

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Craig W25711 ¹

Margaret Miles²

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State of South Carolina District of Richmond } SS:

On this 27th day of February in the year of our Lord 1854 personally appeared in open Court before the undersigned Judge of the Court of ordinary, now sitting, & which is a Court of Record Mrs. Margaret Miles a resident of said District & State aged sixty-two years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed 3rd February 1853, granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary War; That she is the widow of Captain James Craig who was a Lieutenant and Captain in the said war and who as this Deponent has been informed & believes entered the service of his Country & served as follows: viz. That her said husband said James Craig deceased was living in South Carolina & entered the militia service in the same as private in the year 1779 under Major Ford & Captain McElmore some two months tour or more as horseman & was at Orangeburg & Charleston at each of which places & at Biggin Church in action, this deponent supposes, he lost a horse: That he was for a time a prisoner under the merciless Cunningham [William "Bloody Bill" Cunningham], but escaping from prison he [her] said husband again responded to his Country's call & volunteered in 1780 as a horseman under Captain Henry Coffey & Major Robert Crawford in the Waxhaws in this State & afterwards under Colonel Henry Hampton: During these two tours her said husband was in the battles of Hanging Rock [August 6, 1780] & Blackstocks [November 20, 1780] in this State, and in the year following he was in the militia under Colonel Kimball [Frederick Kimball] & in February following was promoted to a Lieutenant & served in short tours under Colonels Marshall [John Marshal], Hampton & Kimball near Camden in this State & was also engaged in the wagon service for a short period: That during the year 1781 said husband served more than one month as Captain of horse under Colonel Thomas Taylor and was at Moncks Corner in this State as Captain of foot on a short tour of duty, and during the latter part of that year & beginning of 1782 he served some two months as Captain of foot service & was at Orangeburg in this State. That he served nearly one month as Lieutenant of foot at the four holes [Four Holes Bridge] in this State under Colonel Marshall, and in July of that year he served upwards of one month at Edisto in this State in Colonel Taylor's Regiment of Militia: That the services of said Captain James Craig were all in the militia in tours of duty & skirmishes against the British & Tories again time he ever entertained feelings of

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² Former widow

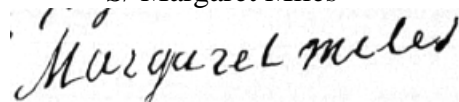
profound dislike for they had during the war of Independence burned his house & destroyed his property: That this Deponent has often heard her said husband speak of the events of his service, of his being taken a prisoner. That deponent remembers his talking of his officers both comrades & superiors & particularly of General Richard Winn, Colonel Henry Hunter who lived in the same District with said husband that of the present District of Fairfield, & adjoining that of Lancaster in which the Waxhaws settlement is situated, and of Captain Coffey & Colonel Kimball: That his brothers were Clinton Craig, Robert & John Craig, & that John Bell was a brother of his (Captain Craig's) first wife – That this Deponent is not aware of any of his aforesaid comrades & officers being now alive: That after the war he continued to live in said District of Fairfield & was a member of the State legislature, a justice of the Peace & Judge of the County Court long since abolished. That after the death of his first wife he married this Declarant in Richmond District adjoining that of Fairfield aforesaid on the ___ day of January 1817 by Reverend John Hart a Baptist Minister and that said Captain Craig died on the 20th day of December A.D. 1820. Deponent having lost her family record showing the date of her said marriage & her husband's death: That Declarant remained the widow of said Captain James Craig till the year 1832 when she married Samuel Miles who died on the 4th day of March 1845 being at the time of his death a citizen of Richmond District and that since that this Deponent has remained & is now a widow and was a widow on the 3rd day of February 1853: That all of her said husband said Captain James Craig's old papers, among those which were his Army papers, Commissions etc. as deponent believes were taken charge of by the Administrators of his estate and they being dead it is out of deponent's power to produce it papers: That she was not married to said Captain James Craig prior to 2nd day of January 1800 but at the time above stated. She declares further that she is now a widow.

Sworn to & subscribed on the day & year above written before me.

Witness my hand and Seal of office at Columbia in Richmond District

S/ James S. Guignard, Judge

S/ Margaret Miles



[p 56: Certificate dated March 20, 1854 issued by the Comptroller General's Office of South Carolina showing indents paid to a James Craig for service in the militia during the revolution in the years 1782, 1783; including 55 days in the cavalry under Major Robert Crawford at Hanging rock certified by Captain Henry Coffey; 14 days service in the cavalry under Lieutenant Colonel Henry Hampton at Blackstocks certified by Captain Henry Coffey; 4 days service in the cavalry under Lieutenant Colonel Frederick Kimball; 21 days service in the cavalry as first Lieutenant under Colonel John Marshall & Lieutenant Colonel Henry Hampton; 16 days service in the cavalry as first Lieutenant under Lieutenant Colonel Frederick Kimball near Camden; 16 days service with the wagon and team from Black Mingo to High Hills of Santee under John Backley; 25 days in the foot as first Lieutenant under Colonel John Marshall at the Four Holes Bridge; that the following affidavit also appears in the records of the Comptroller General:

"State of South Carolina personally appeared before me James Craig Lieutenant and made oath that the above accounts is just and true and that no part satisfaction have been made for the same. Sworn to before me this 16th of January 1784 signed by Frederick Kimball, JP – State of South Carolina Camden District Personally appeared before me James Craig & made oath that on the 18th of August 1780 being in General Sumpters Brigade, when Colonel Tarleton attacked him & in the said attack, he the said deponent lost his horse, saddle and vital they being his own

property & he has received no part satisfaction for the same. Sworn before me the 17th day of January 1784 signed by Robert Montgomery, JP, James Craig."

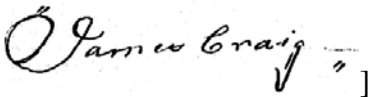
Indent dated August 19, 1786 to James Craig for militia duty as a Captain for 163 days service in the militia in 1781 and 1782 in Colonel Taylor's Regiment 40 days; in July 1781 at Moncks Corner under Colonel Taylor for 22 days as a Captain; for 67 days service as a Captain at Orangeburg under Colonel Taylor in a Regiment of foot; 34 days as a Captain in July & August 1782 at South Edisto as Captain of foot; reimbursement for the loss of 2 horses one lost at Orangeburg and the other lost at Charleston; the appraisal for the 2 horses lost was made by Quinton Craig and John Bell; James Craig was also reimbursed for articles taken from him by Major Cunningham while a prisoner.]

[p 9: on March 20, 1855 in Richmond District South Carolina, the widow, 63, filed for her bounty land entitlement stating that her name prior to her marriage was Margaret McInnis.]

[p 16: On March 13, 1883 in Richland County South Carolina, Nancy Caroline Gleave gave testimony that she is the only child of Margaret Miles; that her mother only had one child; that her mother prior to her marriage to Samuel Miles was the widow of the late James Craig and as such was a pensioner of the United States and the recipient of a bounty land warrant; that the warrant was lost or destroyed during the burning of the city of Columbia in the month of February 1865; that "deponent last saw the said land warrant in her mother's trunk during the morning of the 17th day of February 1865 and that on the next after to wit on the 18th day of said month deponent made you and diligent search for said warrant but found it not, that during the said 17th day of February, deponent's mother's house (deponent has always lived with her mother until her death, which occurred on the 28th of February 1871) was full of Federal Soldiers, who entered into any and every place they chose, taking what they pleased, and deponent believes that in the disorder and turmoil which reigned in said City during the said 17th day of February said warrant was lost or destroyed." The deponent further said that her mother departed this life on February 28, 1871 aged 78 or 79 years.



[p 92: facsimile of the signature of James Craig taken from the records in the office of the South Carolina Comptroller General's Office



[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$157.08 per annum commencing originally in 1853 and restored effective March 4th, 1861 for her husband service as a private, Lieutenant, Captain of Infantry & Cavalry & wagoner in the South Carolina service.]

³ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

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No. 278 March 2nd [Book] O

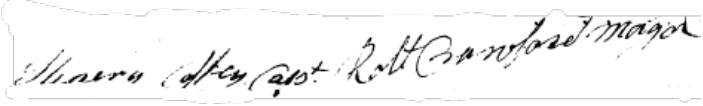
Mr. James Craig his Account of Militia duty and sundries in 1780, 1781 & 1782

| | |
|-------------|-----------|
| Charged | £57.2.5 ½ |
| Deduct Less | <u>2</u> |
| Sterling | £55.2.5 ½ |

Ex^d. [Illegible]

J. M^c. A. G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

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| Waxhaw December the 29 th 1783 | | £ | S | d |
|---|---|----|----|----|
| 1780 June the 25 th to August the 19 th | State of South Carolina Dr. to James Craig Sundries To 55 Days in the Cavelry [sic Cavalry] under Major Robert Crawford at Hanging Rock &c at 20 ^S / [20 Shillings] per day Certified Henery Coffey Capt. Robt. Crawford Magor  | 55 | 00 | 00 |
| 1780 December 8 th to December 22 nd | To 44 Days in the Cavelry under Lt. Col. Hendry Hamton [Henry Hampton] at Black Stocks [Blackstock's] at 20 ^S per day Certified Henery Coffey | 14 | 00 | 00 |
| 1781 January 1 st to January 5 th | To 4 Days in the Cavelry under Lt. Col. Fredrick Kimbal [Frederick Kimball] at 20 ^S per day | 04 | 00 | 00 |
| 1781 February the 16 th 2 March the 9 th | To [illegible] Days in the Cavelry as First Lieut. under Colonel John Marshal [John Marshal] & Lieutenant Colonel Hendry Hamton at 45 ^S per day Certified by Colonel John Marshal | 47 | 05 | 00 |
| 1781 April the 23 rd to May the 9 th | To 16 days in the Cavelry a First Lieut. under Lieutenant Colonel Frederick Kimball near Camden at 45 ^S / per day | 36 | 00 | 00 |
| 1781 June the 25 th to July the 11 th | To 16 Days in the Service with Wagon & Team from Black Mingo to high Hills of Santee under John Barkly Conductor at 80 ^S /per day | 64 | 00 | 00 |
| 1782 | To 23 Days in the [undeciphered word, could be Foot] a First Lieut. | | | |

| | | | | |
|--|---|-----|----|--------|
| May the 21 st ship to June the 15 th | under Colonel John Marshel at Four Hole Bridge at 35 ^S per day Certified Colonel John Marshel | 43 | 15 | 00 |
| 1780 August the 18 th | To one Soral [sorrel] Horse Appraised at £80.0.0 To Saddle & Bridle Appraised at 12.0.0 Appraised by John Craig & Hugh Coffey | | | |
| | [Note: 3 additional entries for sundries supplied to the Militia and impressed by John Gallraith, D Q M | | | |
| | South Carolina [old] Currency Total | 385 | 17 | 02 |
| | Sterling | £55 | 2 | 5 ½ |

State of South Carolina

Personally appeared before me James Craig Lieutenant and made Oath that the above Account is Just and true and that no part Satisfaction hath been made for the same.
[Balance of the certification is illegibly faint]

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State of South Carolina Camden District}

Personally Appeared before me James Craig & made Oath that on the 18th of August 1780 Being in general Sumpters Brigade when Colonel Tarleton Attacked him & in said attack he the said Deponent lost his Horse, saddle and bridle, they his own Property & he hath received no Part Satisfaction for the same
Sworn before me the 17th day of January 1784
S/ Robert Montgomery, JP

S/ Jas. Craig



We the Subscribers being Duly Sworn appraisers, doth appraise the Above mentioned Horse he being a Soral Branded on the Mounting Shoulder thus S For James Craig being owner

at £80.0.0

and the Saddle & bridle

at £12.0.0

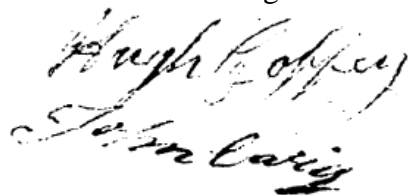
£92.0.0

Sworn before me the 17th day of January 1784

S/ Robert Montgomery, JP

S/ Hugh Coffey

S/ John Craig



To Messrs. Blake and Boquet

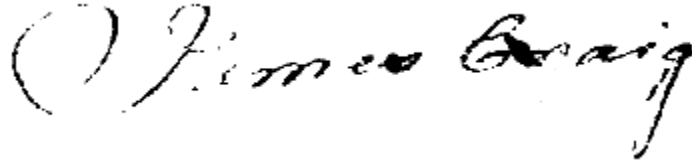
Treasurers

Gentlemen

Please to let James Mann have my Public Indent as also the Interest Likewise John Bell's Indent and interest which he has Sold to me and his receipt shall be a Discharge for the same.

Your compliance will much oblige Gentlemen Your very Humble Servant

S James Craig

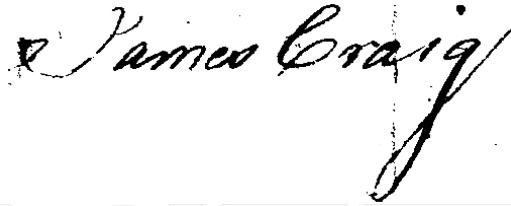


[p 15: Printed form of Indent No. 278 Book O]

[p 16: Reverse of the above Indent bearing the following, among other, endorsement:

Please to pay the within Principal and Interest to J Williman or his order

S/ James Craig



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No. 65

No. 382 [Book] X

James Craig for 163 days duty as Captain in the Militia in 1781 and 1782 and 8 bushels: Oats

Amount £73.12.10 ¼ [Sterling]

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

Sundry losses charged £26.8.6 ¾ but not properly Certified

See note at the bottom of this account

Pass for £73.12.10 ¼ Stg.

S/ E. Lightwood



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Mr. James Craig

163 days Duty

& 8 bushels Oats

£72.14.3 ½

13.6 ¾

£73.12.10 ¼

Sundry losses not

properly Certified

£36.8.6 ¾

£100.1.5 ¼

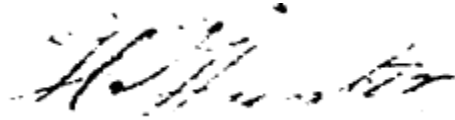
See note on the bottom of this account

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State of South Carolina

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| | To James Craig | Dr. |
| For Personal Military Services done in May & June 1781 a Horseman at £3.10s per day | | |
| In Col. Taylor's Regiment 40 Days | | £140 |
| | | |
| In July [?] 1781 in the Expedition against [undeciphered word] [line of text too faint to discern] | | |
| in Col. Taylor's Regiment 22 [?] days at 60s | | 66 |
| | | |
| [Text too faint to discern] | | |
| | at Orangeburg Command | |
| Until Feby 10 th 1781 } Company of Foot in Colonel Taylor's Regiment 67 days at 60s | | 200 |
| | | |
| In July and August 1782 } at south Edisto Commanding a Company of Foot in Col. Taylor's Regt. 34 Days at 60/ | | 102 |
| | | |
| To One [illegibly faint] horse Lost in May 1779 at Orangeburg | | 40 |
| To One Lost at Charlestown July 1779 | | 70 |
| To Eight Bushels Oats | | .6.10 |
| Several Articles Taken from him by Major Cunningham [probably William "Bloody Bill" Cunningham] when Prisoner by him | | 75.00 |
| Sundries £185 [Old SC] Currency not properly Certified | | |
| 26.8.6 ¾ | Currency | <u>£700.10</u> |
| | Equal in Sterling | £103.1 |

I do Certify the above Account for Duty Done in my Regiment to be Just and true
S/ J. Hunter Colo. [John Hunter, Lt. Col. Little River District Regt.]



Colo. Hunters signing in some accounts are different from this

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Camden District } Before me Henry Hampton Esquire Appears Quintin Craig and John Bell and on Oath says they appraised the Articles Mentioned in Captain Craig's account to be taken by Cunningham to 75 former Currency

Sworn and assigned before me this 16th February 1784

S/ H. Hampton, J Q

S/ Quintin Craig

S/ John Bell

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High Hills of Santee 25th June 1781

This is to certify that James Craig with his Wagon and Team have been in public Service 16 days bringing Salt from Black Mingo to the High Hills of Santee

S/ Wm. Richardson [William Richardson] Com. Gen.
for the Troops of South Carolina



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Wm Richardson". The signature is written in dark ink and is centered below a horizontal line.

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The State of South Carolina

To the [undeciphered word] To James Craig for service of his Wagon team & driver from the ___ day of ___ 1779 to the ___ Day ___ of following is [illegibly faint] days at £11.12.6 £

from ___ 12 days at 88/ £48

Certified by Robt. Anderson Colo.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robt. Anderson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the text of the certificate.