

Pension Application for Daniel Crawford

W.22869 (Widow: Eleanor) Daniel Crawford was born April 1, 1760. Eleanor Crawford was born April 21, 1761. Married May 11, 1781 by Henry Livingston, Esqr, acting Justice of the Peace in the Town of Poughkeepsie [Poughkeepsie] in Dutchess County. Their first two children were stillborn, the third was a daughter who died about six weeks, the fourth was named John, the fifth Elizabeth, the sixth a still born daughter, the seventh was named Henry the eighth was named Margaret, the ninth William T., the tenth George, the eleventh Absalom. Eleanor stated that her son John Crawford was born on the 11th day of March 1791 or 1790. Daniel died March 27, 1837.

State of New York

Sullivan County SS.

On this tenth day of October AD 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Sullivan County being a court of record Daniel Crawford of Thompson in said County of Sullivan and State aforesaid aged about 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 as herein stated to wit:

That on or about the first of May 1779 eh enlisted for the term of nine months in a company of volunteers commanded by Captain Jonah Hallett, which company was in the service of the Continental Congress.

That he enlisted at a place, then called Fredericksburgh in Dutchess County.— That said company and himself as a member thereof, served for several months along the elines in Westchester County, New York.

In the month of October then next he with said Company went to Stoney Point on the Hudson River & there joined their regiment, the Colonel of which was about at the time, and the name of the Colonel he has altogether forgotten, but the name of the Major was Benschoten.

He was employed at Stoney Point with other troops in building a block house, and while there he obtained permission from his captain of rabout half a day to go to one Joshua Fowlers, who was a half brother to the applicant, and while going was wounded by a broad sword & taken prisoner by a party of British and taken to the City of New York, and was there kept in confinement between eight and nine months when he was put on parole, and continued there as a prisoner to the British, two years, or more when he ran away and escaped to his home, at a place called Phelps Patent, at the red mills in Dutchess County.

That he never had any discharge from any officer under whom he served.

That at a place called Teller's Point on the North River about four miles below Peekskill, about the first of September 1779, he with six others while on a volunteering scouting party from his company took prisoners fourteen of the British marines, who has landed from their ships to get fuel, and brought them with their arms into the American Camp.

That he was in eight different skirmishes with the enemy during his service, the most important one was at a place called Colleback, in Westchester County near the lines.

That by reason of his captivity he never received any pay for his services. That oen John Brown was Lieutenant of the Company in which he served, and Enoch Crosby was orderly Sergeant & and [sic] Thomas Cobreath was second sergeant.

That he has no documentary evidence of service, now does he know of any of his fellow soldiers who are alive, but Enoch Crosby aforesaid, whose deposition is hereto annexed. That he has forgotten the names of any general officers who were in command when he was in service.

That he was born at the Red Mills in the County of Dutchess and State of New York in the month of April 1760.

That he resided at the red mills until about the year 1780. From which place he removed to New Marlborough and resided there 12 or 14 years—from thence removed to Neversink in Sullivan County and from thence to Thompson Sullivan County where he now resides.

That he has a memorandum of his age in a Bible at home.

That there is no clergyman residing in the immediate vicinity where the applicant resides—but his character & reputed revolutionary services are well known to his neighbors & especially to Mahar W. Horton & John Corrance.

He has no documentary evidence, nor does he know of any body living, except Enoch Crosby, as he has before stated.

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

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Jesse M. Foster, Clerk of Court of Com. Pleas