

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Crye W6757  
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State of Tennessee, County of McMinn

On this 4th day of June personally appeared in open Court, before the Justice of the County Court of said County, William Crye, a resident of said County and State, aged about Seventy nine 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

In the year seventeen hundred and seventy six, he joined a volunteer company commanded by Capt. William Hagan. Adam Alexander was Colonel Commandant. This was in the County of Mecklinburg [sic, Meckenburg] and State of North Carolina. During the service, declarant was marched to Cross Creek, where the company was detained for some [time] and marched to the encampment of Col. Martin where a number of the Volunteers were selected and sent to Wilmington.- From this place declarant was sent home, having charge of the wagons as issuing Commissary, this over a service of three months.

Declarant's next service was in an excursion against the Indians in South Carolina commanded by Capt. ~~John~~ William Hagan, Capt. John Drummond of S. Carolina with a company formed a junction and marched with us. They first stopped at Princes Fort in what is now called Granville District. Our next place of stopping was at Wafford's Fort [sic, Wofford's Iron Works], whence our companies made frequent excursion. Near the last mentioned fort we were discharged. Our higher officers when discharged was Col. Neel, Lieut. Ezekiel Polk, and General Williamson [Andrew Williamson]. Declarant received no written discharge, nor does he recollect his precise time of service, but believes it more than two months. He received from the Lieutenant Col. Polk twelve dollars and a half and was informed by him then was still some due, but he never received it.

In Seventeen hundred and eighty, Declarant was drafted to join General Gates' [Horatio Gates'] army but procured a Substitute who was received in his stead who served three months under officers not recollected. Declarant was next drafted and entered the service as a horseman under Capt John Foster who was in company with Capt. Robert Davis whose business it was to scour this Country in search of Tories and outliers, this was also a service of three months.

In eighteen hundred and eighty one he was drafted for the East Wilmington expedition under Col. Erwin, Lieut. William Fagan & Maj. Harris from which he was discharged by furlough with but a few days service. Declarant was born in the Isle of Man, raised in Chester County Pennsylvania, removed thence to Mecklenburg North Carolina, thence to Burke in the same State, thence to Granville Dist. In South Carolina, thence to Burke again, thence to Hale County in Georgia and thence to where he now resides.

Declarant was born in seventeen hundred and fifty four.

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 and subscribed the 4th day of June, 1833.

S/ Wm Crye



[Dimman Dorsey, a clergyman, and Samuel Blackburn gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 8: On December 18, 1839 in McMinn County Tennessee, Sarah Crye, aged about 80-77, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of William Crye, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him on the 8th day of April 1779 after which time he became a soldier in the war of the revolution; that she was a widow as of July 4th, 1836

[fn p. 10: family register:

William Crye and Sarah Hagan were married the 8th day of April in the year of our Lord 1779

[different handwriting] William Crye died August the 03 1835

William Crye Junior and Elizabeth ball or were married August the 14th 1822

Sarah Crye was born August 4th 1843

Mary Crye was born November 7th 1825

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Cabron Crye was born August the 27th 1780

William Crye Junior was born May the 19th 1782

Henry Crye was born November 5th 1784

Mary Crye was born December [too faint to discern] 178[too faint to discern could be "6"]

Joseph Crye was born March the 5th 1789

Sarah Crye was born September 12th 1791

Mary Crye was born January 20th 1794

John Crye born June 11 1796

Isabel Crye born August 10 1798

James Crye born January 7 1801

David Crye born February 4 180[too faint to discern, could be "4"]

Jonathan Crye born September [?] 180[too faint to discern, could be "6"]

[fn p. 12: John Crye gave testimony in McMinn County Tennessee that his brother William was a soldier of the revolution; that his brother died August 30st [sic], 1835, a pensioner of the United States at the time of his death; was married in the year 1779 to Sarah Higgins who is his widow; that he was present at the marriage and he took place in the County of Mecklenburg North Carolina



[fn p. 25: statement that the widow died February 8, 1844.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$29.16 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 5 months service as a private in the infantry and 3 months service as a private in the cavalry, both in the South Carolina militia.]