Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Crabtree S32195
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State of Illinois, Washington County

On the 3rd day of June 1833 personally appeared before the County Commissioners Court of said County now sitting James Crabtree a resident of the aforesaid County and State aged near 72 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 seventh 1832.

That he entered the United States Service as a volunteer and was drafted under the following named officers and served as herein stated, viz: He entered the United States service as a volunteer in the Command of Capt. Robert Tremble, Wm Campbell [William Campbell] Brigadier General [then Colonel William Campbell], about the month of May in 1776 & that he serves as a Ranger for the Term of three months in the State of Virginia defending & guarding the frontier settlements; a Mr. Lt. C. Cain was Lieutenant of his Company & a Mr. Simms was sergeant, that he served out his three months tour but got no discharge, & he further states that after this he was drafted some time in the next year for another three months tour under Captain Wm Bowen [William Bowen], same general as before, other officers not recollected. Served this tour also in Virginia, the Kings Mountain Battle [October 7, 1780] took place in this tour but he being left to take care of the sick was not in the Battle—Capt. Bowen was killed in said Battle & on that account he supposes he got no written discharge. That he resided in Washington County Virginia at the Big Salt Lick, called Kings Works that in the first time he marched through the upper part of Virginia; on the second Tour he was marched to Kings Mountain.

That he was born in New London, Bedford County in the State of Virginia in the year, '62 Feb 20th; the Record of his age is now destroyed. After the war was over in, '85 he removed to West Tennessee about 25 miles above Nashville; that he removed from thence after living there about 24 years to the State of Illinois; that he is now living in Washington County in said state; he recollects of no person living who was acquainted with his services in the Revolution.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity whatsoever except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Rolls of the Agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first written.

S/ James Crabtree, X his mark

[Orcenett Fisher, a clergyman, and James Short gave the standard supporting affidavit.

Parney Short

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months

service as a private in the Virginia militia.]