

Pension Application for John Crawford

S.15279

Orange County, Private, Captain Telford, Col. Livingston N. York Line
State of New York
Orange County SS.

On this 21st day of September 1832 personally appeared before me Nathaniel P. Hill a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for Orange County in said State John Crawford a resident of the town of Crawford in said County aged seventy two 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served has herein stated.

That in the year 1777 he was drafted for a period of three months and served in Cap William Faulkners Company in Col. McClaughrey's Regiment and served at Fort Montgomery on the North River—that he was there at the time said Fort was taken by the English—that after the fort was taken he with six others of said company were taken and put into Col. Dubois Regiment under Command of Lieutenant Wilkins and went to Kingston in Ulster County—that it was burned by the English before he got there—that from thence went to Hurley and laid there till his three months were expired.

That late in the fall of the same year 1777 he served one month and a half at Nichols Point on the North River below Newburgh in Cap Telfords Company engaged in building a fort that Col. Joseph Denniston was there at the time.

That in the year 1778 he went for a class in Cap Matthew Folders Company of the town of Montgomery for nine months and served in Cap Smiths Company in the 4 N. York Regiment commanded by Col. Livingston—that about this time the standing troops had their companies diminished by sickness at Valley Forge and other causes and the troops with which he served were raised for the purpose of filling up said companies—that he was mustered at East[touen?] in the State of Pennsylvania and went to Valley Forge where the army had wintered and staid there about six weeks—then marched through Jersey crossing the Delaware at Corels Ferry below East[touen?]-and was in the battle of Monmouth on the 28 of June 1778—that during the battle he was in a detachment commanded by Lafayette. That after the battle marched to New Brunswick N. Jersey and laid there sometime—from there to Kings Ferry and from there to White Plains in the county of Westchester N. York and laid there for several weeks—thence marched to Peekskill and laid there till winter set in—from thence went by water to Albany as a guard to take care of the sick—the other troops went by land and he joined them there—from thence marched to Canajoharie and from there went out as a guard to a foraging part to get hay to different part of the country and was discharged at Canajohary about the 5 of February 1779.

That in the year as he thinks of 1779 he was drafted for three months and served in the Company under command of Leutenant John Barber Col Hathorn commanding this Regiment and laid at Fishkill in Dutchess County N York for two Months and was discharged one month before his time was out that this was in the fall of the year –

That in the Spring of the same year 1779 he went out as a militiaman (the companies at that time being classed for the purpose of serving by turns) and for two Months under Cap James Hunter at West Point assisting to build Fort Put.

That at other times he has been frequently out in service for shorter periods in cases of alarms on the frontiers - and was during those times at Peenpack, Luran Kill, Shawangunk Minisink Westpoint Ringwood Mountains and served principally under Capt James Hunter and Lieutenant Kidd - that he was in Minisink at the time the goshen Regiment was destroyed by the Indians and met the remnant of said Regiment on their retreat - that he was on duty and in service in Shawangunk a few days after the Indians attacked Col Johnsons house and in all this kind of service was out and in actual service at least Six Months.

And in answer to the interrogatories put by the War Department he states that he was born in the year 1761 June 20th in the town of Montgomery Orange County N. York. That he has a record of his age in his family Bible at home in his possession.

That when called into service he lived in said town of Montgomery and has resided in said town ever since the revolutionary war until the present Town of Crawford was erected or set off as a town from said town of Montgomery where he now resides (excepting about 8 years during which he resided in the town of Mamakating in the county of Sullivan N. York.

That in the three months service he was drafted in the nine months service he went as a substitute for a class and at other times served as a militia man on his own account.

That in the 9 months service he served with Col. Livingston and Lieu Col Ranier [or Baron von] Stuben at the Battle of Monmouth served with Genl Washington Lee and Lafayette.

Had a discharge from the 9 months service signed by said Lieu Col [?] and is lost have no other—that Israel Crawford, Moses Crawford and Elnathan Sears can testify as to his services—

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

Sworn to and Subscribed before me the day & year aforesaid. Nath'l P. Hill

Letter dated January 30, 1940, written in response to a request for information.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of John Crawford, born in 1761, died October 18, 1846, buried in Orangeville, New York.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in claim for pension, S.15279, based upon military service of John Crawford, in the Revolutionary War.

John Crawford was born June 20, 1761, in Montgomery, Orange County, New York. The names of his parents are not given.

While a resident of Montgomery, New York, John Crawford, served in 1777, three months as a private in captain William Faulkner's company, Colonels McClaughrey's and Dubois' New York regiment. He served, again, in 1777, one and one half months in Captain Telford's New York company, was stationed at Nichols Point, and assisted in erecting a fort there. He enlisted in 1778, served nine months in captain Smith's company in Colonel Livingston's Fourth New York

regiment, was in the battle of Monmouth, and was discharged February 5, 1779. He enlisted in the spring of 1779, served two months in Captain James Hunter's New York company. He served in the fall of 1779, two months under Lieutenant John Barker, Colonel Hathorn's New York regiment. He served, also, in frequent alarms on the frontier, a part of the time in Captain James Hunter's Company.

The soldier, John Crawford, lived about eight years in Mamakating, Sullivan County, New York. He was allowed pension on his application executed September 21, 1832, then living in Crawford, which was formerly a part of Montgomery, Orange County, New York.

Israel Crawford and Moses Crawford were residents of Crawford, New York, in 1832, and stated that they were well acquainted with the soldier, but no relationship was claimed.

The papers on file in this claim contain no further discernible family data.