

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Crail W4426 Allathea Crail VA
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Beaver County [PA] Ss

On the 28th day of August 1829 Personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record to wit the Court of Common Pleas of said County John Crail resident in said County of Beaver aged Eighty three years eleven months & [blank] days, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his solemn oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the act of Congress of the 18th March 1818 & the first of May 1820 that he the said John Crail enlisted for the term of two years on or about the month of June 1776 at Pittsburgh now allegany [sic: Allegheny] County in the state of Pennsylvania in the company commanded by Captain Waggoner [sic: Andrew Waggener] in the 12th Virginia regiment Comanded by Colonel Woods [sic: James Wood] of Winchester Virginia in the line of the state of virginia on the continental Establishment that he continued to serve in said corps for the term of two years he was discharged at the Valley Forge in the year 1778 by Maj'r [Burges] Ball that he sent his discharge by Presley Neville [sic: Presley Nevill] to Winchester and that he never received it that he was in the Battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] that he has no other evidence than what is subjoined and what accompanied his application made August last to the War department from which he has heard nothing since that he hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to any pension except the present that his name is not on the Pension roll of any state and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension that shortly after passing the Act 1818 he applied to John H Redick Esq'r to make an application for him that his declaration was drawn up & the deposition of Mary Anne Body was taken proving the Enlistment and service as stated in this application that he believed the application was forwarded to the War department but thinks that it might have been mislaid does not know what was finally done with it that after the passage of the law of 1820 he despaired of obtaining a pension as the though from the provisions of the act his application might have been rejected on the ground of property that he applied to Judge Drennan to made a further application on the [blank] day of August last which application this declarant believed to have been forwarded to the War department but has heard nothing from it since that in 1818 he was possed of a tract of Land of 250 acres on which he had made a settlement and held by settlement right that a suit of Ejectment was brought against him at [blank] and the Plff [Plaintiff] obtained all the land not embraced in his improvement he having plead the statute of Limitations & taken defence for the am't within his enclosure about 26 acres for which he obtained a verdict at — Term and that he has to pay considerable money on account of said suit And in pursuance of the act of 1st 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 be as follows Schedule of property now owned by me

26 Acres of Land valued at \$3.00 per acre	78.00
1 old mare 23 years old	12.00
2 Colts @ 25	50.00
1 Cow @ 9	9 00
Household furniture at 16	16.00
12 Sheep @ 12	12 00

Schedule of property in 1818

Settlement right for two hundred and fifty acres of land of which the above is part and is the same before referred to & recovered by Ejectment except the 26 acres embraced in the above schedule as the applicant was settled on a tract belonging to Jacob Beltzhoover and his improvement being in his claim he could not hold out of his enclosed lines Beltzhoover and William Hales held the ballance

two Cows & 14 year old Steer say 27 00

perhaps some hogs not now recollected

2 mares some sheep not known

Some household furniture. That since the 18th day of March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property Recovered from me by law in a suit brought by Jacob Beltzhoove to hundred and twenty four acres of Land As before mentioned two Cows and one steer killed for Beef and sold to defray the charges of law suit hogs killed for use of family One mare and Declarant owes about \$16

Debts due him 1.09 his occupation is that of a farmer but is unable to labour his family consists of himself and wife an old woman of 69 years of age and entirely helpless and crippled by the Rheumatism Sworn and subscribed in open court the 29th day of August 1829 John Crail

Pennsylvania

Beaver Counts Ss

On the day of the date hereof before the subscriber a Judge of the Court of Common pleas in and for said County came Mary Anne Body and being sworn in due form of law deposeth and saith that John Crail in company with the deponants son (by name Edward Irwin enlisted in Capt Waggoners Company in the twelfth virginia regiment Commanded by Colonel Woods in the Revolutionary war in the year seventeen hundred and seventy six for the term of two years that the said Crail served out his time and returned. She does not recolect whether she saw his discharge or not but often heard him mention that he had it that the wife of the said John Crail lived with the deponant during the time that he was a soldier that the deponant during the time that he was a soldier that the deponants son to wit Edward Irwin which she had to her first husband died in the service of his Country and never returned That she has knowledge that the said Jno Crail sent his discharge by Prestly Neville to the seat of Government for the purpose of drawing the depreciation money he was entitled to She understood from general conversation that Neville had failed in geting any thing for him nor had he ever returned the discharge and further saith not

Sworn and subscribed before me the 12th day of April Ano Do 1819 Mary ann herXmark Body

NOTE: On 20 May 1841 Allethia Crail, born 16 Feb 1761, resident of Raccoon Township in Beaver County, applied for a pension stating that she married John Crail in the 16th year of her age, and that he died about two years previously. Edward Crail certified that his parents were married about two years before his birth on 24 April 1779, and that they were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which their children were baptized. He also certified that the family record transcribed below was in the handwriting of his father, who died on 3 April 1839. Thomas Henry made the following statement: "Prior to the year 1790 or about the beginning of that year I saw the oldest son of John Crail and Alethea his wife at the House of Peter Body his grandfather in Alleghany County Penna. his name is Edward and now lives in Beaver County in my district. I was then about nine years of age or a little rising and he about four years older. His mother was the daughter of Peter Body. What made the strong impression on my mind which I can never forget is that this boy Edward Crail was the largest and most corpulent that I ever saw of his age. An older brother of mine of about Crails age was with me, and the grandmother was particular in comparing their age and difference of size."

Edward Crail son of John and aletha Crail was Born April the 24: 1779

Jane Crail Daughter to John and alletha Crail was Born Jenuary the 9th 1781
James Crail son to John and Alletha Crail was Born December the 24th 1782
Maryann Crail Daughter to John and Alletha Crail Was Born february the nineteenth 1785
Peter Crail son to John and Allthea Creal was Born July the 24 1787
Allethea Crail Daugter of John and allethea Crail Was born march the 2nd 1789
Joseph Crail son to John and Allethea Crail was Born april the 28th 1791
Benjamin Crail son to John and Allethea Crail Was Born July the 8th 1793
John Ervin Crail son to John and Allethea Crail was Born october the 25 1795
S. Midleton Crail son to John and Allethea Crail was Born november the first 1798
Elizbeh Crail Daughter to John and Allethea Crail Was Born June the 13th 1801