

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Hawkins Craig W6759 Sally S. Hawkins VA
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State of Kentucky } Sctt
County of Boone }

On this 7th day of January in the year 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Boone county court now sitting John H Craig a resident of said county of Boone and State of Kentucky aged seventy years in March next 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated – viz. In the month of Septr. or Octr. in the year 1780 he entered the service of the United States as an assistant or deputy Quarter general [quartermaster general] in the county of Spottsylvania [sic: Spotsylvania] Virginia where he then lived at the post at Fredericksburgh [sic: Fredericksburg] under James Claibourn who was Quarter master general & stationed at Richmond Va. He this applicant served at the post of Frederickburgh which was on the rout from the Northern to the Southern Army & served with Col Rich’d. Young [Richard Young] who also acted as a deputy Quarter master under s’d. Claiborne at the Post of Fredericksburgh; he was engaged in receiving forage & public stores taking care of them, & issuing them out when called for and in the absence of said Young the whole business of the Quarter masters department devolved on him in which service he continued upwards of nine months for which his pay amounted to sixty Dols. p’r. month.

When he left the service & gave up his appointment in order to accompany his father & family to Kentucky where they all removed to in the fall of the year 1781 and in the fall of the year 1782 he volunteered as a private in a company commanded by Capt Robert Johnson & went under Gen’l. George Rogers Clark on a campaign against the Indians on the Big Miamie [sic: Miami] & aided in burning several towns of the Shawnee tribe of Indians [Piqua, Standing Stone and others, 10 Nov 1782] & returned home again after serving upwards of one month in the service of the United States when his services ended until after Apl 1783.

that he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services except Betsy & Cave Johnson [pension application S8767] whose affidavits are here with transmitted. and He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity whatever 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 day and year aforesaid [signed] Jn H. Craig

[7 Jan 1833] Betsey Johnson of Boone County Ky formerly Betsey Craig sister to John H Craig, aged 67 years was born in Spotsylvania County Va and removed from thence to Kentucky with her Father & family in the fall of the year 1781, makes the following statement, that some time during her residence in Virginia & pending the Revolutionary Warr, about the year 1780 or 81 to the best of her recollection her said Brother John (as she understood & believes) was engaged in the public service of the Country as a forage master. and that he resided in the Town of Fredericksburg with a certain Richard Young and was employed in the above business but cannot say what length of time but, thinks it was the greater part of one year. and that she did visit the family of the said Richard Young during the time her said Brother John resided there. [Sworn before Cave Johnson, Justice of the Peace.]

Cave Johnson of Boone County and State of Kentucky, aged seventy two years, makes the following statement, that in the year 1782 he marched as a soldier under the command of Gen’l. George R Clark from Bryants Station [Bryan’s Station near Lexington] on an expedition against the Indians on the Big

Miami at Chilicothe [sic: Chillicothe] & Pikway, and that John H Craig who at that time resided at the s'd Bryants Station, marched also as a soldier on the said Campaign, and perform'd the whole tour in the same company with him the s'd Cave Johnson, and he further states that as to the length of time occupied by s'd. Campaign is of opinion that it was about five or six weeks. [signed] Cave Johnson

State of Ky. }
Boone County } Sct

The affidavit of John H Craig taken in said County, on the 17th day of Feby 1844, affiant being in the 81st year of his age states that sometime in the year 1832 he made his declaration in the County Court in & for Boone County Ky in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions of the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832, that on said declaration affiant was allowed the sum of \$123.33 on the 19th day of January 1833 by the Hon'l Lew Cass the Secretary of War that he has been in the receipt of the same ever since, that he is induced to believe and does believe that that said allowance as made in Jan'y 1833 was erroneous, and incorrect, and that his rights will be better secured by a reexamination of the papers now on the files of the department, together with such records & documents as the vouchers at Washington & Richmond will furnish, that his statements as then made are true in the general and need not be here repeated. He will however state that his pay while in service at Fredericksburgh Va was about 60 doll's per month, which was paid him & the depreciation made up to him, while in the service at his post, at Fredericksburgh Va as qr master genl &c. He therefore prays that his Case be reexamined, and such increased pension be allowed him as shall seem justly due & in arear, & he will every pray &c. He further states that he is the identical man to whom the pension was originally allowed & is still living Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid [signed] Jn H. Craig

[A letter dated 18 July 1844 states that upon reexamining John H. Craig's case his pension was suspended because there was no documentary evidence of his service, as required for a commissioned soldier.]

Greenup County Ky
Dear Sir Dec 19th 1844

Their are few friends alive whose acquaintinace have been as long as ours judging of you by myself I remember many things that are long passed and gon better than those that have lately happened, therefore I hope you can recollect many things that happened in our young days when we lived together in Fredericksburg Virginia, in the servis of the United State; you serving in the Quartermaster department and myself as express rider. remember that all of the dispatches from the north to the south and from the south to the north ware all brought to your office and how often you sent me off with those dispatches and how often you sent me to the Colonels of the different Counties when a draugh was to be had, remember that all the dispatches from the south to the north and from the north to the south had to go day and night as marked on there back, remember the house where your office was kept at the foot of the hill on maine and above Walker's silver smiths shop, betwen three and four hundred yard below Jacob Whitely's taver; remember how often you went with me to the stables at the lower end of Town near to Doctor Mortamore's to select a horse for me to ride on express remember how often you had to come to wake me up at where I boarded at the widow Hazelgroves to start with an express Remember how often when I was at home you sent me to the Commissary store to make issues; and receive supplies of evry sort of thing. Remember how often we had to go together to the magazine to attend to the emptying and drying the powder, Remember how often we swam together over to the long iland opposite Fredaricksburg to baith. Remember taking Cousin Polly Lee and myself with you to see Mr Walker's daughters Remember of you sending me on express the Colonels of all the Counties in the Northern neck and you loaned me your Cloak which your Friendly Mother made at home, it was filled with blue yarn, which cloak I left at Colonel Peachy's [probably William Peachey] I entered the servis in 1778 and

remained in the servis until the summer of 1782 in the fall of 1782 I come to Kentucky, to your Fathers place on Gibber's Creek [probably Gilbert Creek] where McDaniel was overseer My mutch respected friend your Brother Lewis Craig in his life time told me in Virsaills [sic: Versailles] that you could be the meanes of procuring my Pension therefore I wish you to afford me all the assistance in your Power, to procure my Pension which is my just due, I procured the testimony of Mrs Polly Lee she was thought to be too young to allow the Pension on her evidence, and now as far as I know you are the only prospect for me to obtaine the assistance I need. I have named those varrious things above to refreshing your memory, and if you think that you can give me that assistance which I need informe me by Mr Willis and if necessary I will come down myself, or if you can arrange it and save me the trouble of coming down let me know and I will send. My wife and myself join prayin for the welfar of you and all of yours, we are enjoying good health for old people like ourselvs

Maj John H Craig/ Boone County Ky respectfully yours/ John Young [pension application S30811]

[On 4 Feb 1848 John H. Craig's agent wrote to James L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions, inquiring why Craig's pension had not been paid for the previous two or three years. On 4 Mar 1851 Craig assigned power of attorney to obtain the pension owed to him. Franklin Craig was a witness.]

State of Kentucky }
County of Greenup } SS.

On this 14th day of May AD 1814 [sic], Before me William Kouns an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State abovementioned, personally appeared Rev. John Young, aged 87 years a resident of Greenup County, Ky who being first duly sworn according to law makes the following Declaration, To wit, That he was stationed at Fredericksburg, Virginia as an Express Rider, in the war of the Revolution, that he entered the service in the year 1778 and continued until the fall of 1782, When he received an honorable written discharge by the hands of and in the hand writing of General George Weden [sic: George Weedon] of the United States Army, at which time there was a general cessation of Arms and Peace was supposed to be restored He also certifies that he was well and personally acquainted with Major John H. Craig now a resident of Boone County Kentucky that he knew him from a boy up & knew his Father & Grandfather before him, and he hereby certifies that said John H. Craig was engaged in the Quarter Masters Department, at Fredericksburg Va, as assistant Deputy Quarter Master under Richard Young the Quarter Master at Fredericksburg. that he entered the service in the Spring of (1778) Seventeen hundred and seventy eight and continued in the service until he removed to the state of Kentucky in the fall of (1780) Seventeen Hundred and Eighty and that he knows of his own personal knowledge that said Craig served over (2) two years in said Quarter Masters office. He also declares that said Major John H. Craig always maintained an exemplary and unblemished reputation for honesty, sobriety, industry and morality, which character he has creditably maintained to the present day. He never knew him fail of doing his duty whilst engaged in the public service, – said Young further states that he was an intimate friend of said Craig and when at home at Fredericksburg his constant companion, and certifies to the correctness of the facts above stated from his own personal knowledge. He remembers of being called up in the night many and divers times by said John H. Craig to get up and start with Expresses

Witness W. Ramsay/ Benj Chinn

John HisXmark Young

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of May A.D. 1851. And I hereby Certify that I am personally acquainted with Rev John Young, a minister of the gospel for the last fifty five years – and a man of unblemished character and reputation. All interlineations made before signing

Wm Kouns JPGC

The case of John H Craig, having been presented to me by Mr Kirby one of the Examiners for my advice, I have examined the papers, and it appears that he was originally placed on the Kentucky roll under the Act of June 7th 1832, and was afterwards stricken therefrom.

I have some difficulty as to its admission, but upon consultation with Messrs Triplett and Kirby, two of the Examiners of Revolutionary Claims who have examined the case, and as they are of the opinion the case is a meritorious one, and more particularly, as Captain Triplett is personally acquainted with some of the parties, whom he represents as individuals of high character, I have concluded to regard the claim in the spirit of the law, and therefore admit the claim for 9 months as Depy Q'r Master General and 1 month private. Mr Cole will please have the certificate issued, and transmit the same to S. F. J. Trabue.

F. S. Evans/ July 24 1851.

NOTE: On 18 April 1853 Sally S. Craig applied for a pension stating that as Sally S. Snelling she married John Hawkins Craig in March 1802, and he died 8 April 1852. The file contains a copy of a bond signed on 17 March 1802 in Woodford County KY by John H. Craig and William Hawkins for the marriage of Craig to Sally Snelling of Woodford County. On 6 Oct 1855 Sally S. Craig, 88, appeared before John P. Craig, a Justice of the Peace, to apply for bounty land. Franklin Craig and Thomas Benton Craig were witnesses.