

SAR Patriot Ancestors' Biographies

John Creasey (P140942)
1754-1835

Corporal in the Virginia Militia during the American War for Independence

When John Creasey applied for his Revolutionary War Pension # S37877, he was 80 years old living in Cumberland County, Kentucky. Like so many of his neighbors, he and his family joined the westward migration from the coastal states, the original colonies, into Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio, and eventually Missouri, Arkansas and the rest of the territories that now compose the United States.

In 1781 John was drafted into the militia in Cumberland County, Virginia. His company was initially marched to the county courthouse and then on to Prince Edward County courthouse where they joined other militia forces being gathered for the march to North Carolina. They reached Guilford County and joined General Nathaniel Greene's Continental forces and other militia units from Virginia and the Carolinas as they prepared to engage Lord Cornwallis at Guilford Courthouse. On March 15th 1781 the Battle of Guilford Courthouse was fought. After the battle, in which he participated fully, he was marched back to Cumberland County courthouse where he was discharged. Roughly six weeks later, John was drafted again by the same officers and marched with his militia unit to Carters Ferry on the James River to guard stores and provisions and escort them to Fluvanna County Courthouse. Along the way they encountered and skirmished with the enemy in the area or possibly on Elk Island which is slightly north of Carter's Ferry on the James River. John was again discharged after serving for about 3 months under this enlistment and returned to his home and family.

John Creasey married Sally Smith on 1 March 1792 probably in Cumberland County, Virginia. Within the passage of the next 10 or 15 years John and Sally raised nine offspring: John, William, Thomas, Joseph, Susanna, Sally, Nancy, Martha and Lucy. During this time John and Sally moved to Henry County, Virginia where they lived for about 25 years before moving on to Cumberland County, Kentucky. The first record of John Creasey in Cumberland County, Kentucky is in 1831. In all likelihood John and his family were in the area for a number of years prior to this but proof for this claim has not been discovered as of this writing.

Respectfully Submitted,



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