

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Crawford S42147

VA

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District of Virginia SS.

On this 29th day of March 1819 before me the Subscriber, one of the Judges of the General Court of Virginia, personally appears Thomas Crawford aged 61 years resident in Frederick County in the said State, 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 the said Crawford enlisted in the year 1776 in the State of Pennsylvania in the company Commanded by Captain Crochan [sic: William Croghan BLWt448-400] of the 8th Virginia Regt Col. Bowman [Abraham Bowman W396] that he continued to serve in the said corps or in the Service of the United States until the end of the War when he was discharged from [several illegible words] Shemung [sic: Chemung] State of New York that he was [in the] Battles of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], German Town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777] & New Town [Newtown, 29 Aug 1779] 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 service except the affidavit enclosed

Virginia Sc. Jacob Anderson [pension application S37675] of Frederick County personally appeared before me Hugh Holmes a Judge of the General Court of Virginia and made Oath that he knows and well remembers that Thomas Crawford inlisted in Harrisburg Pennsylvania in the year 1776 in the company commanded by Captain Crochen of the 8th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colo Bowman and that said Crawford served during the war and that said Crawford is in indigent circumstances depending upon his labour of support his family, that the Deponent knows said Crawford was wounded in the arm and thigh and Deponent shot the Indian who wounded him Given under my hand this 29th March 1819

Virginia

At a Court Continued and held for Frederick County the 3^d day of August 1820

On this 3^d day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for said County, Thomas Crawford aged sixty-two years next March resident in the said County of Frederick who being first sworn according to Law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War in the Company commanded by Capt Bowman in the 8th Regiment of the Virginia Line and that he hath received a certificate for a pension: And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on 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, excepting necessary clothing and bedding viz: One Corner Cupboard, one table, one small dough trough, one pot, one oven, three old chairs, one axe, one hoe, six plates, three knives and forks, three tea cups and saucers and three or four spoons. Thomas hisXmark Crawford
I am a day labourer, and am able to work part of my time but am lame in my right arm and right thigh I have a wife, and a grand-Child three years old my wife is aged sixty eight years next January she is almost helpless having lost the use of one of her arms and almost blind. Thomas hisXmark Crawford

[Crawford gave the following statement in support of the pension application of Jacob Anderson:]

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Memorandum On this 4th day of June in the year 1819 Personally appeared before me Robert White presiding and sole Judge of the Superior Court of law for the said County in the State aforesaid, Thomas Crawford, a credible and disinterested witness, who being by me first duly sworn according to law deposed and said, That some time in the fall of the year 1776 he enlisted as a private soldier in a Company commanded by Captain Grochen of the eight virginia Regement in the continental service and then commanded by Col Bowen. That he knows that the aforesaid applicant, Jacob Anderson, sometime in the year 1777 joined the said Regement as a private soldier and was in the Battle of Brandywyne with him, the said Deponant and that he (the said applicant) continued in the service of the united states untill after the Battle of the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781], at which place the Deponant was wounded and obliged to quit the Army. And further that he believes the applicant continued in the service untill the end of the [sic]

[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). Much of this file consists of copies of the above federal pension file.]

To the Honble the Executive of Virginia [11 Mar 1835]

The memorial of Thomas Crawford a Resident of the County of Frederick in the State of Virginia respectfully represents. That your Memorialist is now in the seventy seventh year of his Age since the month of March last, & that he enlisted in the year 1776 in Harrisburg, in the State of Pensylvania, in the Company commanded by Capt. Cocken, of the eighth Virginia Regiment, on continental establishment, commanded by Colo. Bowman. that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States, until the End of the War, when he was discharged; that he was in the Battles of Monmouth Brandywine, German Town, & New Town, & was wounded in the Arm & Thigh. all which Averments your memorialist verily believes will be fully & satisfactorily established by the accompanying Documents, lately forwarded to him from the Pension Office for the express purpose of transmission to the Honble Executive of Virginia, & upon the strength of which, he now draws a pension semiannually from the United States, as will fully and at large appear, by a Copy of his Pension Certificate herewith also forwarded, which Documents, & Certificate he respectfully asks may be taken & regarded as a part of this his memorial.

Your Memorialist also further respectfully represents, that having been advised that he is under the Law of Virginia, entitled to a Land Bounty for the services above mentioned, in the Revolutionary War, & that as he has never before attempted to prove or claim his Right to Land for the services above mentioned, & that as there is not, as he verily believes, any person now living by whose Testimony he can either strengthen or better establish his equitable & just Claim to Land Bounty from the State of Virginia; he most respectfully asks & prays, that the Executive would upon the Evidence now submitted, & upon which he now draws a Pension from the United States allow him such Land Bounty as he may be entitled by Law to receive from the State of Virginia for the services aforesaid & that he would direct the Register of the Land Office to issue a Warrant in his favour, for the same, & as in Duty bound your Memorialist will ever pray &c

Thomas hisXmark Crawford

NOTE: On 3 June 1837 Crawford applied to transfer his pension to Fayette County OH, where he had moved because "the children of his wife reside in Ohio, and he wished to be near them, as he had no fixed residence in Virginia & no support besides his Pension."