

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Crawford S3227

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State of Tennessee Tipton County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions March Term 1833

Declaration of James Crawford in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

On this 7th day of March A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the said Court now in session James Crawford a resident of said County of Tipton aged about seventy years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. This declarant was born as he believes in the now County of Mecklenburg North Carolina on the 18th day of November 1763 that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated. He enlisted in 1780 in the Carolina<sup>1</sup> State Troops under Colonel Wade Hampton to serve a tower [tour] of 10 months in South Carolina and Georgia against the Tories and the British. His Captain was Peter Burns. That they were marched to South Carolina on the Congaree [River] where they joined General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] when his Captain Peter Burns was sent home as a supernumerary Officer and this declarant fell under the command of Captain William Alexander. Here they remained a short time during which Friday's Fort [May 1, 1781]<sup>2</sup> on the Congaree was taken from the Tories. After which they were marched down to Orangeburg South Carolina. Here they also took a Fort [May 11, 1781]<sup>3</sup> from the Tories where they remained from four to six weeks reconnoitering the Country. From there he was marched to Moncks Corner where they had some tight skirmishing with the Tories and British. From this place they went on to Goose Creek and thence to the plains of Charleston at this place they met with a body of Tories and British whom they attacked and defeated. From thence they were marched back to near Orangeburg which they understood was again in the possession of the Tories. This declarant states that Colonel Buford received orders from General Sumter to retake the place. This declarant and eighteen or twenty other men were placed under a Lieutenant Carter [most likely, Daniel Carter] and being left in the rear of Colonel Buford, took a circuit round and came up on the enemy's trail thinking at the time they were Americans pursued them in order to come up with their body. On arriving in night they discovered them to be about 500 of the enemy. Upon seeing this they were ordered by Carter to retreat in doing which this declarant was thrown from his horse against a small tree where he was left for dead. Eight men of the party were killed and one taken prisoner. This declarant joined

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<sup>1</sup> South Carolina State Troops commanded by Gen. Thomas Sumter

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_fridays\\_ferry.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fridays_ferry.html)

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_orangeburgh\\_2.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_orangeburgh_2.html)

his company the next day being severely injured and his right shoulder dislocated. In two days afterwards Colonel Buford pursued and this declarant marched with his company when they came up with the enemy some distance from Orangeburg towards Ninety Six where they entirely discomfited them. From there they returned and reconnoitered the country up to Congaree; until they were marched to the battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781].<sup>4</sup> This declarant was present at this battle and fell into line under the command of Colonel Henderson [?] but did not go into action being ordered off by Major Rutherford on account of sickness after this battle this declarant was again marched upon the Congaree where they received news of Cornwallis' surrender [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] and he was then discharged with the rest of the company by order of General Sumter. This declarant states that he returned home to Mecklenburg County where he resided six years when he removed to Kentucky, there he remained six years when he removed back to North Carolina Mecklenburg County where he remained a period not now recollected but he thinks about eighteen years when he removed to Lancaster District South Carolina where he remained one year from thence he removed to the State of Tennessee Bedford County where he remained one year from thence he removed to Madison County Alabama where he remained three years he then removed to Morgan County Alabama and remained five years. He lived one-year in Lawrence County Alabama then to Limestone County Alabama there in the year 1825 he removed to Fayette County Tennessee from thence he removed to Tipton County thence to Carroll County and he has now removed to Tipton County. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Interrogatories propounded by the Court

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. In Mecklenburg County North Carolina by the 18th of November 1763.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have not.

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. This is fully answered in the above declaration.

4<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. We were under the command of General Greene and the other officers mentioned in my declaration and the circumstances are there also stated

5<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. The answer to this interrogatory is fully contained in the foregoing declaration

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I was discharged with the rest of my company as before stated but never received a discharge in writing

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

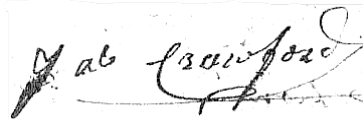
Answer. I refer to the affidavit of Jonas Clark, John Robinson and David W Brooks herewith

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<sup>4</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_eutaw\\_springs.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html)

filed and made part hereof and marked A. B. & C. as to his services in the revolutionary war and to the affidavit of John McKee and Mr. Guin as to his character for veracity.  
Subscribed & sworn the day and year aforesaid

S/ Jas. Crawford

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jas Crawford". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[John McKee gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee Madison County: November Court 1832

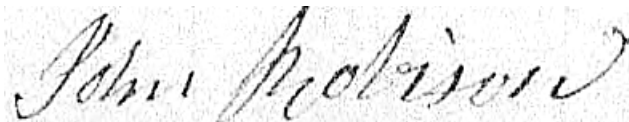
This day Jonas Clark<sup>5</sup> came into Court now sitting as a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County he being personally known to us as a respectable Citizen of this County and made oath in due form of law that he was well acquainted with James Crawford who is now present in the revolutionary War – that said Crawford served as a common soldier in Colonel Wade Hampton's Regiment and this deponent served in Colonel Polk's Regiment both of which regiments were under General Sumter's brigade – we both served 10 months and deponent knew the said Crawford well during that term which service continued for 10 months generally in South Carolina which is more fully detailed in my own declaration which has been sent on for my own pension during which service he got crippled by his horse throwing him against a tree.

S/ Jonas Clark, Senr., X his mark

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State of Tennessee Henderson County: This day John Robison<sup>6</sup> who being personally known to me as a respectable citizen of McNairy County and State above named and made oath in due form of law that he was well acquainted with James Crawford who is now present in the revolutionary War that said Crawford served as a common soldier in Colonel Wade Hampton's Regiment and this deponent served in the same Regiment which was under General Sumter's brigade we both served 10 months and deponent knew the said Crawford well during that time which service continued for 10 months generally in South Carolina. Sworn to and subscribed before made this 3rd day of December 1832.

S/ John Robison

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Robison". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$41.66 commencing March 4th, 1831, for 10 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia cavalry.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>7</sup> relating to James Crawford

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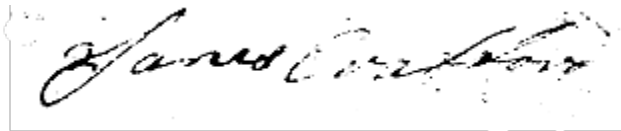
<sup>5</sup> [Jonas Clark W1386](#)

<sup>6</sup> [John Robison \(Robinson\) W24798](#)

<sup>7</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The "SC" file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.

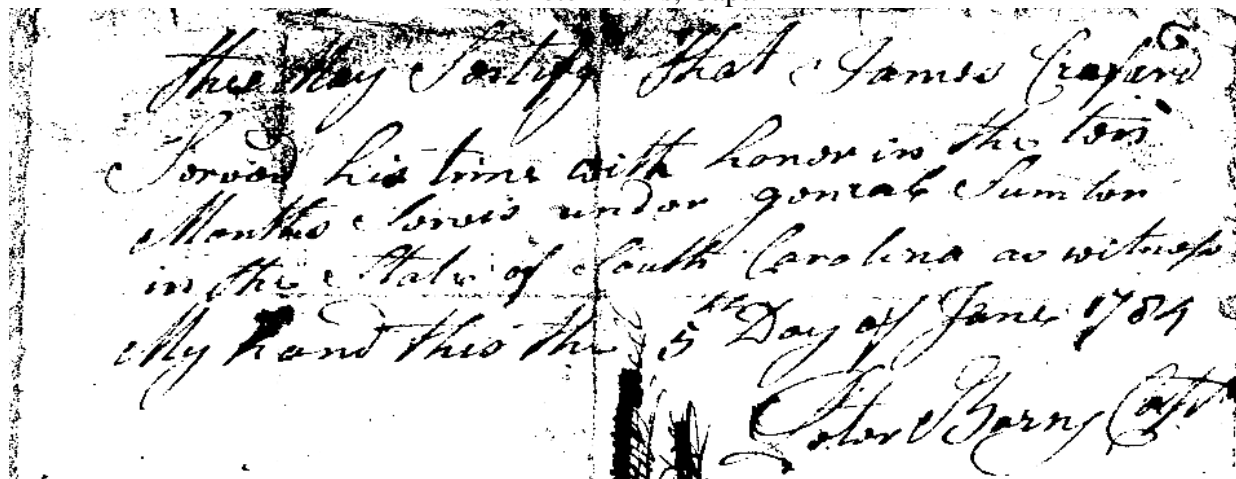
State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County SS

April 28<sup>th</sup> 1783: This Day Personally appeared before me James Crafford a Soldier in Colonel Wade Hampton's Regiment and Made oath as the Law Directs that by his Service in the State Troops of South Carolina Commanded by General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] and the said James is Justly Entitled to one Negro according to the Terms of the Enlistment Made by the said General and that he the said James Crafford, did not Violate the said Title nor sell nor Dispose of the said Negro to any person whatsoever But James Maxwell, now has Purchased the same from Me. This Receipt shall be good to the public and to no other. Further the said Deponent saith upon his oath that he never Converted to his own Use public Horses, Saddles or Bridles arms or ammunition of a Public or convey all away more than what I did use of in the Public Service and further Saith Not. Sworn to before me the day and year above mentioned  
S/ John [surname too faint to discern] JP} S/ James Crafford



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These May Sartify that James Craford Sorved his time with honor in the ten Months Sorvis under gonral Sumter in the State of South Carolina as witness My hand this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June 1784  
S/ Peter Burns, Capt.



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Peter Burns Capt.