

# Stephen Crawford

(July 31, 1761 – April 22, 1833)

Private, 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment of the Monmouth Militia

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Stephen Crawford was a private in the militia. Little is known about his role in local activities. He is listed as a private in Middletown Militia in the reference book, *Roster of People of Revolutionary Monmouth County* (New Jersey) by Michael Adelberg. It is likely he was one of the many who guarded and stood watch over the shore. Members of Monmouth Militia commonly were sent to the Highlands and other shore areas to observe the activity of the British ships, but there is not documentation confirming this was his duty.

## Stephen Crawford's Family:

He married Catharine (Dec. 15, 1761 – July 18, 1852) about 1783, in Monmouth, New Jersey, United States. They were the parents of two sons: **Gideon** (1786 -1860) married Johanna Ellison and **David** (1790) and five daughters: Maria (1793 -1882) married Lamberson, Amie or Anna (1796), Catherine (1800-1891), Margaret, and Susannah.

He purchased land located between Matawan Creek and Long Creek on July 4, 1817. Here is a record of a deed for land [Monmouth. Mortgages 1817–1829] which was sold after his death. Below is from Ancestry

He died on 22 April 1833, at the age of 74, and was buried in Mt Pleasant Cemetery, Matawan Borough, Monmouth, New Jersey, United States. On the left is a newspaper article taken from Ancestry. Transcription is as follows:

## Commissioner's Sale of Real Estate

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For further particulars enquire of either of the subscribers at Key Post, Matawan, or Middletown Point.

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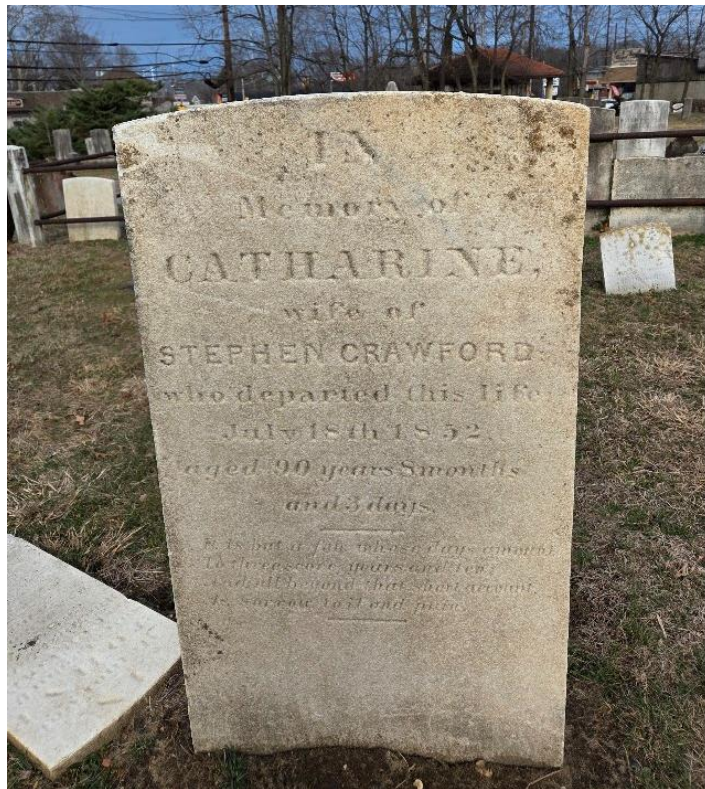
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Leonard Walling, Jacob Vandeventer, S. C. Vanderhoof, Commissioners. May 25, 1837.

MONMOUTH COUNTY : ss.

I Henry D. Polhemus Surrogate of the County of Monmouth, do certify at on the day or the date hereof Administration of the goods and Chattels, Rights and credits which were of Stephen Crawford late of the County of Monmouth who died testate was granted by me to David Crawford and Gideon Crawford of the County of Monmouth who are duly authorized to administer the same agreeably to law.

Witness my hand and Seal of office the twenty-second day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and thirty-three.



(Also buried in Mt. Pleasant cemetery: Sarah Ann V. Crawford; **David Crawford**, Sarah Crawford, **Gideon Crawford**, Joel Crawford, Martha Crawford, Martha Jane Crawford)

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