

# William G. Crawford

(Oct. 1, 1757 – Dec. 16, 1837)

Private, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment of the Middlesex Militia; possibly 1<sup>st</sup> Reg. Monmouth Militia

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William G. Crawford is listed as a Private in the Continental Army in 1776. There are no accounts of Pvt. Crawford's participation in battles, but the Fold3 military records state that he was in one battle but did not state which one. He is listed as being in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment with Captain John Waglum's

company; this was a unit of the **Middlesex County Militia** in New Jersey.

Michele Donnelly shows him in the 1<sup>st</sup> Regt.

Monmouth County under Capts. Carhart or Walling.

The militia served in the local defense of central New Jersey, protecting towns from British raids and engaging in operations around the New York harbor area. Men under Waglum's command are historically associated with defending New Jersey during nearby major conflicts, including the pivotal **Battle of Monmouth** (1778) and the **Battle of Springfield** (1780). Since he joined early (1776) in the war, it is likely he was at the Battle of Monmouth, which occurred before the Battle of Springfield and the Battle of Monmouth was the

State of New York,  
City of New York

Joel Crawford, residing at 163 Suffolk Street, in the City of New York, deposes and says that he is the son of Martha Crawford, who signs the foregoing deposition, and William G. Crawford, who this deponent has always understood and truly believes to have been a soldier of the Revolutionary Army, drafted among the troops from the neighborhood of Middletown in the State of New Jersey.

Deponent knows that said William G. Crawford, died in the City of New York in the year A.D. 1837, and that the said Martha Crawford has remained a widow since his death.

Given that under the hand of Joel Crawford me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 1884

L. P. Hyslop  
First Judge of the Common Pleas

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CRANE, SAYRES.	Captain Josiah Pierson's company, Second Regiment, Essex.		
CRANE, SETH.	Captain Reuben Randolph's company, Middlesex.		
CRANE, SILAS.	Second Regiment, Monmouth; also Continental Army.		
CRANE, STEPHEN.	Captain Squire's company, Second Regiment, Essex.		
CRANE, SUTPHEN.	Essex.		
CRANE, TIMOTHY.	Essex.		
CRANE, WILLIAM.	Captain Abraham Lyon's company, Second Regiment, Essex; also State troops.		
CRANMORE, WILLIAM.	Third Battalion, Gloucester; also Colonel Somers' battalion, State troops.		
CRAVEN, WILLIAM.	First Regiment, Monmouth; also Continental Army.		
CRAW, THOMAS.	Middlesex.		
CRAWFORD, JAMES.	Captain Carhart's company, First Regiment, Monmouth; killed February 13th, 1777, at Middletown, New Jersey.		
CRAWFORD, RICHARD.			
CRAWFORD, STEPHEN.	Monmouth.		
CRAWFORD, WILLIAM G.	Monmouth; also Captain Waglum's company, Second Regiment, Middlesex.		

largest and longest battle in New Jersey. Approximately 15,000 troops and loyalists crossed the Delaware River into New Jersey, heading for New York City and General George Washington commanded approximately 13,500 to 14,500 Patriot troops. However, it should be noted that there are no formal documents to definitively state if he participated in either battle.

The excerpt listing William (and Stephen) Crawford shown here is from "Stryker's Official Register of the Officers and Men of New Jersey in the Revolutionary War" (1872) by William S. Stryker.

There were several military pension application records from his wife Martha Bedle Crawford on Fold3. Below are copies of the pension and with transcriptions.

Below is a transcription of the document shown to the left:

State of New York

City & County of New York

Joel Crawford, residing at 163 Suffolk Street, in the City & County aforesaid, being duly sworn deposes and says that he is the son of Martha Crawford, who signs the foregoing deposition, and William E. Crawford, who this deponent has always understood and truly believes to have been a Soldier of the Revolutionary Army, drafted among the troops from the neighborhood of Middletown in the State of New Jersey.

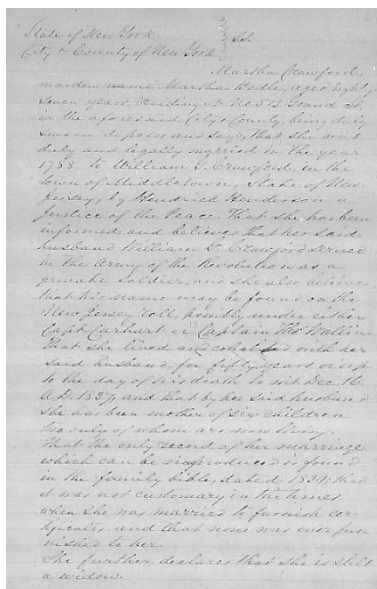
Deponent knows that said William E. Crawford, died in the City of New York in the year A.D. 1837, and that the said Martha Crawford has remained a widow since his death.

Sworn & Subscribed before me this 28th day of May 1844. — Joel Crawford

D. P. Ingraham

Note: Joel Crawford was the son of Martha and William.

*Copy of pension document and its transcription:*



State of New York City & County of New York

Martha Crawford, maiden name Martha Bedle, aged eighty-seven years, residing at no 513 Grand St. in the aforesaid City & County, being duly sworn, deposes and says, that she was duly and legally married in the year 1788 to William G. Crawford, in the town of Middletown, State of New Jersey, by Hendrick Henderson a Justice of the Peace. That she has been informed and believes that her said husband William G. Crawford served in the Army of the Revolution as a private soldier, and she also believes that his name may be found on the New Jersey roll, possibly under either Capt. Carhart or Captain Thomas Walling. That she lived and cohabited with her said husband for fifty years or up to the day of his death to wit Dec. 18, A.D. 1837, and that by her said husband she has been mother of six children, **two only of whom are now living**. That the only record of her marriage which can be satisfactorily found is found in the family Bible, dated 1811, that it was not customary in the times when she was married to furnish certificates, and that none was ever furnished to her. She further declares that she is still a widow.

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*Amilia Burn was a witness and Joel Crawford also gave a deposition, from this we can infer that those are the two children still living that are mentioned in the pension application.*

### **The family of William G. Crawford**

It is likely that William's middle name was Gideon. It is believed that his father was Gideon Crawford and his mother was Helena Taylor.

The following came from a handwritten copy taken from the family bible on Fold3:

William Crawford & Martha Bedle were married March 23rd, 1788. Both are buried in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Below is from the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Index:

Group No.	Gravestone No.	
31	185	William Crawford b. 1757 d. December 16, 1837 age 80 yrs., 2 mos., 15 da.
	182	Martha, wife of William Crawford b. December 31, 1768d. May 8, 1866 age 98 yrs., 4 mos., 8 da.

William and Martha had the following children:

Lydia Crawford was born on March 21st, 1789.

Andrew Crawford was born on August 20<sup>th</sup> 1793.

Rachel Crawford was born on September 18th, 1797.

Amelia Crawford was born on December 27th, 1799.

Joel Crawford was born on February 10th, 1802.

Maria Crawford was born on December 27th, 1814.

Excerpt from the Lineage Book, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution-V 122 (1916):

The 1830 Census conducted by Thomas Arrowsmith shows the Crawfords living in "Middletown" (possibly Middletown Point, as Arrowsmith was a resident.)

Both William and Martha are buried in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Matawan, NJ.

<http://files.usgwarchives.net/nj/monmouth/bios/crawford-william1874.txt>

<https://archive.org/details/historicalgeneal03instil/page/108/mode/2up?q=crawford>

MRS. GRACE CORNELL FLEMING. 121481
Born in New York, N. Y. Wife of William James Fleming. Descendant of William G. Crawford, as follows:
1. Charles B. Cornell (1830-91) m. 1869 Maria L. Morgan (b. 1810). 2. William Johnson Morgan (1806-63) m. 1825 Maria L. Crawford (1804-45). 3. William G. Crawford m. 1788 Martha Beadle (b. 1767).
William G. Crawford (1757-1837) served as private in Captain Wag- lum's company, 2nd regiment, Essex County, New Jersey militia. He was born in New Jersey; died in New York City.