

William Crabtree

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Born: 25 Dec 1758 Baltimore, MD

Married: Oct 1775 to Mary Spearman

Died: 10 Dec 1836 Hillsboro, NC

Parents: Thomas Crabtree & Mary Poteet

August 11, 1939

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Daisy Bailey Waitt
117 Woodburn Road
Raleigh, North Carolina

WILLIAM CRABTREE
W. 17689
BA-J/MLB

Dear Madam:

The data which follow in regard to William Crabtree were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, W. 17689, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

William Crabtree was born December 25, 1758, in Baltimore County, Maryland, and moved to North Carolina when "quite small." The names of his parents were not given.

While a resident of Orange County, North Carolina, William Crabtree enlisted June 1, 1779, and served three months as private in Captain Thomas Farmer's company, Colonel Hugh Tinning's North Carolina regiment, engaged in guarding the Town of Hillsboro. He enlisted June 15 or 16, 1780, and served three months in Captains Thomas Farmer's and William Cummings' companies, Colonel Stephen Moore's North Carolina regiment.

William Crabtree was allowed pension on his application executed May 31, 1833, at which time he was a resident of Orange County, North Carolina. He died December 10, or 15, 1836.

The soldier married early in October, 1775, in Hillsboro, North Carolina, Mary Spearman or Speorman who was born March 30, 1759, in the State of Maryland, and when about seven years old, moved to North Carolina. The names of her parents are not shown.

Mary Crabtree, soldier's widow, was allowed pension on her application executed June 3, 1833, while a resident of Orange County, North Carolina. She was still living there in 1843.

The following are the names of the first four children of William Crabtree and his wife, Mary:

Margaret	born July	20, 1776
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Information obtained from online research at Footnote.com

This is a portion of a letter written in reference to William Crabtree's application for Revolutionary War benefits

On the following pages are copies of the transcribed original application for benefits submitted by William Crabtree on 31 May 1833 and copies of the original hand written application signed with his mark (William Crabtree)

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of William Crabtree W17689

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of North Carolina }
 Orange County }

At a Court of pleas and quarter sessions for the aforesaid County of Orange, held at the Court House in Hillsboro' [Hillsborough] in Orange aforesaid on the 31st day of May 1833 the same being May Term for 1833 - personally appeared in open Court, William Crabtree, a resident of the County of Orange aforesaid, now in 75 year of his age 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 Services of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

This Declarant says that he served a three months Tour in the militia in the year of 1779, said Tour commenced on the 1st June of said year. Thomas Farmer was Captain, John Walls Lieut't. & Hugh Tinnin was Col., during all of which Term we were employed in guarding the Town of Hillsboro' - at the expiration thereof he was regularly discharged and received a certificate therefor, from Col. Tinnin & returned home.

2nd Tour. 3 mo. Commenced on the 15 or 16 day of June of the ensuing year to wit 1780, we were in this Tour as in the former under Captain Thomas Farmer, Walls Leut. [see note below] Stephen Moore was Col. of our regiment, and Major John Nalls was with. We rendezvoused in Hillsboro' - went to Pittsboro in Chatham, the Cross Roads in Randolph, Cross Creek [now Fayetteville] in Cumberland, Cheraw Hills in South Carolina. Somewhere on this route we fell in with Gen'l. [Richard] Caswell, but the place not distinctly recollected - and at a place called the Cross Roads, we fell in with Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates, which was but a few days before the defeat of the Southern Army under Gates near Camden - which defeat was as well as this applicant now remembers on the 15th [sic: 16th] day of August of the aforesaid year of 1780. after said defeat this Declarant came home in company with Captain William Cumming [pension application S8265] and after remaining a few days we again went into Service in guarding Hillsboro' in Orange County aforesaid, under our previous Captain and Lieutenant and there remained till the expiration of our Tour which was a three months one which terminated about the last of September 1780 and obtained a discharge from Captain Farmer, our Col. not being in Town when our Tour expired - and that this discharge together with the former are now both lost
 3rd That he was born in the County of Baltimore in Maryland on the 25th of Dec'r. 1758 and was removed to North Carolina when quite small

That he has a record of his age, at home.

That he was living in the aforesaid County of orange when called into Service, near the Town of Hillsboro' and has been living there ever since the war of the revolution.

That in both the above Tours he volunteered as a private.

That he was acquainted Col. Hugh Tinnin, Col. Taylor, Gen'l. John Butler, Col. Reid, Gen'l. Caswell, Col. [William] Smallwood, Col. Mebane (Robert)

That he is known in his neighbourhood to Thomas Clancy esq'r. & Dr. James S Smith & others - but knows of no clergyman that is acquainted with his services - or the tradition of it in my neighborhood

His first term of three months he cannot prove by any person living.

His second he proves by Captain William Cumming, who served with him during all s'd.

Tour.

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

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

William hisXmark Crabtree

NOTES:

The widow of John Walls (pension application W18291) deposed that he was actually the

Captain of his own company from Orange County during the Battle of Camden. William Cumming (pension application S8265), however, also stated that Walls was Lieutenant in Farmer's company.

On 2 Jun 1838 Mary Crabtree applied for a pension stating that she was born in Maryland on 30 Mar 1759 as Mary Spearman, came to North Carolina at about age seven, was married to William Crabtree in Hillsborough by Rev. "McKleJohn" early in Oct 1775., and that her husband died 10 Dec 1836. With her application she submitted a copy of part of a family record of the births of their first four children. The original is largely illegible but is transcribed as follows in her application:

Margaret Crabtree was born in the year of our Lord July 20th 1776.

Elizabeth Crabtree was born in the year of our Lord February 25th 1779.

Laurancy Crabtree was born in the year of our Lord, March 11th 1782.

Haynes Crabtree was born in the year of our Lord, August 15th 1784.

On the next 4 pages is the complete original application

Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th June 1832.

State of North Carolina
Orange County

At a Court of pleas and quarter Sessions, for the aforesaid County of Orange, held at the Court House in Hillsboro' in Orange aforesaid on the 31st day of May 1833. the same being May Term for 1833 - personally appeared in open Court, William Heratree, a resident of the County of Orange aforesaid, now in 75 year of his age 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:

This Declaration states, that he served a three months tour, in the militia in the year of 1779, said tour commenced on the 1st June of said year, Thomas Farmer, was Captain, John Walls, Lieut. & Abigail Jinnin was Cl. Treasurer, during all of which term we were employed in guarding the Town of Hillsboro' - at the expiration thereof he was regularly discharged, and received a ^{discharge} therefor, from Cl. Treasurer & returned home.

2^d Tour. 3rd - Commenced on the 15 or 16 day of June of the ensuing year to wit 1780, we were in this tour as in the former under Captain Thomas Farmer, Walls Lieut. Stephen Moore was Cl. of our Regiment, and Major John Stalls was with us under command in Hillsboro' went to Pittsboro' in Chatham the Cross Roads in Randolph. Cross Creek in Lenoir - Lebanon Hill in South Carolina. Some where on this route we fell in with Genl. Cornwell, but the place not distinctly recollect - and at a place called the Cross Road, we fell in with Genl. Gates, which was but a few days before the defeat of the South - our army under Gates near Camden - ^{which happened} and ^{was} on the 21st day of August of the year 1780.

after his defect this Declaration came home in company with
 Captain William Cumming, and after remaining a few days
 we again went into service, in guarding Hillsboro' in Orange,
 County aforesaid, under our previous Captain and Lieutenant
 and there remained till the expiration of our tour which was
 a three months ^{one} which terminated about the last of September
 1780. and obtained a discharge from Captain Fournier, our Col:
 not being in Texas, when our tour expired - and that this dis-
 charge together with the former are now both lost

That he was born in the County of ^{Patterson in} Maryland, on the ^{quite small} 25th day of Decr. 1758, and was removed to North Carolina when
 that he has a record of his age, at home.

That he was living in the aforesaid County of Orange, when
 called into service, near the Town of Hillsboro', and has been
 living there ever since the war of the Revolution.

That in both the above Tours he volunteered, as a private.
 That he was acquainted Col: Hugh Fournier, Col: Sawyer, Genl
 John Butler, Col: Reid, Genl Lee, Col: Smallwood: Col:
 Mearns (Redick)

That he is known in his neighbourhood to Thomas Cleary
 Esq: & Dr. James Smith & others - but knows of no other man
 that is acquainted with his services - or the tradition of it in his neighbourhood:
 His first term of three months, he cannot prove by any person
 living

His second, he proves by Captain William Cumming, who served
 with him during all his Tours.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity
 on either the present, and declares that his name is not upon the
 pension roll of the army of any State

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid,
 J. C. [Signature] CO William [Signature] Crutcher
 March

3 Witnesses for State
 Mr. James Smith and Thomas Cleary, residing in the aforesaid
 County of Orange, do hereby certify that we are well acquainted

With William Crabtree, who has subscribed and sworn to the above Declaration, that we believe him to be 74 years of age; that he is reputed and believed in the neighbourhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution & that we concur in that opinion that he is a credible person

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid
J. Taylor Clerk
Thomas Clancy
Thos Clancy

The declarant upon his Oath states that he and Thomas Clancy are Champions that is knowing to his being a soldier in the Revolution.

State of North Carolina }
Orange County }

On the 1th day of June 1853, personally appeared in open Court before the Court of pleas and quarter sessions now sitting, William Cumming, now in the 75th year of his age, and a pensioner under the act of June 1852. Who being first duly qualified, made oath that he served a three month term in the militia in 1780, in which term was Gates defeat - that in all said term, William Crabtree of Orange aforesaid was a private with us in Capt. Darmin's Company - Sworn to and subscribed the day and date aforesaid -

William Cumming
J. Taylor Clerk

And the said Court hereby declare them pensioners, after investigating the matter and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the laws of the State that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary soldier, and served as he states. And the Court further certifies, that it appears to them, that Thomas D. Wates and Thomas Clancy, who have subscribed and sworn to the preceding certificate, are residents of the County of Orange aforesaid - are credible persons that their statements is entitled to credit; and that William Cumming, who hath subscribed and sworn to the above Affidavit, is a credible person that his statement is entitled to credit.

J. John Taylor, Clerk of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions

I the undersigned of the County of Orange aforesaid do hereby
Certify, that the foregoing contains the original
proceedings of said Court, in the matter of the
application of William Crabtree, for a
penalty. In testimony whereof, I have here-
unto set my hand and seal of Office, this
the 1st day of June 1833.

J. Taylor

William Crabtree

Admitted as private
since 1830

Mary Ann

William Crabtree

Admitted as private

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