

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Moses Crawford W910

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State of North carolina } This day came Moses Crawford before me one of the Justices of
Wilkes County } the peace for the County aforesaid and being sworn on the Holy
Evangelist of almighty god deposeth & sayeth that during the Revolutionary war with great
Britain and some time in the month of February 1775 [sic: see endnote] this deponent did Inlist
for the term of three years then under the command of Capt'n William Craughn [sic: William
Croghan] in the County of Culpeper commonwealth of Virginia. this deponent further states that
he then was marched to Fauhquire [sic: Fauquier] Court House in said state & from thence to
Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] and from thence to Fredrickburg [sic: Fredericksburg] and then
to the White Plains [NY] this deponent states that a Colonel John Green had the command of the
deponent and perhaps three others companies untill they arrived at the white Plains where this
deponent and with his captains company (William Craughn) was added to the 4th fourth Virginia
Regiment under the command of Col'n. John Navel [sic: John Neville] where this deponent
continued in Service for the whole term of his Inlistment to wit three years and at the Expiration
of his term of Inlistment this Deponent then Inlisted for & dureing the war and this deponent
sayeth that he was Inlisted by Captain Craughn who had been promoted to Maj'r of the said
regiment it being the fourth virginia Regment where this deponent continued to serve till
charleston [SC] was taken by the brittish there [12 May 1780]. this deponent was taken prisoner
by the british and this deponent states that at the time he was taken as aforesaid he was under
the command of Cols Richard Parker who was killed at the Siege of the City of Charleston [on 8
May 1780] and this deponent further states that at the time of his Inlistment for three years he
was promised a bounty in Lands and also that he was promised an additional bounty of land when
he Inlisted for & during the war with great Brittain This deponant further states that he has
never received either Bounty in lands nor any other satisfaction for his services as aforesaid. and
this deponant further states that Maj'r William Craughn gave him a Discharge or Certificate
certifying he had served his time out which discharge was taken from this deponent while a
prisoner with the brittish and this deponant states that he was laying sick in the town of
fayetteville North carolina when peace was made as this deponant believes so that this deponant
never was able to join his Regiment until the peace took place. most of said regement was taken
prisoners at the fall of charleston as well as this deponant who made his escape from the
brittish on 27th July he this deponant was taken in the month of may previous to his Escape.
this Deponant further states he is the man he represents himself to be Sworn to and subscribed
before us two of the acting Justices of the peace for s'd. County This 6th of octob'r 1820

Moses hisMmark Crawford

This Deponant further states he recollects well that that the Regement he this deponant
belonged to was part of the Brigade commanded by Regular general [William] Woodford

State of North carolina } This Day Came John Laine [sic: John Lane, pension application
Wilkes County } S41740] Before me one of the acting Justices of the peace for said
County and being Sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty god Deposeth & Sayeth that some
time in the 1777 he saw moses Crawford at the white plaines northwardly this deponant does
not know whether the white plaines was in new york or new jersey and that said Crawford was a
Continental Soldier & belonging to the fourth Virginia Regiment and this deponent sayeth that
he was well acquainted with the said Moses crawford as he frequently saw him during the
revolutionary war with Great Britain this deponent saw said crawford during the battle at
brandiwine as they the said Mose & this deponent spoke to Each other just as the Retreat was
ordered. this deponent sayeth that he knows that Colo. Navel did Command the 4th Regiment
part of the time and that Stephens [sic: Adam Stephen] commanded as a Colo. of said 4th
Regiment and this deponent sayeth that he saw & knew said Crawford at Monmouth during the
battle [28 June 1778] during the battle also at Germantown [4 Oct 1777] this deponant further
sayeth that he knows of his own certain knowledge that said Crawford whose deposition is

herewith Inclosed & taken at the same time & place of this deponents is the man he represents himself to be so far as respects his being a Continental Soldier & in the fourth Virginia Regiment during the Revolutionary War with Great Brittain & that he this deponent knows Colo green, Maj'r Craughn and most of the officers belonging to 4th virginia Regiment as this deponent belonged to the 5th virginia Regiment at the time above mentioned Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 6th october 1820
John hisXmark Laine

[Francis Fox, S41543, deposed that he had seen Crawford some time before the Battle of Brandywine and frequently while in service.]

on this 27 day of March 1821 being the 2^d day of the term, personally appeared in open court [of Bledsoe County TN], being a court of record, so constituted by the constitution of said state and an act of the Legislature thereof, and having original jurisdiction to fine and imprison, Moses Crawford aged sixty one who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision of the act of congress on the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820. That he the said Moses Crawford enlisted for three years on or about the month of February 1775 in the state of Virginia in the County of Culpeper in the company commanded by Capt William Craughn and was from there marched to Fauquire Court house in said state, and from thence to Williamsburgh and from thence to Fredericksburg and then to the white plains, that a certain Colo John Green had the command of the Captains Company to which this deponant belonged Capt Craughn and part of two or three others till they arrived at the white plains when this deponent with Capt Craughn's company was attached to the fourth Virginia Regiment under the command of Colo. John Nevel when this deponant continued in service for the whole time of his enlistment; this Deponent then enlisted for & during the war, and saith that he was enlisted by Captain Croghan who had been promoted to Major in said Regiment it being the 4th Virginia Regiment when this deponent continued to serve until the fall or capture of Charleston South Carolina by the British forces, then this deponent was taken prisoner, and states that at the time he was captured as aforesaid he was under the command of Col Richard Parker who was killed at the Siege of the city of Charleston - and this deponent further states that at the time of his enlistment for three years he was promised a bounty of land, and this deponent further states that he has never received said bounty or any other compensation for his services as aforesaid - and this deponent further states that Major William Croghan gave him a discharge certifying that he had served the term for which he (this deponent) had enlisted which discharge the deponent has unfortunately lost & this deponent further states that, he was confined with sickness in the town of Fayetteville North Carolina when peace was concluded with Great Brittain and was consequently unable to join his Regiment, until after the United States army was disbanded

This deponent has no other evidence now in his power except the depositions herewith annexed And the said Moses Crawford in pursuance of the said act of the 1st of May 1820 doth make also the following oath and schedule and subscribed the same that is to say — 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 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 on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not, nor has any one 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 - that is to say —

One cow supposed to be worth ten dollars
one calf worth perhaps one dollar and fifty cents
one sow and four pigs worth perhaps six dollars
one bed and ordinary bed cloaths - nine plates
two basons and one dish (all pewter)
one pot, one oven, one skillet - six knives and six forks - and three or four spoons
one dozen chickins, and four chicks

And I Moses Crawford do furthermore swear that I am by occupation a farmer, but that in consequence of two wounds that I have received, one in the arm and the other in the hand, the one at Balicocks hill [?] the other at Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] - the toil and exposure to inclement air I encountered during the revolutionary war, in the army and the decrepitude of old age am no longer able by my own labour to obtain a subsistence - that the family with me are a wife named [illegible: appears to be "Nancy" written over "Sally"] of the age of fifty three or four years, who is unable to support her self - and two daughters (unmarried) one aged nineteen years and the other fifteen years, the oldest is named Delilah and the youngest Betsey - and that his said daughters are barely able to support themselves by their labour and exertions - and that I have lost the certificate of my discharge from the revolutionary army

Moses hisXmark Crawford

This day [29 Mar 1822] personally appeared Thomas Clark [pension application S39327] before me David Greyham & John Norramare Justices of the peace for Bledsoe County Tennessee, & deposeth to the following facts - that this deponent served in the revolutionary war with Moses Crafford that Crafford served at least three years in the 4th Regt or 3rd Regt. Commanded by Colo John Navel - that this deponent was in the battle of Stoney point [sic: Stony Point NY, 15 July 1779] with Moses Crafford that Crafford then belonged to the continental army & that said Crafford was takeng prisoner at the surrender of Charleston - that this depo- is in no way interested in procureing a pension for Mr Crafford - that this deponent is no relation to said Crafford

Thomas Clark

State of Tennessee } August sessions 1822
Bledsoe County } This day came Moses Crawford into open court the same being a court of record and made oath that he enlisted as a contineltal soldier of the Revolutionary war with great Brittain for during the war sometime in the month of Febury 1778 and that he had enlisted previous to that time for three years under the command of Capt William Craughn and for further information refers to his former affidavit, and that his first term of service was expired or very nearly so, before his second enlistment, and that he was enlisted by the same officer William Craughn who was promoted to Major before he enlisted me the second time, and for further particulars refers to his first affidavit.

Sworn and subscribed to in open court this 13th day month of August 1822

Moses hisXmark Crawford

NOTES:

The 4th VA Regiment was not accepted by Congress until 13 Feb 1776, and recruitment began at about that time. The company of Capt. William Croghan was recruited from the area of present Pittsburgh, which was then considered part of Virginia. Croghan was promoted to Major on 16 May 1778.

On 25 Sep 1843 Nancy Crawford, 81, of Hamilton County TN, applied for a pension stating that she married Moses Crawford in Mar 1790, and he died 17 Dec 1826. Documents in the file state that the marriage occurred in Burke County GA, and that her name before the marriage was Nancy Dorsey. John Crawford, 53, of Hamilton County deposed in support of the application by his mother. William T. P. Crawford of De Kalb County GA, a son of Moses Crawford and a previous wife, deposed in behalf of his step mother. Other documents list Elijah, Eisha, and James G. Crawford as children. There was also a supporting deposition by John and Delilia Hall of Hamilton County. On 10 Mar 1845 John Hall also signed an affidavit referring to a Strother Crawford and others who were present at the marriage of Moses and Nancy Crawford.

As evidence of marriage John Hall provided a copy of a letter regarding George Franklin who officiated at the wedding. The letter reads as follows:
The Reverend and much beloved Brother George Frankling was born the 15th of May 1761. Entered on the ministry Early in life and devoted much of his time in the service of God and was a great blessing to the Churches that knew him, he was one of the Convention of this State, afterwards was one of the General Assembly for several years, Spent his life much to the Satisfaction of his friends and acquaintances, and died from home on a rout[?] of Preaching on

the 16th of February 1816 having been our pastor for nearly seven years.

Georgia } This is to certify that the above is a true Extract from the
Washington County } Regular Church Book of the Baptist Church at Jordan's Meeting
House (state & County aforesaid)

Given under my hand this 22nd February 1845. Owen C. Pope. Church Clerk