

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Peter Crawford W2765

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State of North Carolina }
Rockingham County }

On this 30th day of August 1832 personally appeared in Open Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions now sitting Peter Crawford a resident of the County of Rockingham State of North Carolina aged Sixty eight 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated. He was born and raised in Mecklenburg County Virginia, first entered the service in that County early in the year 1781 [sic] in Capt. Richard Swebsters [sic: Richard Swepson's or Swepston's] Company of Militia and joined his regiment (he believes the 4th) at Hillsborough North Carolina under the Command of Gen'l. Gates, then marched to Ramseys Mills [Ramsey's Mill on Deep River] where they had a scrimmage with the Tories, from thence marched to Camden South Carolina where they arrived the evening before the battle [i.e. 15 Aug 1780] He recollects that Gen'l Samuel Hopkins was also at this battle [see note below]. before he reached Camden he was detailed to take charge of one of the Baggage waggons in which service he was at the Battle of Camden. After this battle he rallied and joined the remnant of his Regiment at Pee-dee [Pee Dee River] and marched to Hillsborough where he was discharged after a tour of Service of more than five months. He entered the Service the second time in the same County of Mecklenburg Va as a Draft in Capt. Thomas Foulk's Company early in the year 1782 [sic] and joined the regiment at Gloster [sic: Gloucester] old-field near little York [Yorktown] Va Major [Henry] Walker in command of Regiment at the time, under General Weaton [sic: George Weedon] and he remained in this service until after the Surrender of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] when he was discharged after a tour of Service of something more than three months. He received a written discharge for both these tours of service but they have been long since lost or mislaid. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid [signed] Peter Crawford

I John Cannady a resident of Rockingham County No.Ca. do hereby certify that I know of my own knowledge that Peter Crawford whose name is above subscribed did serve the last tour of duty in the service of the United States mention in the above declaration and has good reason to believe that he served the former tour of five months as stated in the foregoing declaration.

Sworn and subscribed to this 30th August 1832 [signed] John Cannady

NOTES:

Gen. Samuel Hopkins cannot be positively identified. There was a Lt. Col. Samuel Hopkins of the 10th Virginia Reg., but he was captured at Charleston on 12 May 1780 and could not have been at the Battle of Camden. There was also a Capt. Samuel Hopkins of the Mecklenburg County VA Militia, and he may have held the rank of General after the Revolutionary War.

On 24 Nov 1851 Hannah Crawford, aged 80 on 10 Sep 1851, applied for a pension stating that she married Peter Crawford on 27 Dec 1797, and he died 19 Feb 1842. On 22 Jun 1855 she applied for bounty land, adding that the marriage occurred in Rockingham County NC. Another documents states that she was born Hannah Christy.