

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Silas Crain S32190

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State of Illinois County of Greene: SS

On this 5th day of December A.D. 1832 personally appeared before the Judges of the County Commissioners Court of Greene County & State of Illinois Silas Crain a resident of the County of Greene & State of Illinois aged seventy 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he volunteered on the 18th of March 1780 and entered the service of the United States under the command of Colonel Hicks, Captain Charles Evans 1st Lieutenant Thomas McManes, 2nd James Holmes, in Cheraw district South Carolina marched to Orangeburg on Edisto River, there was put under the command of Colonel Simmons Captain Charles DeWitt was marched to Coosawhatchie Bridge<sup>1</sup> and there was under the command of General Bull in a battle in which Colonel Lawrence [sic, John Laurens] was wounded in his wrist, and served four months and 15 days. That shortly after under the command of Charles Evans went in pursuit of the Tories served 25 days. About 1781 his father moved to Montgomery County North Carolina. That he volunteered under the command of General Davidson Captain James Fletcher in 1781 and marched from Montgomery County North Carolina to Colson Hill against the Tories and served between 30 and 40 days. That in 1782 as near as he can recollect, he volunteered and marched under the command of General Rutherford, Captain James Fletcher to Davis' Ford and there was stationed while General Rutherford went to Wilmington, that when General Rutherford came back he was marched home and discharged having served about 55 days. And that also he was on various other scouts in pursuit of the Tories, serving from 5 to 10 days at a time. That he was seventy years old the 5th day of last February according to the best of his knowledge. That he had three discharges which were given him by his captains and that the discharges were destroyed by getting wet in crossing a River, also that he had a receipt of James Crump for \$64 of beef furnished for General Greene's Troops when on his march to Charleston which was destroyed at the same time and in the same manner. That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. That 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 & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Silas Crain

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<sup>1</sup> May 4, 1779 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/coosawhatchie.htm>

*Silas Crain*

Interrogatories put by the Court to the said Silas Crain

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in Botetourt County State of Virginia in 1762 as I have been told.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. I have no Record.

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. I was living in Cheraw District South Carolina when I first volunteered after when I volunteered I lived in Montgomery County North Carolina. After the war I moved to Wilkes County Georgia resided there till 1801 thence I moved to Robinson County Tennessee lived till 1811 then moved to the now Green County Illinois and which place I have lived since till now.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans. I volunteered each time as stated in my declaration.

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. I recollect General Lincoln and Colonel Lawrence I think they were both regular officers. I also recollect Major Simmons and I served as I have stated in my declaration.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. I received 3 discharges and from my captains lost them as I stated in my declaration.

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans. I am well known to many persons in my neighborhood among which I would name Judge Brown and Isaac Darneil Esq.

S/ Silas Crain

[John Brown & Isaac Darneil gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Illinois Greene County: SS

Silas Crane [sic] being duly sworn doth depose and say that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned in the foregoing declaration & he for the cause aforesaid is unable to state the time or nature of his service or the names of his officers & the name or number of the Regiment or Corps in which he served with any more exactness than his declaration specifies. He verily believes that the military expeditions in which he served were ordered or sanctioned by public authority but he never saw the orders under which his officers acted nor is he able to bear the expense of investigating this question & that during his service he was not employed in any civil pursuit.

Subscribed & sworn in open court this 3rd day of June 1833

S/ Silas Crain

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]