

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joel Crain (Craine) W25452

Margaret

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State of Tennessee Hardeman County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions April Term 1833

Be it remembered that on this 4th day of April in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the justices of the Court of pleas and quarter sessions of Hardeman County now sitting the same being a Court of record, Joel Crain a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy-one 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 was born in the State of North Carolina Grandville County [sic, Granville County] in the 27th day of February 1762, & he has a record of his age in a Bible that his father once owned. That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1780 under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He first entered the service in Wilkes County North Carolina the County where he resided at that time – under Captain Pendleton Isble [sic, Pendleton Isbell or Isabel] as a drafted Militia man for three months. Colonel Isaacks commanded the Regiment, and marched to Cross Creek against Colonel Fanning who had collected a large body of Tories. We met with a company of Tories commanded by Bill Hellumus [sic ?], at the house of a man by the name of Cheak [sic, Cheek?] on to Cross Creek, in the night we killed some of them and the rest fled. We patrolled the County for some months about the neighborhood of Cross Creek and the Moravian towns – and was discharged near the Moravian towns after serving out his term of three months.

When he returned home there was another call for men to go against the Tories on deep River and to protect the Whigs in that part of the country & he volunteered under Captain Samuel Johnson, and was marched under Colonel Cleveland to Meminnaughs Mill [?] on deep River, which place we made our head quarters for four or five months – during which time we had several skirmishes, we succeeding in driving the Tories instantly out of that part of the County Colonel Fanning the great Tory leader was compelled to leave the neighborhood and joined the British Army – he was marched from Mernennaughs Mill and discharged at the Moravian towns after serving out a tour of six months. He received two discharges in writing but he has long since lost them. He has no documentary evidence by which he can prove his service. William Crain knows of his performing the above Service – He moved from North Carolina to the State of Georgia from thence to Tennessee where he has lived for 30 years &

upwards, the last five of which he has resided in this County –

Richard Fortune and Amos Johnson residents in my neighborhood and are acquainted with him also with William Crain to whom he has referred to prove his services – they can testify as to his and William Crain's veracity and to their belief of my service. 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.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court

S/ Thomas J Hardeman, Clerk

S/ Joel Crain, X his mark

[Richard Fortune and Amos Johnson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I William Crain¹ do hereby certify that I am acquainted with Joel Crain who has sworn to & submitted the above declaration and that he served as stated above in the Army of the United States in the North Carolina Militia during the revolutionary war.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this the 3rd day of April 1833

S/ Thomas J Hardeman, Clerk

S/ Wm Crain, X his mark

[fn p. 7: on November 19, 1853 in Hardeman County Tennessee, Margaret Craine, 74, made application for a widow's pension under the 1853 act; she states that she is the widow of Joel Craine, I revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him about the year 1825; that she has no record evidence of her marriage; that her husband died December 1, 1844 and that she has remained a widow since his death.

S/ Margarit [sic] Craine, X her mark]

[fn p. 13: on October 10, 1855 in Hardeman County Tennessee, Margaret Craine, 76, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Joel Craine; she states that she married him in Limestone County Alabama in August 1825; that they were married by one John Thompson; that her name prior to her marriage was Margaret Mitchell.]

[facts in file: the veteran died in Hardeman County Tennessee at the house of William Murrell, who was the executor of the estate of the veteran.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for nine months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

¹ [William Crain S1753](#)