

Thomas Crowell was born in Limerick, Ireland 21Dec1761. He married Judith Crowell. He died 10Nov1844 at Brunswick ME.

On 26Jul1832, at US District Court in Portland ME, Thomas Crowell, a resident of Brunswick in Cumberland County of Maine District, age 73, applied for a pension (FPA r2542, thanks to Leon Harris, RevWarApps.org). He first entered service where he lived in Boston under Captain Dodge of Massachusetts Militia. In 1776, he transferred to Captain Murphy in Colonel Daniel Morgan's Virginia Regiment and after two or three years, was discharged at Valley Forge. That during his service he was under Captain Shaw at Ticonderoga, Saratoga, and the taking of Burgoyne. After the Battle of Monmouth, he was transferred to Colonel Morgan and went to South Carolina. He returned home with his company after the Battle of Cowpens.

On 03Jul1833 Thomas Crowell amended his prior declaration.

That early in the Spring of 1776, he enlisted in a company commanded by Captain James Shaw at Windham, Maine and went with said Capt to Ticonderoga where our Company was joined to Col. Putnam's Regiment. He served as a Sergeant in said Company for about two and a half years. He was at the Capture of Burgoyne in 1777 and in the Battle of Monmouth. After Monmouth, he was transferred into a Company of Virginia State troops commanded, by Captain Murphy of Colonel Morgan's Regiment. and marched with said Company through Pennsylvania to South Carolina. There he was at the **Battle of Cowpens**, and was **wounded by a shot** in his leg. Afterwards said Company returned to Valley Forge and was there discharged in the fall of the year 1781. He then returned back to Brunswick, Maine where he has ever since resided & now resides. That he served in Col. Morgan's Regiment two years, & that he served as a Sergeant also in that Regiment. He served over four years in all in the Revolutionary War. He also served two years as a Sergeant & Clerk in Captain Holden's Company & Col. McCobb's Regiment in the last war (1812) with England.

That he lived in Boston at the commencement of the Revolution and went to Windham in the District of Maine and there enlisted as he has first above stated in Capt. Shaw's Company; Before he left Boston he enlisted in a militia company commanded by Capt Dodge, but Thos. Russell, with whom he lived bought him off and he did not serve in that Company and soon after he travelled into the District of Maine and came to Windham aforesaid where he first enlisted under Capt Shaw.

To the Secretary of State, Massachusetts Judith Crowell widow of Thomas Crowell late of Brunswick requests evidence of the services of her late husband in the army of the Revolution. She believes that said Thomas Crowell served at least two years – That he enlisted from Falmouth in the State of Maine under enlisting officer Lt. Shaw – that he was a ready penman, and was employed as an orderly Sergeant in what Company or Regiment she is unable to state – but thinks he was removed into Morgan's Regiment. And on account of his qualifications as a writer was probably removed from one Company to another. She therefore requests the Secretary of State to cause the rolls and other Revolutionary documents to be searched and a certificate granted of all the services of said Thomas Crowell, (or Crowel as he sometimes wrote it) in whatever Regiment or company it may have been performed [signed] Judith Crowel Cumberland Ss May 2 d 1845

Commonwealth of Massachusetts./ Secretary's Office, Boston; July 25 1845. I hereby Certify, That, from an examination of the Books and Documents, relating to Military Services in the War of the Revolution, which remain in this Department, it appears that the name of Thomas Crowell is not found upon the rolls of any officer of the name of Shaw; – there are no rolls here of Morgan's Command, and there is no evidence whatever shown by any of the records, of service of any one of the name as described in the annexed application. In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto affixed the Seal of the Commonwealth, the date above written. John G Palfrey/
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

NOTES: Philip Owen (pension application S28835) certified that he had seen Crowell at Ticonderoga. He also stated that he had often asked Crowell why he did not apply for a pension, and Crowell had replied that "he could live without it," but that he was "now poor and needs his pension." On 2 May 1845 Owen made another statement, including the following: "I also depose and say that several years ago when Crowell was desirous of obtaining a pension he came to me in company with Lt. Shaw – And that said Lt Shaw stated to me that he enlisted Crowell at Falmouth in the State of Maine – That said Crowell was Clerk of his company. That he wrote a good hand and was a valuable assistant. That said Crowell was drafted into Morgan's Regiment, which Lt Shaw much regretted on account of his services with his pen as aforesaid."

On 14 March 1851 Lucy Bowe, 49, resident of Topsham in Lincoln County ME, applied for a pension under the act of 1832 as the only living child of Thomas Crowell, who died on 10 Nov 1844. She stated that she was the "child of his first wife who died many years ago," that he remarried after 1800, and that the "second wife died some two years ago leaving no children by said Thomas Crowell."

On 15 March 1851 Dean Swift, 58, made a supporting statement part of which is transcribed as follows: "Crowell always told me that he belonged to Morgan's Rifle Regiment, that he had to act as Sergeant on account of his Penmanship – Mr Philip Owen deceased who was a Revolutionary Soldier and U.S. Pensioner has many times told me that he knew Crowell well as belonging to the Revolution Army while stationed at Ticonderoga and other places. Some time in 1840 Crowell told me he was sure of getting a pension, for one of his old pupils W. H. Harrison was elected and that he was determined to proceed to Washington and have an interview in regard to his claim for Military service in the Revolutionary war. Crowell said that he could by an interview convince the President that he Crowell had been the President's instructor in Richmond when said Harrison was six or seven years of age."