

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John Crawford R2470  
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[fn p. 32]

Georgia Baldwin County: For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the Act entitled "An Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved on the 13th of May 1828, I John Crawford [of] the County of Monroe in the State of Georgia, do hereby declare, that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the Army of the revolution, for the term of one year and continued in its service for the period of fifteen months and twenty-six days, at which period, I was a private in Captain Chesley Bostick's Company in the first Regiment of the Georgia Line. And I also declare that I was not on the pension List of the United States on the 15th day of May 1828 or at any other time.

Witness my hand this 23rd day of November 1829

S/ Wm Y. Hansell, JIC

S/ John Crawford

State of Georgia, County of Monroe

On this twelfth day of march in the year 1834 before the honorable the Superior Court of said County of Monroe personally appeared in open court John Crawford a resident of said and State of Georgia aged seventy-four 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832 – That he enlisted in [the] Army of the United States in the regular service on the second day of March in the year 1776 and was mustered into service on that day under Captain Chesley Bostwick, and served in the first Regiment of the Georgia line under the following named officers – General Lachlan Macintosh, Colonel Joseph Habersham commandant of the Regiment above named, Major John Cuthbert of the same Regiment, Chesley Bostwick Captain of the company to which he belonged who after the expiration of about six months according to applicant's recollection, was succeeded by Captain De Lepaine [Delaplaine]—These were the general field and company officers under whom he served – He resided at the time of his enlistment in what was then St. Paul's Parish now Columbia County in the State of Georgia. He served the whole of his time in the State of Georgia. After his enlistment, he marched from St. Paul's Parish through Augusta to Savannah, arrived at the latter place in March 1776. The company to which he belonged was stationed there until January 1777. Applicant was then marched with a part of his company and detachments from other companies to Fort Barrington on the Altamaha River under Lieutenant Colonel Harris, remained there two months – and marched to Sunbury [Sunbury] – there went on board a public vessel called the “*Washington Galley*” commanded by Captain Newriagate [? or Newnegate?] and which together with two other Galleys, to wit, the “*Congress*” and “*Lee*” were under the command of Commodore Bowen – sailed from thence to the mouth of St. Mary's River and up said River about 6 miles and landed, marched thence to Savannah by land and arrived in Savannah in June 1777 having crossed the Altamaha at Fort Barrington. He obtained his discharged the day after his arrival in Savannah, viz. on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June 1777, having served in the regular army one year three months and 26 days. His term of enlistment was 12 months,

but being out on service, he could not obtain his discharge until his return to Savannah. His discharge has long since been lost. He next entered the service of the United States as second lieutenant in the militia of Georgia in the month of October 1777 under the following named officers: Colonel Benjamin Few, Captain Charles Crawford and Isaac Skinner, first lieutenant. He resided at the time of his entering the militia in what was then Richmond but now Columbia County in the State of Georgia. We marched under Colonel Few from Richmond to Burke jail and was in the battle fought at that place with the enemy under the command of Colonel Brown [Thomas Brown]. He then returned to Augusta and was immediately compelled to flee to South Carolina for refuge from Colonel Brown and his Myrmidons who obtained possession of Augusta and the adjacent country. He remained between two and three months in South Carolina when he returned to Augusta upon the vacation of that place by Colonel Brown. He then marched under Captain Leonard Marbury who commanded a company of Cavalry down Savannah River about 50 miles. There, hearing of the defeat of General Ash [sic John Ashe] by Colonel Brown we returned to Augusta. We then marched to Savannah under Captain Charles Crawford, was engaged in the attack upon that place – was taken a prisoner by the British and confined eight weeks in a prison ship. At the expiration of which he was released in an exchange of prisoners. He then went home and remained there about two months. He then went to Augusta and was at the first siege of that place in September 1780. He fled from the State to North Carolina for refuge. He there joined Colonel Morgan [Daniel Morgan] and was with him in the battle of King's Mountain. He then joined the Army under the command of General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] and was in the battle of Blackstock's on Tiger [sic, Tyger] River. He then returned to Georgia in March 1781 and entered the militia as a private under Captain William Lucas in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Elijah Clark [sic, Elijah Clarke], he remained at Augusta until that place was taken. He then marched to Savannah January 1782 under Captain Thomas Townsend and remained in service until April 1782 when he was discharged. Applicant states that he served in the militia of Georgia according to his recollection two years as second lieutenant and about two years as a private. He further states that it is not in his power at this time to prove his service as second lieutenant and as a private in the militia by any other testimony then his own oath. He was born in the year 1759 on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July. There is a record of his age but not in his possession. He was born in Amherst County State of Virginia. Since the revolutionary war he has resided in the Counties of Columbia, Lincoln and now resides in the County of Monroe, State of Georgia.

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 in any state.

S/ John Crawford

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 12<sup>th</sup> March 1834.

S/ Christopher B. Strong, Judge Supr. C.

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State of Georgia Wilkinson County: Before me Samuel [paper torn name missing, Judge Samuel Beall attested this affidavit] Justice of the Inferior Court for said County personally came John Hatcher who being sworn on oath saith that he was well acquainted with John Crawford whose name appears to the foregoing declaration for a pension in conformity with the provision made by Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 in time of the revolutionary war and that he the said John Crawford was a citizen of Georgia and enlisted himself in the year 1776 in the service of the United States and served in the first Continental Regiment of the Georgia line and in the 7<sup>th</sup> company of said Regiment and served the term of one year as a private, said Regiment was commanded by Colonel Joseph Habersham and Major John Cuthbert. The company part of the time was commanded by Captain Chesley Bostwick who resigned: then Captain Delaplaine commanded the remaining part of the time, said Troops were stationed the larger portion of the time in Savannah Georgia and that this deponent has good reasons to believe and truly does believe that the said John Crawford continued true and faithful to his Country to the end of

the war.

Sworn and subscribed to this 4th of October 1833.

S/ John Hatcher

[fn p. 9: On August 29, 1846 in Pike County Georgia, Mrs. Rebecca Crawford, 84, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of John Crawford, a pensioner for his service in the revolution at the rate of \$52.88 per annum; that she was married to John Crawford on April 27, 1781; that he died October 19, 1836; and that she has remained his widow; that she has no record proof in her possession to support her marriage to John Crawford other than the date of her marriage registered in what she calls her old Methodist book and the date of her children's ages registered in the order of their births; that she was married to her husband prior to his last service in the revolution. In a later affidavit, testimony was given at John and Rebecca Crawford were married by the Reverend Loveless Savage in Richmond County Georgia (now Columbia Georgia)]

[fn p. 12: family register]

John Crawford and Rabekah Snider [?] was married the 27 day of April 1781

David Son born 24 [illegible, could be June or Jan<sup>1</sup>] 1782

Rhida<sup>2</sup> born the 3 october 1785

Elisabeth born 3 october 1785

Welborn<sup>3</sup> born 17 Janny 1788

Susannah born [illegible<sup>4</sup>] Janny 1790

Charles born [illegible<sup>5</sup>] may 1793

Jean born 3 July 1795

John born 2 october 1797

Anderson born 3 october 1799

Ambros born 19 May 1803

Ann born 2 April 1817

John A. [illegible] Rogers Born the february 26 day 182[last digit torn]

Charles Born 7 September 1819

Milly Born 15 July 1823

Georg born 16 october 1825

Susannah born 28 december 1827

[illegible, could be Jenny] born November 4 18[last two digits torn]

[illegible] born 11 May 1831

[illegible] born April 16 1839

[fn p. 21: On June 12, 1855 in Wilkes County Georgia, Thomas A. Crawford gave testimony that his father John Crawford enlisted in South Carolina under Colonel Habersham and served 7 years in the revolutionary war; that he fought at the battles of Kings mountain, Cowpens and at the siege of Augusta; that his father died in June 1836; that he was married in the year 1783 to Rebecca Snyder; that his widow Rebecca died May 1847 survived by the following heirs: David, Rhody, Elizabeth, Susan, John, Thomas & Lee.]

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<sup>1</sup> The war department read this as January 24, 1782

<sup>2</sup> The war department read this as Rhoda

<sup>3</sup> The war department read this name as William

<sup>4</sup> The war department read this date as January 8, 1790

<sup>5</sup> The war department read this date as May 30, 1793

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$52.88 per annum for 15 months, 26 days service in the Revolution.]