

COLONEL JAMES CRAWFORD.

On the 15th day of December, 1774, James Crawford was elected from Hanover, Pa., as one of the sixty freeholders' committee to "observe the conduct of all persons touching the general association of the General Congress" "which committee shall divide into different districts and appoint members of the committee to superintend each district." A Mr. Francis was cited to appear before their court. He was informed that dancing was contrary to the spirit of the eighth article of association of the Continental Congress, and his dancing school must be discontinued. Charles Hamilton, a shopkeeper, sold tea "contrary to the association of the Continental Congress." Hamilton said, in his absence, it was done in violation of his orders, and he disapproved of it. "The committee resolved that Hamilton stands acquitted." Powder and lead in dealers' hands were ordered to be surrendered to the Council at fixed prices; guns and munitions of war were ordered supplied within a given time and at fixed prices. Wagons, horses and food were supplied by order of the committee.

After the battle of Lexington and Bunker Hill the committee called a convention of the Colonists of Lancaster and adjacent counties to meet at Lancaster borough and elect two Brigadier Generals. Fifty-three battalions were represented at this convention, July 4th, 1776, and while the Declaration of Independence was being read to the public from the steps of the State House, Philadelphia, the patriots at Lancaster county resolved that the President of the Board of Elections

shall have power and authority to grant commissions to the newly elected Brigadiers good until commissions were issued from the convention, or any higher authority invested with the prerogative to appoint or confirm army officers.

In December, 1777, General Anthony Wayne's troops were in camp at Mount Joy, Lancaster county, Pa., and were suffering severely from want of clothing. Col. James Crawford was designated by Congress as one of a committee to procure blankets and clothing for the perishing patriots fighting for freedom. Col. Crawford's ancestors were Calvinists from North Ireland. Amongst their possessions was a book entitled the "Beauty of Holiness," published in London, England, 1716, and used in Rolla Chapel, London. This book came down through several generations of lineal descendants to John G. Crawford's grandmother, Buyers, who was a granddaughter of Capt. Buyers, of Buyers-town, Lancaster county, Pa., Fifth Battalion, Pennsylvania Infantry, War of the Revolution. Col. James Crawford resided in Lancaster township, near the "Big Springs," dying at the age of 80 years. He was survived by his son, Thomas Crawford, who was born in 1784. His death occurred at Sterling, Ill., in 1854, he having moved West with his sons, James L. Crawford, David M. Crawford and John B. Crawford, settling in Sterling, Ill., in 1845, on the banks of Rock River. James L. Crawford married Miss Amanda Galt, of Galt Mills, Lancaster county, Pa., in 1846, who survives him since 1857. John G., her only son, is still living. David M. Crawford is deceased. John B. Crawford sold his Sterling possessions and moved to Lohrville, Iowa, where he and his sons reside. Rev. Thomas Crawford, a graduate from Princeton, N. J., a Presbyterian minis-

ter, resides at Slate Hill, York county, Pa. William Crawford, Jr., son of William Crawford, of Georgetown, D. C., was Lieutenant in the regular army, and was wounded at Gettysburg in July, 1863, dying in Hartford, Conn., soon after. Leslie Crawford Sheldon, grandson of Mrs. Amanda G. Crawford, was a Sergeant in Company E, Sixth Illinois Regiment of Infantry, in the Cuban war, and is in General Shafter's forces.

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