

Joseph Crenshaw

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Born: 1698 VA

Married: Sarah MacCallister

Died: 14 Sep 1758 Fort Duquesne

Parents: Thomas Crenshaw & Unkown

One of the continuing mysteries in the Crenshaw family has been whether Joseph Crenshaw, whose Will was entered into Probate October 4, 1758, was the same Joseph Crenshaw killed while serving under George Washington near Fort Duquesne in the French & Indian War. A recent finding in Virginia's Colonial Soldiers by Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck has left this researcher convinced it was one and the same man. Bockstruck reports on page 136 a list of enlistments relating to the French & Indian War. Detailed are the names of five men who enlisted in Lunenburg Co, VA on 25 July 1757. That list includes Joseph Crenshaw. So we can deduct with confidence that the man killed while serving under Col. Washington on September 14, 1758 was the same Joseph Crenshaw who enlisted on 25 July 1757 and whose Will was entered into Probate in Lunenburg Co, VA on October 4, 1758.

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1752 Tithe List

Crenshaw, Joseph (& Joseph Crenshaw Jr, James Downing)

Crenshaw, Gideon

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Joseph Crenshaw, Deed Book 4, p. 317

Joseph Crenshaw & Sarah, his wife, to Benjamin Cook...cons 40 pounds...300 acres on north side of Roanoke River and on south side of Butchers Creek. Wit: Fran Bressie, Richd Palmer, Zachariah Baker, Signed: Jos. Crenshaw, Sarah Crenshaw, dated 7 Sept 1756, Recorded 7 Sept 1756. Sarah, wife of Joseph Crenshaw, released her dower.

Lunenburg Co, VA Will Book 1, Page 228. Will. I, Joseph Crenshaw of L and Parish of Cumberland -

To my wife - the liberty of the Plantation during the time of her widowhood. To my eldest son William Crenshaw - 5 £ sterling.

To my son Gedion - 5 £.

To my son Joseph - 30 shillings.

To my daughter Prissilla Duke - 1 feather bed and furniture, being the bed that my son Micajah usually lies on.

To my daughter Hannah Parkman - 1 feather bed and covering, being the bed she now lies on, and 1 horse and side saddle. If said Hannah's husband shall come and entice her away, that which I have lent her, I give to my daughter, Mary Cook. And if the said Hannah is so enticed away, Hannah shall not have any part of my estate.

To my youngest son Micajah - the land whereon I now live, and if he should have no heirs, then to my son Joseph and the heirs of his body. I also give Micajah my young horse colt and saddle and all my wearing clothes. I want my son Micajah to live under the care of his brother Thomas. The rest of my estate is to be equally divided among them all [all the children], except that my son William is to have only as above mentioned. I do not want my estate appraised. To my son Micajah - 1 feather bed and covering.

Executors - my son[s] Thomas and Gedion.

Signed [Blank month and day], 1757 - Jos. Crenshaw.

Witnesses - Gedeon Crenshaw, William Wilkins (W his mark), Ann Wilson (+ her mark).

At Oct 4, 1758 Court, the will of the deceased was exhibited in Court by both executors, and the same was proved by the oaths of 2 of the witnesses, and ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of the said executors, who made oath, certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate of said will (they giving security), whereupon they, together [with] "Joseph Crenshaw Williams, Gentleman, their securities", entered into bond for that purpose.

Lunenburg Co, VA Will Book 1, Page 292. Account Current of the estate of Jos. Crenshaw, deceased. Debits. Includes payment of: William Crenshaw's legacy; Robert Langley, Merchant; David Garland; John Potter; John Bracy; Francis Bracy; Jeremia Claunch; John May; Fr's Wagstaff for ferriages; James Mitchel for ditto; Charles Cook; C. Read for tobacco; Thomas Anderson; Zach. Baker; Gideon Crenshaw's legacy; Jos. Crenshaw's legacy; Micajah Crenshaw's legacy; Hanah Bartman's legacy; Vallentine Mullins for selling the estate; returning the Works of Peace Land; **Henry Parkman**; Elisha Brooks; Hanah Satterwhite for weaving; Abner Nash for advice on the Will; Thomas Anderson for rum at the funeral; John Humphries; Maj'r Tabb; a bed etc delivered Robert Duk as a legacy; a bed etc delivered Hanah Parkman as a legacy; ditto delivered to Micajah Crenshaw as a ditto. Total: £ 46.10.4. Credits. Includes 1 Negro man, cash in Richd Wilson's hands, cash recd of John Noory, ditto of Richd Wilkins, ditto of Aony Erskine, ditto of Thos. Akin, ditto of ColoErby. Total: £ 79.6.6½. We have examined the accts of Thos. and Gideon Crenshaw, executors of Joseph Crenshaw, deceased, and do find a balance in the executors' hands of £ 27.5.11. Certified [blank month and day], 1759 - Richd Witton, Jos Williams. Recorded Feb 5, 1760

This is to Certify that at a Court Hold for Lunenburg
 County by the Justice ^{and} Militia Officers the 25th day of July 1777
 Joseph Crenshaw came into Court and voluntarily enlisted
 himself into His Majesty's service according to an Act of
 Assembly passed June the 4th 1777 For granting an aid to
 His Majesty for the better protection of Colony and for
 other purposes therein mentioned Given under my Hand &c
 John Cowley

Joseph Crenshaw enlisted in the Virginia militia. This paperwork is part of George Washington's collection held at the Library of Congress.

Information from online research at Ancestry.com