

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Crawford S3226

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State of Tennessee Bledsoe County} County Court November Session in the year of our Lord  
1833

On the 11th day of November 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the worshipful Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for the County and State aforesaid now sitting John Crawford a resident of Rhea County Tennessee aged 71 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 after stated (to wit) That he entered the service of the United States in Surry County in the State of North Carolina as a volunteer some time he thinks about the 10th of November 1778, his officers were Captain Smith [Henry Smith] 1st Colonel Matthew Locke 2nd Colonel Pervard [sic, Alexander Brevard] and General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford]. Marched to Pyrusburg [sic, Purrysburg] in South Carolina there he turned out as a volunteer in a scouting party and was put under the command of Captain Shepherd [sic, James Sheppard], Colonel litle [sic, Archibald Lytle] and Major Nelson [sic, Captain James Nelson] marched to Augusta and joined General Nash [sic, General John Ashe] crossed Savannah River marched to Briar Creek where he was in a battle against the British [March 3, 1779].<sup>1</sup> After the battle recrossed Savannah River and joined his old Company under General Rutherford at a place called the two Sisters in South Carolina from there marched to Turkey [Turkey] Hill from there marched to Salisbury in North Carolina where he was regularly discharged by his Captain Smith after having served five months the term for which he volunteered. His discharge has been lost or mislaid.

Some time in December 1780 he volunteered for six months in Surry County State of North Carolina his Officers were Captain Gibson Woodridge and Major Joel Lewis rendezvoused at Surry Court House marched to various places through the State of North Carolina was in no particular engagement but was in active service until his six months had expired the time for which he volunteered when he was regularly discharge by his Captain after having served out his six months. His discharge has been lost or mislaid.

Sometime in August 1781 he volunteered in Surry County North Carolina for three months his officers were Lieutenant James Adkinson Captain Edmond Hickman [sic, Edwin

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<sup>1</sup> Briar Creek March 3, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

Hickman], Colonel Rutherford marched to the High Hills of Santee where he joined General Greene [Nathanael Greene] from there marched to the Eutaw Springs where he was in a battle against the British [September 8, 1781].<sup>2</sup> After the battle returned to Salisbury North Carolina remained in Salisbury guarding some prisoners until the time for which he volunteered had expired when he was regularly discharged by his Lieutenant William Fletcher after having served three months. This discharge is also lost or mislaid.

He was acquainted with Generals Greene and Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] and Colonel Vance and Maj. Lewis all of the regular line he was also acquainted with the officers named above of the militia.

He has seen a record of his age in his father's Bible which is since lost. He was born on the 29th day of October 1762 seven miles below Staunton in Virginia moved with his father to Surry County North Carolina where he resided during the revolutionary war from there moved to Washington County Tennessee then to Greene, Knox, Anderson, Bledsoe, Hamilton, Marion and Bledsoe [Counties] again all in the State of Tennessee then to Rhea County in the State of Tennessee where he now resides and has resided for the last six months.

The reason that he did not make his declaration in Rhea County that he had not resided there sufficiently long to get his neighbors to testify for him and that he had resided longer in Bledsoe.

He has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any person by whom he can prove his services in the revolution. He is acquainted in Bledsoe County his former neighborhood with William Nail a clergyman and Colonel Samuel C Lowe and Colonel William Brown who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Crawford, X his mark

[William Nail, a clergyman, Samuel C Lowe and William Brown gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$46.66 commencing March 4th, 1831, for one year and two months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

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<sup>2</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_eutaw\\_springs.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html)