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Pension Application of Jacob Crabtree R2420

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State of Virginia, Lee County towit,

On this 22nd day of January 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the court of Lee County, now sitting, Jacob Crabtree Sen'r. resident in said County, aged Seventy three 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, towit, that he enlisted in a company of Rangers, for six months, commanded by Capt James Crabtree, Umberstone Lyon [Humberson Lyon or Humberton Lyon] being Lieutenant, and Philimon Higgins [Philemon Higgins] the Ensign, under the command of Col. Arthur Cambell [sic: Arthur Campbell] of Washington County in the State aforesaid, an officer in the Militia of Virginia.

That he served in the said Company of Rangers from May 1776 for a period of five months in Spying against the Indians and guarding the Frontiers in the County of Washington, but now County of Russell, which was the South western Frontier of Virginia. At the end of the five months, being a month before the expiration of his enlistment, he was discharged at Jeremiah Harrisons Fort, in the said County of Washington, by Capt. Crabtree about the 1st of Nov'r. 1776 without receiving any written discharge from his officer, as the declarant now recollects.

That in the year 1780 In the month of July, the declarant again entered the service in a Militia Company in the said County of Washington commanded by Capt. James Montgomery, Samuel Newell Lieutenant, and James Sims Ensign and marched to the Straw Barns and Lead mines [at Fort Chiswell in present Wythe County] on New River against the Tories, and joined some regular troops at the Lead mines, all commanded by Col. Jeremiah Pearce of the Militia. In this service the declarant was engaged a little over two months; where after having dispersed the Tories and caused several of them to enlist in the Regular Service, and making a large quantity of lead for the protection of the Frontiers, the troops at the Lead mines were permitted to go home
The declarant had been at home but a few days when he was directed by Col. William Campbell, to join the expedition against Major Fergason [sic: Patrick Ferguson] which resulted in the defeat and capture of his detachment, at Kings Mountain [7 Oct 1780]. The declarant was absent, in Service on this expedition about two months. On this expedition the declarant was in a company commanded by Capt James Dysart, Andrew Kilkannon [sic: Andrew Kincannon] Lieutenant and James Roberts Ensign, in the regiment commanded by Col. William Campbell. At the Sycamore Shoals of Watauga [25 Sep] Col. Campbell joined the Regt. of Col. Isaac Shelby, after which, beyond the indian hills, we joined Col. [Benjamin] Cleveland, Cleveland, Major Heron [sic: Joseph Herndon] & others with the Carolina troops.

The declarant was in the foot troops who were left behind by the Mounted Men on Friday, and next day in the evening, the Battle of Kings Mountain was fought, before the foot troops got up, and the declarant was not in the battle.

In February 1781 the declarant entered the company of Capt. Thomas Price in Washington for the protection of the Frontiers of the said county of Washington, and was together with John Breeding, chosen as Spies against the Indians, who were then committing depra-dations in the said county, and served faithfully in the capacity of Spy, in the said company for a period a little upwards of seven months, and was discharged from the said service by Capt. Price in the following November.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever, to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension role of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Jacob Crabtree

NOTE: On 12 June 1849 Mary Crabtree, 87, applied for a pension stating that she married Jacob Crabtree in Aug 1765 [sic], and he died 19 Mar 1846 in the western part of Lee County. The file includes a copy of the record of the marriage of Jacob Crabtree and Mary Price in Russell County on 4 Aug 1786. On 2 Apr 1850 Job Crabtree, administrator of Mary Crabtree, applied on behalf of himself and other children of Mary Crabtree for the pension she would have collected had she not died on 27 July 1849. Another document lists the surviving children of Jacob and Mary Crabtree as follows: Job Crabtree, Richard Crabtree, Hannah Langham wife of Robert Langham, Jane Brittain wife of Levi Brittain, Mary Langham wife of John Langham, Sarah Butram wife of Wesley Butram, and Rebecca Crabtree wife of William Crabtree.