

Pension Application for Samuel S. Crawford

S.12629

State of New York

Orange County SS.

On this third day of December 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of common Pleas in and for said County now sitting Samuel S. Crawford a resident of the Town of Montgomery in the County of Orange aforesaid and State of New York aged sixty nine years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain he benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That in the fall of the year 1777 and immediately after the taking of Fort Montgomery on the North River he went as a substitute for one Gideon Pelton of said Town of Montgomery for one month and served the said month at Newburgh and New Windsor on said North River guarding those places against the enemy—that he served said month in the company commanded by Ensign Burns—in the regiment under the command of George Denniston—that James Milliken the late captain of said company was killed at the taking of Fort Montgomery and McLaughry, the Colonel of said Regiment was taken prisoner.

That in the said year 1777 and shortly after he was discharged from said service of one month he served two months in the company commanded by Captain Telford engaged in building forts at a place in the county of Orange on said North River called Nichold's Point and was quartered in a house belonging to one Leonard Nichols.

That afterwards he served one month in the company commanded by Capt. Felter in the Regiment commanded by Col. NewKirk (the same then late under the command of Col. McLaughrey at Peenpack in the now county of Orange guarding the frontiers against the Indians—that said service was in the winter & was discharged about Christmas and left the service on the Saturday before Claudus Smith was hung in Goshen in said County of Orange but in what year does not distinctly remember.

That at another time he served three months under Cap Smith and Leiu [Lieut?] Bossa at Shandaken in the County of Ulster being one of a guard of 50 men guarding that place as a pass between Delhi in Delaware County and Marbletown in said County of Ulster—that he laid in a house, there being no fort there and none within twenty miles of it that he cannot state the year accurately.

That at another time he served about one month in the company under command of Lieutenant Hunter at West Point—recollects working two or three days putting buoys where a chain thrown across the North River—but cannot state the year with certainty.

That at another time he served three weeks under Cap Van Husen at Peenpack in said county of orange, guarding the frontiers I and was stationed in German's Fort near the Jersey line and acted as orderly Sergeant. That on this occasion he did not go out for a definite period as on other occasions and only served three weeks when he was discharge.

That at another time and in the fall of 1779 he went out for a period of three months under Cap. Telford and Ensign William [?] and layed at Fishkill in Dutchess County New York and in consequence of this winter [?] in with severity he was dismissed the service some short time before the expiration of of the said three months that it was the same winter that Gen. [?] entered or took Philadelphia and commonly called the hard winter of 1780 that object of the exhibition was to take New York—that then was a Brigade at that time at Fishkill—Gen. William Malcom col. Hathorn Maj Philips and adj. John Barker even then in command.

That at another time he served six of seven months under Cap DeWitt at Warwarsink in the said county of Ulster in the Regiment commanded by Col. Albert Paulding Maj Thomas DeWitt and Quarter Master Edward Conner guarding a military store and the frontiers—that the troops which went first went for 9 months but were found too weak and orders came for two men from each company and said deponent and one William Walker were sent from Cap Hunters company to strengthen them and that is the reason he served but six or seven months at this time while others served 9 months that all the services above stated were performed by said applicant on his own account on being ordered out by the proper superior authority except the period above stated when he served as a substitute.

That he was born in the town of Montgomery Orange County New York on the 4 of July 1763 and that the record of his age was in his fathers bible now destroyed being burned in a school house – that he lived in Montgomery Orange County aforesaid when called into service and now resides then and had lived in said town & county ever since the Revolution except for about three years during which he resided in the county of Sullivan N. York that he never had a written discharge and then the answers to the inquiries put by the war department an set forth in this declaration that Andrew Wilson Nathaniel P. Hill & John Newkerk will testify in his favour 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) Saml S. Crawford.

Sworn & Subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Asa Deming Clerk