

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of James Crawford S34720

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State of Maryland Frederick County To wit

On this fifth day of May 1818 Before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the fifth Judicial District of said State personally appears James Crawford aged about sixty years resident in said County, who being by me first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" That he the said James Crawford enlisted in the City of Baltimore in the State of Maryland in the continental service in the company Commanded by Captain Willmoth [sic: William Wilmot] of the 3<sup>d</sup> Maryland Regiment of Infantry in March 1778, that he continued in the said corps or in the service of the United States untill 1783 when he was discharged from service in the State of Maryland that he was in the Battles of Gillford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], Camden [Camden SC 16 Aug 1780 or Battle of Hobkirk Hill, 25 Apr 1781] and Sundry other Battles, and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services

Maryland Frederick County SS.

on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July 1820, personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for Frederick County and expressly made so by the Laws of the state aforesaid proceeding according to the course of the common Law keeping a record of its proceedings & having the power of fine and imprisonment James Crawford aged sixty eight years resident in said County who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: In Captain Wilmoths Company of Infantry in the 3<sup>d</sup> Maryland Regiment commanded by Colonel [Nathaniel] Ramsey that he applied for a pension and obtained a certificate Number 5210 And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

Schedule about 72 acres of Barren Land purchased at \$240 which remains unpaid for except about sixty dollars that he has Frequently offered to return the land to be discharged from the payment of the balance of the purchase money

1 old Cow	2 Iron Pots
1 old Horse	½ doz Cups & saucers
2 pigs	5 plates
4 sheep	½ doz com Knives & forks
1 sled	
1 old Table	
2 Chairs	James Crawford

And the said James Crawford do also swear that he is by occupation a Farmer but unable to do any manner of work Except of a light nature owing to his being crippled from a wound rec'd. at the Battle of Camden that his family consists of a wife named Catherine aged about fifty years very weakly and one daughter named Elizabeth aged about twenty five years very sickly and in a declining state that he receives no help from his family

NOTE: The file contains a letter that reads in part as follows:

“Westminster, Carroll County, Maryland, May 24<sup>th</sup> 1839

The Honorable Joel R. Poinsett Secretary of War of the United States.

Sir. I address this letter to you, at the instance, and by the especial request of Elisabeth Crawford, a daughter & only child of James Crawford, a revolutionary pensioner, who departed this life on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1839, at his residence in Maryland, in that part of Carroll County, segregated from Frederick County; The said James Crawford having no wife living at the time of his death, and the said Elisabeth Crawford being his only heir & representative.”