two first were killed in that battle –. After remaining thereabouts some time, we marched to join the Army in Virginia, besieging Cornwallis; when we got to Edenton this state, I got a leave of absence to go home for a few days, but I had not been home three days, when we received an order to join the Army at

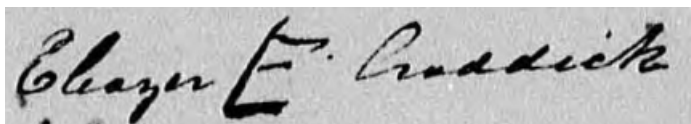
Yorktown Virginia – we left here under command of Captain Phelps and crossed Albemarle sound, we proceeded as far as Nixonton this State where we met a man on horseback bearing a flag, who informed us of the peace. Captain Phelps stopped him and on examining a paper carried by the bearer of the flag, turned us about and marched home, I received a discharge signed by Captain Phelps but lost it a long time since – as to dates it is out of my power to give them, I have no means of recalling them to my mind but think I first became a soldier in or about the year 1779 or 80. I recollect the names of the officers from the acts of kindness extended to me on their part, but as for incidents of any note occurred during my service except the Battle of the Santee Hills I only retained the impressions of the pain & suffering I endured, with the hardships I encountered –. I will refer the Court to the statement of Jesse Spruill and Joseph Wynne as a further proof of my service also from the character I have sustained for veracity.

The applicant Eleazer Craddick hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to any pension or annuity except the present, and declares his name is not on the pension roll of any State, or at the United States to his knowledge – that although he has applied for a pension, there has been always something missing in the form of it (as he is informed) by which he never has succeeded in obtaining any compensation –.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court on the day & year above stated

S/ Jos. Helsy, Clk

S/ Eleazer E. Craddick¹

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eleazer E. Craddick". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Jesse Spruill and Joseph Wayne gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

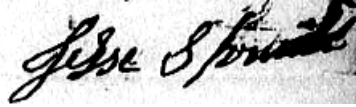
State of North Carolina Tyrrell County

On this day the ___day of January 1833, Jesse Spruill² of the said County personally appeared in open Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the said County now sitting and being duly sworn in relation to the Claim of Eleazer Craddick, says I am seventy years old next July, my age is recorded in my prayer book at home. I was born in Tyrrell County State of North Carolina, and have always resided and yet continued to reside in the neighborhood where I was born, and that is not more than fifteen miles from the residence of E. Craddick. I have known Eleazer Craddick from the time we were boys. I think he is about seventy-three years of age. I know that he served on two occasions in the Revolutionary War – he was either enlisted or drafted I don't know which sometime in the year 1779 or 1780 – he was drafted or enlisted at the Courthouse and Tyrrell County and went on an expedition to Norfolk in company with myself & others, he remained with us until we were marched home & discharged. Mr. Craddick also served in the Revolutionary Army at another time, but I have forgotten whether it was before or after this expedition to Norfolk. I know he left here with other Troops but not being with them, I do not know how long he served, or where he went –. Jesse Spruill further swears that Eleazer Craddick is and always has been a man of their character and undoubted veracity – and that he never heard it disputed that he had been in the service during the Revolutionary War.

S/ Jesse Spruill

¹ Except for the “E”, this signature appears to me to be in the same handwriting as the application itself. This leads me to believe that the signature is not that of the applicant but rather is the name signed by the scribe with the “E” being the veteran’s mark.

² [Jesse Spruill R10021](#)



State of North Carolina Tyrrell County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting.

On this day the __ day of January 1833 personally appeared in open Court Joseph Wynne a resident of Tyrrell County, who being duly sworn in the matter relating to the Claim of Eleazer Craddick – says –

I am seventy-two years old next February. I have it recorded in my Bible at home – I was born in this County and have continued to live here when at home ever since and that my residence has not been more than five miles distant from that of Eleazer Craddick.

I have known Eleazer Craddick from the time we were boys. I think he is a few years younger than myself he is about 69 or 70 years old – Eleazer Craddick was drafted at the Court house in this County some time I think in the summer of 1781 or 1780 to serve for three months he went off in a company with myself & others from this to Hillsboro North Carolina thence to Salisbury this State, our company was commanded by Captain Genet – the Captain & Lieutenant left the company when their time had expired and Ensign Joshua Chesson succeeded to the command – I was marched off to the South Carolina line and left E. Craddick at Salisbury – from this time I never saw Craddick until my return home, and have no doubt but that he served out his time –. I don't know whether he was in service or not afterwards as I left home and went to sea soon after my return. I never heard anyone doubt that he served in the Revolutionary War. I know him to be a man of good character and entitled to belief –.

S/ Jos. Wynne, Sr.,³ X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 15 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

³ I could not find any veteran by this or any similar name who applied for a pension from the federal government for service in North Carolina in the revolution.