

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Craig W8638 Jane Craig VA
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[Punctuation partly corrected.]

State of Kentucky } SS
Wayne County }

on this the 20th day of September 1838 personally appeared before me Benjamin Hancock a Justice of the peace in and for said County, Jane Craig aged Seventy Eight years the 2nd day of August last past. She being entirely reputable and after being duly sworn for that purpose on her oath makes the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress passed the 4th July 1836, that she is the widow of John Craig, who was a soldier of the Revolutionary War as herein after stated She states that she saw her deceased husband the said John Craig enlist in the united States Service in Bedford County in the State of Virginia to seve as a private soldier to serve three years that she saw Joel Devenport [sic: Joel Davenport S39413], and his brother Moses Devenport [Moses Davenport] enlist at the same time they all enlisted at the house of Thomas Brown on a Wedding day, said Brown's daughter Edy Brown being that day married to Ancel Goodman [Ansel Goodman S1375]. they all received the bounty money from a recruiting officer named James Turner [S30757] to go on under Capt Charles Lamberd [later corrected to George Lambert S8810 of the 14th Virginia Continental Regiment] who lived in Bedford County Virginia. that the said John Craig came by the house of her fathers as he went on to Join head quarters. to her best Recollection it was verry Early in the Spring season but owing to the great length of time she cannot say with exact certainty but She believes it was in march and in the spring of Seventeen hundred and seventy seven She cannot say with great certainty what Regiment or Col her said husband was attached to. She recollects often to have heard her deceased husband talk of his marches and services and particularly of being in the battle of the Storming of the Stony Point [16 Jul 1779] and of his having the Small Pox and being at the hospital at the white Plains – and of being in a skirmish at or near the white Plains and of go to many Points and places in the N. Jersey State and crossing the Susquehannah River on their marches and of marching through the states of Pennsylvania and Maryland and nearly all of the north Eastern States, and she thinks of being at Brandywine Battle [11 Sep 1777]. She well Recollects to have often heard him tell of encountering great hardships in halting and travelling with the afflicted with Small Pox. she recollects to have heard him speak of being at a skirmish at some cross Roads. she was well acquainted with him when a child and knew of his absence for the whole Term of his enlistment that on his return home in the spring of 1780, he came by her fathers, towit James Brown's before he went [to] his fathers, towit Joseph Craig's he had a discharge from his said service which she has often heard Read, which was in some way lost or destroyed a great many years before his death but she knows not at what time. She states that in some short time after his return in the spring of 1780. that he engaged in the militia service, as she believes a volunteer and was appointed Captain of the guard to guard the magazine at New London in Bedford County [now in Campbell County] in Virginia, about ten miles from applicants fathers residence and served at New London Six months as she believes at two continued three months engagements, and was engaged in the said service at the time she was married to him it being on the 17th day of September 1780 [later corrected to 1782] She was married to the said John Craig at the house of Parson, John Holt, two miles from where her said husband was then guarding as a captain of the guard which she has no Documentary evidence of except the Record that she has in her Bible as taken from the record of her brothers Bible, who was at the wedding. She states that Chesley Calloway [sic: Chesley Callaway S30917] who was at the marriage had been a soldier with her said husband, that her said husband continued on to be captain of the guard of the magazine at New London, perhaps about three months after their said marriage That some time in the Spring as well as she recollect and in 1781 the precise month not recollected there was a hasty call for men and her said husband went a volunteer for that tour of forty days against the enemy some of the Calloways some of the Moons were a long went a Light

horse service only forty days this tour and in a short time thereafter he went again as a militia soldier as a foot soldier and served to three months tour went to Petersburg and Williamsburg and many Points and places in virginia, and was making in the whole after he quit serving as captain of the Guard in New London at least four months service

She states that she can prove as she has no doubt of the facts of her said husband's enlistment and return from the army, and his service at New london and the facts of her said marriage from witnesses whose evidence whose statements will prove that her husband served as herein stated with whom she was acquainted in the time of her husbands absence and service, towit a captain George Dabney [W3007] with whom she was acquainted in the time of her husbands service and who saw her said husband in service at Newlondon in Virginia and by Richard Wade [S3443] things conducing to the proof of facts, who are Revolutionary Pensioners, and lives near her and she thinks by James Turner [S30757] another Revolutionary Pensioner of this county, and by the whole of her said husbands intimate acquaintance who was well acquainted with him in Wayne County Ky for near thirty years befor his death. that he has and was reputed as having been a Revolutionary soldier and that the same never was doubted, and she thinks she can prove by James Pearcy [James Piercy W2849] another Revolutionary Pension, things, fully convincing of her said husbands said service. She has no doubt but she can prove by her said acquaintance to wit. George Dabney James Turner and Richard Wade and from many circumstances and from her record that she must have been married to her Deceased husband on the 17th of September 1780, and she further states that her said Husband lived with her as husband and wife untill the day he died, which was on the 8th day of June 1830. that he died of cancer on the mouth with which he was afflicted many years, and that she has remained a widow ever since that time of his death, as will more fully appear by refference to the proof hereto annexed

Jane herXmark Craig

State of Kentucky }
Wayne County }

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for said County James Turner a Revolutionary Pensioner with whom I am personally acquainted, he being respectable and his statements are entitled to credit and after being duly sworn for that purpose on his oath states that he was well acquainted with John Craig and his wife, Jane Craig in Bedford County in Virginia in the time of the Revolutionary War that he recollects that the said John Craig was married to the said Jane, whose maiden name was Brown in the time he Craig was in the service at New london guarding the Magazine he witness under the order of Col James Calloway was guarding the tories that Captain John Cotrell was the Captain of the Company at the time he was guarding, and the said John Craig was Lieutenant the whole time he was guarding that he witness servd three months at said place and left John Craig still in service, he thinks it likely that he servd as captain of the guard after witness was discharged, but is not certain of ever hearing so until now. that he recollects distinctly of the service of the said John Craig in the enlisted service though he did not see him enlist but knows it to have been so from every circumstance being well acquainted with the family of the said John Craig, and of his absence and said to be on an enlistment, that he well recollects the Regimental Clothing worn by the said John Craig while serving as a Lieutenant of the Guard at New london witness is no schollar and is not certain in what date he servd at Newlondon under Cotrell and Craig, but believes it was in 1780 from his present calculation Sworn to and subscribed before me Sept 24th Sept 1838

James hisXmark Turner

B Haden JP

State of Kentucky }
Wayne County }

on this the 28th day of Feb 1839 Personally appeared, before me Benjamin Hancock a Justice of the peace for said county Elizabeth Pearcey wife of James Pearcey, (a Revolutionary Pensioner of this county whose statements are entitled to credit, on on her oath states that she was raised from a child within one mile of her said husband James Pearcey Pensioner as aforesaid, and that she was married to him about the 4th day of May the may come year after he said husbands Last

service in the Revolutionary war, she states that she well Recollects, her said husbands going and returning from service two tours but she being unlearned she cannot give the dates of her said husbands service, but well recollects the same, & well recollects, that some time in the summer, and in the Revolution, and his last tour that she was at a quilting, at the house of affiant's uncles, towit Thomas Dooleys in Bedford County, some time in the summer season, she cannot state positively the month owing to the great length of time and that Mrs. Jane Craig, who is the widow of John Deceased with whom she was acquainted from that time was at said quilting She states that she was then the wife of John Craig (witness well recollects that, there was cooking to do at said quilting and that it was agreed on that the married women was to cook, and that it was put on the said Mrs. Jane Craig to cook, that she is certain that Mrs. Craig was then married. Witness states her opinion is that Mrs Craig had been married some months but knows not how long

Sworn and subscribed this 28th day of February 1839 Elizabeth herXmark Percy

State of Kentucky }
Wayne County } SS.

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for said County James Coyle whose statements are entitled to full credit, and on oath states he married to Rachel Craig, the daughter of Jane Craig, now an applicant for a Pension She being the widow of John Craig, that I was married to her on the 14th day of January twenty one years past, last January, that I am intimately acquainted with the family for thirty years past, that there was of said John Craigs children older than the one I married, towit Polly Hatfield, Anna More, Rebecca Savage, James Craiage, Robert Craig & Nancy two last being twins then next two Twins that I Learn died when young children, then next John H Craig, Generally called Henderson Craig, who died as a soldier from Wayne County at Neworleans [sic: New Orleans], shortly after the Battle of the 8th January 1815, he was under Capt. Vicory. the next to him was Betsy Smith. my wife Rachel Coyle is the next child to Betsy Smith, and there is one younger, to wit Linn Craig who I suppose is thirty five or thirty six years, not knowing his precise age I always understood said John Craig to have been a Revolutionary soldier from about the first of my acquaintance with him and family and I have often heard said soldier and his wife talk of being married in time of the war and has no reason to doubt the fact.

Sworn and subscribed this 11th day of April 1840 before me James hisXmark Coyle
B. Hancock JP

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I here by Certify that John Craig Enlisted with Capt George Lambert the First day of January 1777 & Faithfully discharged the duty of a Soldier for the Term of Three years to wit Till the First Day of January 1780 & then was Legally Discharged, but in Formes me that he hath Lost his Discharge Certified by

Arch's Moon [Archelaus Moon] 1st Lieut 14th Virginia Redg't
April 26th 1784

True Cobby/ J Pendleton

John Mead Preston[?]

I Believe the within to be the hand writing of Lieut Moon who was an Officer in the virginia Line

Genuine T Meriwether}

James Wood Late B.G. [BLWt2419-500]

True Cobby/ J Pendleton

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Lick Creek Clinton Ky/ August 12th 1841

Sir Robert A Dabny wrote to you sometime since upon the subject of the service of John Craig and your answer was Duly recieved Stating that he served in the 14th Regiment under Capt. George Lambert as She says she alleged in the [undeciphered word] But the name of the Col who commanded the Regiment She

Desires to know as it appears She is required to set forth John Craig was of the Continental line I hope you will Be so kind as to send me the name of the col 14 Regiment Viginia Continental line

Your humble servt/ William Dabny

Governor of the common wealth of virginia/ Richmond Via

Can it be ascertained in your office who was Colonel of the [undeciphered]
There is no means of ascertaining who was Colo of the 14th Reg't [see endnote]

NOTE:

The file includes a copy of the following minister's return: "John Craigg & Jane Brown married, September 17th 1782. John W. Holt Min."

On 4 Jan 1840 R. A. Dabney stated that Robert Craig was married about 1810, that Rebecca Savage was married with two or three children in the fall of 1810, and that Polly Hatfield was not very young when she was married.

On 21 Nov 1840 Richard Wade (S3443) stated that John Craig came to Madison County KY as early as 1794, as he estimated "from calculation and from the age of his grandson, Richard Wade, who was Born november the 6th day 1794, at which time the said John Craig had four Children."

The file includes a copy of a bond signed by John Hatfield and John Craig in Greenup County KY on 5 May 1808 for the marriage of Hatfield to Polly Craig.

On 11 April 1840 Jane Craig certified a family register taken from the record of her deceased brother, John Brown, and transcribed below. In this certification she stated that Anna Craig married David More, Polly Craig married John Hatfield, Rebecca Craig married John Savage, and Robert Craig (the fifth child) married Sooky Raines.

The 14th Virginia Continental Regiment was commanded by Col. Charles Lewis (VAS901) from 12 Nov 1776 until 28 Mar 1778, and then by Col. William Davies until 14 Sep 1778, when the regiment was renumbered as the 10th.

John Craig was Born February the 14th 1758

Jane Craig was Born august the 2d 1760

John Craig and Jane Craig whose maiden name was Jane Brown was married September the 17th 1780.

John Craige Died June the 8th 1830