

Pension Application for James Crawford

R.2459

State of New York

Chemung County SS.

On this Eleventh Day of January in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Seven personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of common Pleas in and for the County of Chemung now sitting James Crawford a resident of the town of Dix in the County of Chemung and State of New York aged seventy two (72) years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832.

That he was born on the tenth day of February seventeen hundred and sixty five (1765) in the town of Montgomery in the County of Ulster now County of Orange and State of New York—and that he now resided there in said Town of Montgomery until the year Eighteen Hundred and five (1805).

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.—Col. Jonathan Hausbrouch, Major Brown and Lieut. Joseph Crawford—that he entered said service as a Volunteer in a company of Militia about the middle of May seventeen hundred and seventy six (1776), at the town of Montgomery aforesaid, and served in said Company in the Capacity of Waiter to the said Joseph Crawford commandant of said company and said Col. Jonathan Hausbrough and as private in said company and part of the time in the capacity of Corporal until in the Spring of seventeen hundred and seventy nine (1779) thinks about the first May. The circumstances of his being or entering in said service at that early age were as follows. The said Town of Montgomery was situated on the frontier of a tribe of hostile Indians termed the Indian frontier and the company raised in that town was commanded by the said Joseph Crawford Second Lieut. The Father of this deponent & was stationed at his Father's House in said town, and there was the starting or sallying point in Case of extreme emergencies—and to receive orders and transmit communications & at times the company was divided; a part remaining at his father's as guard against the attacks of the Indians and common enemy and the remainder part of the company sent to other stations to wit.

Nippanaught Surankin and MamaCotton as circumstances might require, and when this division of the company was made all who were able to bear arms or act as guard and stand center were called into service or volunteered—at such times he was employed as a soldier and performed the duties as such at the Station of Montgomery (except when the main part of the company was called to other stations or to join the Regiment his faith Lieut Crawford marched to rendezvous as commandant and he was at most times taken with him as waiter) and some times as Corporal or warning officers to call in this company to stand a draft or rendezvous on the appearance of the Indians or Brittians against these attracts but all other times during the term above mentioned he served in the capacity of water to the said Joseph Crawford and the said Col. Jonathan Hausbrouch and acted as post boy with dispatches and

communications from Crawfords Station to MamaCotton Surankill Neppanaugh Log town and fort Montgomery. Logtown was the general place of Rendezvous for the regiment commanded by col. Jonathan Hausbrouck and from that place the different companies received orders and destination—while at this station he served as waiter to the said Col. Jonathan Hausbrouck and often was employed in the driving the carriages or leaves of the said company or the said Col. Jonathan Hausbrouck and Lieut Crawford from Logtown to other Stations.

The militia dates of General Rendezvous of the said Regt at Logtown he cannot state nor the month can he state where each particular trip was performed as post [?] as above mentioned but during the spring summer & autumn of 1777 & 1778 and Spring of 1779 he was constantly employed as above stated and at several times during the winter seasons of each he was sent with communications from said Col. Jonathan Hausbrouck and Lieut Joseph Crawford to Fort Montgomery on the Hudson River.

Thinks that in the spring of 1778 William Cross was appointed Captain and Joseph Crawford his father first Lieut of the company at Crawford Station but does not recollect as in William Cross acted officially until 1779 thinks in the spring of the year at this date and in the spring he was discharged from service as waiter as before mentioned and left the services as such.—

That in the spring of eighteen hundred and seventy nine thinks about the first of May then was a new requisition of men for service, and he volunteered as a private in said company of militia then under the command of Captain William Cross in the town of Montgomery aforesaid for the term of three months and immediately commenced service as such private and served in said company at Crawford Station until the end of his term about the first of August then [?] when he was discharged from said service by the said Captain.

And on the same day he again volunteered in the same company as a private for three months began under the same Captain and Lieut Joseph Crawford and served at the same station during that term which closed about the first of November 1779 according to his best recollection. When he was discharged from said service by the commanding officers Capt Wm. Cross.

That during this term the company to which he belonged built a fort at Crawfords Station called Crawford, and he aided with construction for the purpose of forming a permanent station on the frontiers above mentioned and after the building of said fort the said company remained therein except such parts of the company as were ordered to other stations, in times of attacks—at such station or vicinity by the enemy or the appearance of them, but at all times remained at the fort during the terms for which he volunteered. Thinks this year Col. Lewis Paulding was placed at the command of the Regt commanded by said Hausbrouck but only for short time.

That in the spring following 1780 there was a new levy or [?] of Militia so stand at said fort, and he volunteered again as a private for three months. Thinks about the first of May, and immediately served the company then commanded by the said Capt

William Cross and served as such private at said fort Crawford until the close of his term, was then discharged verbally by the said Captain about the first of August.

That he on their discharge he again volunteered as private for three months, and did not leave the fort until his term expired in November following him during this term he served under the same officers as before.

That he was then discharged from service, and his return to his fathers in the same town above mentioned. That this year he served six months.

That in the spring next after 1781 there was requirements for men as before and he on first of May or last of April volunteered again as a private for three months in the same company of Militia same officers and at the same place, (Fort Crawford) and served therein as such private until the first of August or thereabouts when his term expired and he was verbally discharged by his Captain William Cross.

That he volunteered in said company on the same day of his last discharge and continued directly on as a private under the same officers and at the same fort for another term of three months and was again verbally discharged from service by said Captain which according to the best of his recollection and belief the first of November 1781. That he served as such volunteer in this year six months.

That again in the Springfield during 1782 the same requisition was made for men for Crawford's station & Fort Crawford as years previous and he volunteered again in as private in the before mentioned company under the same officers and joined the [?] at fort Crawford thinks on the first of May and continued in the service as such volunteer three months that being the length of time for volunteers, and for which he entered and was then discharged verbally but did not leave the fort, that on the same day volunteered for another term of three months as a private under the terms & circumstances above mentioned & in the forepart of November following was again verbally discharged by his commandant. Thinks this year Col. Jonathan Hausbrouch was in the command of the regiment to which his company belonged Col. Pauling being placed at the command of some other Regt. That this year he was in actual service six months.

That in the next spring following g(1783) the same requirements for men for said fort was had—and in May the first he volunteered again as private in said company of Militia for three months from the time of his entering service, that he thereupon immediately served said company at said fort Crawford, under the same officers as the years previous, but Lieut Joseph Crawford was the only officer who performed the dutys of commandant during the said term of three months—and by him was discharged verbally—but continued on in said company as volunteer private the three following months having first volunteered into service at said fort thinks he did not leave the company before he again volunteered for the next following three months that about the first of November next thereafter the said Joseph Crawford then having active command of said company discharged whole company from service verbally and was never after to his recollection called into service or arranged.

That during his services at the said fort eight or nine wagons with forty horses from Maryland as he understood provisions for the use of the United States and

remained in said fort until sometime in the forepart of the winter after therein but cannot state the year or month of their arrival but is sure it was in the fall of the year, thanks in year 1780. Continental companies were at the first & remained there several days that the names of any of the officers he cannot recollect.

That General James Clinton whom he supposed was a regular officer was a regular officer was frequently there during the years that he served as a volunteer at said fort—That he has not distinct recollection of any other regular or Continental officer that he can now state whom he had any knowledge. That eh has no documentary evidence he can procure who can testify to his service.

That the reason why he has not made earlier application for a person of said services, eh had been informed that some positive evidence of his services was required and he has been endeavouring to procure the testimony of said services but is entirely unable to find any.

That he cannot without great inconvenience and Esopus procure the attendance of a clergyman from his neighborhood, the distance from court being about thirty miles.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any state. (Signed) James Crawford.

Sworn and subscribed this 11th day of January 1837 in open court. The.
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