

Pension Application for John Crawford

S.10504

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

On this 5th day of June in the year 1835, personally appeared before me one of the Judges of the County, Courts of the County of Ulster, John Crawford who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration to amend the former declaration returned with objections & hereunto annexed as follows.

Viz—That on or about the first of April in the year 1780 he the said applicant volunteered in the Military service of the revolutionary war in captain Sacket's Company of Infantry and was stationed in the town of Bedford in the County of Westchester and were commanded by Colonel John Drake whose head quarters were about six miles from the place where the company of Captain Sackett was and that they were continually near the lines of the British Army and the said Company of Capt Sacket were frequently engaged in skirmishes, and were part of the time under the command of Brigadier General Persons and that this applicant with the said company continued in said service scouting & reconnoitering the British foraging parties until on or about the first of January following in the year 1781 and was discharged after a service of nine months or more than that he the said applicant returned and lived in the town of Crumpond in the said county of West Chester in the State of New York but remembers none who can testify to the above service.

And this applicant further declares that immediately after the above mentioned service on or about the first of January in the year 1781 he the said applicant again volunteered in the said Military service of the revolution in a Company of Cavalry and commanded by Captain Martin Post and who was commanded by Colonel Courtlandt who was stationed at or near the mouth of Croton River in the said County of West Chester and that the said company of Cavalry men called the washing guides that they were generally stationed in the town of Crumpond in the said County of West Chester but were frequently reconnoitering and scouting near the lines of the British and frequently had skirmishes with them all in the County of West Chester & State of New York, in one of which the said applicant had his horse killed and himself severely wounded and taken a prisoner to New York and suffered much hunger and cold and was exchanged on or about the first of March in the year 1782 and returned and joined the said company of Cavalry of Capt. Post and that he the said applicant continued in the said service until over about the first of October in the year 1782, and that he knows of no one except Frederick Morris who can testify to the last above mentioned service.

And this applicant further declares at the commencement of the revolutionary war he lived with his father Capt. Samuel Crawford in the town of Scarsdale mentioned in his former declaration but that in consequence of the British incursions was compelled to move from his own possessions and lived after the death of his father in the town of Bedford in the said County of West Chester and lived there a the time of entering the service but that after the revolutionary war he the said applicant

commenced preaching the Gospel and came into the town of Saugerties, his present residence about thirty eight years service and that he knows of none alive who can testify to the above mentioned service except as stated above but can refer to those persons whose names are annexed to his former declaration relative to his character for truth and veracity and the general belief in his neighborhood of his revolutionary services.

And this applicant further declares that in consequence of old age and on the consequent loss of memory he cannot state precisely the length of service but according to the best of his recollection he served as a private soldier in a company of Infantry nine months in the year 1780.

And in a company of Cavalry sixteen months together with being a prisoner four months and was not engaged in any civil pursuit from the time he was sixteen years of age until the end of the revolutionary war and was continually in the service of the revolutionary war as a private soldier and further saith not. (Signed) John Crawford.

Sworn and subscribed this 5th day of June 1833 before me, Henry Wynkoop one of the Judges of the Courts of the County of Ulster.

Letter in folder dated March 1, 1927, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.10504, it appears that John Crawford was born in 1763 at Scarsdale, Westchester County, New York, and was the son of Samuel.

While a resident of said place he enlisted August 1, 1776, and served as a private in a company commanded by Captain Samuel Crawford who was his father and to whom he served as a waiter, in Colonel Morris Graham's New York Regiment; he was in the battle of White Plains and on January 1, 1777, his company was detached under Major Payne to guard the inhabitants of Westchester County, New York, and he served until January 1, 1778, during which time his father, Captain Samuel Crawford, was killed by the enemy at Ward's house in East Chester, Westchester County, New York.

While a resident of Bedford, New York, he enlisted April 1, 1780, and served as a private in Captain Sacket's Company in Colonel John Drake's New York Regiment.

He enlisted January 1, 1781, as a private in Captain Martin Post's Company of Light Horse in Colonel Cortland's New York Regiment and on November 1, 1781, he was wounded in the head and taken prisoner and carried to New York where he was confined until March 1, 1782, when he was exchanged and joined his company and served until October 1, 1782.

After the Revolution he became a preacher of the Gospel.

He was allowed pension on his application executed December 31, 1832, at which time he was a resident of Saugerties, Ulster County, New York.

There are no further data on file relative to his family.