

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Thomas Craig: W3954

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State of Virginia Franklin County SS.

On this 3rd day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Moses Green Jr. Henry Couper Samuel Helm and Benjamin T Cook the court of Franklin county now sitting Thomas Craig a resident of Franklin County & state aforesaid aged 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 7th 1832 that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated- that early in the war of the revolution he went from Albemarle [sic: Albemarle] county the place of his nativity in a regular Company commanded by Capt John Marks enlisted for three years, that he marched with his company to Alexandria in Virginia, from thence through Baltimore to Philadelphia, that the company he belonged to joined the main army under Gen'l Washington at GermanTown, and was under the orders of various general officers - that he was in a Battle at Cooch's Bridge [New Castle County DE, 3 Sep 1777] or Iron Hill - his cols on that occasion was Colo Parker. The Americans were commanded by Gen'l [William] Maxwell. — he at that time, and to the end of his enlistment, served in the infantry, and was under the command of different officers at different times, to the end of his service he served as above under Gen'l Maxwell - he was sometime under Gen'l [Anthony] Wayne, and some time under Gen'l Weeden [sic: George Weedon]. he was at the battles of Germantown [4 Oct 1777], Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Monmouth [28 June 1778] - and also at the taking of Stoney point [sic: Stony Point NY, 15 July 1779] where he was commanded by Gen'l Wayne— he served out his full term and was honorably discharged. At stoney point Colo Frebecker [possibly Christian Febiger] commanded that part of the infantry that he was attached to - his captain at the taking of Stoney point was named Lawson, that when he entered the infantry, he was attached to the 14th Va Regiment - that while he was in that Regiment his company officers were Capt John Marks - Lieut Abraham Murray and Lieut Hale Frazier. When he entered the infantry the company he was attached to was commanded by Capt Lawson- He thinks he must have entered the regular service in 1776 - and he thinks he was discharged in the 1779 - but he cannot more be particular as to dates — his house was burned down some years since & his discharge was burnt with it [two words illegible] lost his documentary evidence. He remembers the many of his officers - belonging to the army - besides those named above - His excellency Gen'l Washington - LaFayette - Gen'l [Henry] Knox - Baron Steuben - and remembers the distinguished galantry of Colo Flora [sic: François de Fleury] a Frenchman at stoney point - he saw him enter the fort and heard him exclaim he would not take ["naming some sum" interlined above an erasure] for the enemies flag when he took possession of it. He well remembers Gen'l Charles Lee- and others too tedious to enumerate — He is known to many very many of the citizens of the county where he resides and his services are also well known to some soldiers no doubt yet living - Wm Campbell of the county of Franklin was in the company with him and marched with him from Albemarle to Fredericksburg Dumfries - George Town - Baltimore & to Philadelphia and to the then headquarters of Gen'l Washington — before and after the three years service above described he was out in service in the militia at different times to the amount of nine months. 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 day and year aforesaid.

Thomas hisXmark Craig

NOTE: On 5 July 1849 in Franklin County VA Mary Craig, 76, applied for a pension stating that she married Thomas Craig on 1 July 1797, and that he died 22 May 1842. The file includes a copy of the record of the marriage of Thomas Craig to Polly Davis in 1797 returned to the Clerk of Henry County VA by John King. A typed summary refers to a marriage bond signed by a Williamson Davis, and states that Mary Craig died 20 June 1852.