Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Crain S16352 VA
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State of Kentucky This day Thomas Crain a Revolutionary Soldier came into open court it Mercer County viz } being the county court for the county of mercer (and a court of Record) and made Oath to the following decleration for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the late act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832 (Viz) I Thomas Crain Sen being first sworn according to Law, state that I am now about the seventy seventh year of my age and now a resident citizen of Mercer County State of Kentucky that I was born in the County of King William State of Virginia, at the age of about fifteen years I removed to Goochland County where I resided during the Revotionary war, that in the month of May in the year 1778 I went out under Col. [Nathaniel G.] Morris to Valley Forge to see my Brother then in the army, at which place I enlisted under Capt Benley [Bentley?] for twelve months, of the seventh Regiment & commanded at that time by Col. Wm. Dangerfield [William Daingerfield] of the continental line Marched from the Valley forge to Monmouth White Plains & Pumpkin Plains [sic: Pompton Plains NJ], at which place we took up winter quarters & then were Honnerably discharged by Capt White who succeeded Capt Benly he (Benley) having been broke of his commission, having served a few days over Twelve months. Shortly afterwards I was drafted in the malitia service in Capt Millers Company for three months in Col. Richardsons [Holt Richardson's] Regimet at the City of Richmond & marched to Williamsburg & then was discharged & then returned Home & shortly afterwards I volunteered under Capt Richardson [possibly Samuel Richardson] who was under Col Morris in Goochland County for three months and marched to Richmond & was there stationed the greater part of that tour as a guard & was then discharged & returned Home & remained there about a week I then volunteered under Capt Smith for three months who was under Col pleasants & was marched to Petersburg Manchester, Richmond, &c. guarding the different Points & was again discharged at Richmond having served Twenty one months actual service in the Revolutionary War and returned to goochland County & there remained for about two years then removed to to Powhetan [sic: Powhatan] County & resided in that County for five or six years & removed to Cumberland County & there remained nine years, from there I removed to Buckingham & there lived about seven years & then I removed to Kentucky Mercer County where I have resided about Twenty years & is now my place of residence I further declare that I am not a pensioner of the U. States or of any State & I hereby relinquish all claim which I have to a Pension except the present. Witness my hand this 9th day of August 1832 Thomas hisXmark Crain

NOTE: The file contains a receipt for the pension owed to Thomas Crain up to his death on 10 March 1833, collected by his widow, Polly Crain.