

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Crawford, Theophilus Senator Crawford,
Theophilus - Represented Dubuque, Delaware, Chatham, Fayette,
Buchanan, Black Hawk, Clayton

1. Birthday and place 28 April 1806 Putney, Windham County, Vermont
(Mar) (1807)

2. Marriage (s) date place
Annis Johnson Andover, Massachusetts

3. Significant events for example:

- A. Business _____
- B. Civic responsibilities _____
- C. Profession _____

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 1st and 2nd General Assemblies 1846 and 1848 - Senate

6. Public Offices 3rd General Assembly 1850; 7th General Assembly 1858; 7th House of
13th General Assembly 1870; 16th General Assembly 1876 Representative

- A. Local _____
- B. State _____
- C. National _____

7. Death 12 Nov 1877 Peosta, Iowa

8. Children _____

9. Names of parents Theophilus and Annis (Johnson) Crawford

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information _____



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- **ID:** 152
- **Name:** Theophilus CRAWFORD
- **Sex:** M
- **Birth:** 25 APR 1764 in Union, Tolland Co., CT
- **Death:** 10 JAN 1856 in Putney, Windham Co., VT
- **Note:**

Theophilus Crawford Biography

<http://www.theodells.net/odell/aqwn09.htm>

Theophilus Crawford is listed as head of house in the 1800, 1810, 1820, 1830 and 1840 Census. Also in the book "People of Putney" 1753-1953 compiled by The Fortnightly Club, Putney, Aug 1953, on page 14 it says:

THE CRAWFORD FAMILY

Theophilus Crawford, 1764-1856, settled in Putney in 1799, buying the farm which belonged throughout the following century to members of the Crawford family. The brick house, built in 1808, is now in 1953 the residence of our Town Representative, Philip B Chase.

Theophilus was of Scotch ancestry, Grandson of James Crawford the emigrant, and the son of James Jr. and his wife Grace Carpate, who came from Union, Conn., to settle in 1769 at Westminster West. James Crawford Jr. and his family journeyed up the Connecticut River; above Hadley Falls they came in a log boat or canoe, They arrived at Fort Dummer in a heavy rainstorm. Fort Dummer was at that time in use as a dwelling place, and was occupied by the father of William French whom we call the first hero of the Revolution. The moment the arrival of the strangers was made known, William French ran down to the boat and took the five year old Theophilus in his arms and carried him to the fort. There the Crawford's spent their first night in Vermont.

Six years later, James Crawford assisted at the burial of William French " shot at Westminster March ye 13th, 1775, by the hands of the Cruel Ministerial tools of George ye 3d, in the Courthouse," Hall's History of Eastern Vermont (1858) gives the following story of the morning after the Westminster Massacre." Luke Knowlton of Newfane, who was then a favorer of the court faction, set out with eleven others on his return home. Passing along a cross road leading from Westminster to Newfane, the party stopped at the house of James Crawford and asked for something to drink. Mrs. Crawford, whose sentiments were the same as her husband's replied ' We have no drink for murderers.'...Knowlton, who was a polite man, bowed as this answer was

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given, and went his way, as did his companions, thirsting."

James Crawford is said to have enlisted as soon as he heard of the battle of Lexington, and to have participated in the Battle of Bunker Hill and afterwards with Washington's army at Cambridge. Meanwhile his wife and young son managed the harvest, and Theophilus cut wood and drove the steers while his mother loaded the woodshed. In an account received from a descendant of one of their neighbors, (Freeman Gorham, in a manuscript now in the possession of Mrs. Philip Chase) we have another example of the warmth of Crawford's sentiments. Perhaps it is another version of Hall's story above- quoted, but it may represent a later incident, during the actual wartime, as the narrator believed. ' One day while Mr. Crawford was in the army, a batch of Tory soldiers came to the house and demanded food. Instead of being frightened, Mrs. Crawford dipped a gourd of boiling water from the kettle hanging in the fireplace and told them she would scald them if they didn't skedaddle. They left in a hurry.'

At the age of 20, in 1784, Theophilus took part in the march on Guilford, with men of Westminster and men of Putney, to quell the disturbances which had arisen from insubordination of Yorkers. Gakk's account of that occasion; private Theophilus Crawford is described as standing close to the leader of the party, Sergeant Sylvanus Fisk, when the troops were fired upon. Fisk, 'a young man rash and impetuous', had disregarded warnings that the party would be fired upon near a certain blacksmith shop. When shots were fired, Fisk was mortally wounded. 'Are you badly hurt , Sergeant?' asked Private Theophilus Crawford. 'God bless you!' replied Fisk, 'Don't ask questions but push on and kill some of the devils.' The Yorkers were then pursued to the Massachusetts state line.

Theophilus purchased 217 acres in Putney in 1799 from the original settler, Amos Haile, and his father's family moved from Westminster West with him. before the brick house was built, the family lived in a small house down the hill near the bridge, according to a descendant, Malcolm Crawford. Possibly James and his wife occupied the other house, witch stood at that time directly across the road from the present site of the brick house - 'long since disappeared' when Rev. Elisha Andrews described it in his history of Putney, 1825. The bricks for the house of 1808 were brought up from Cambridge on loads drawn by oxen.

Theophilus managed the farm with great success and owned about 500 acres before his death. He filled numerous town offices in Putney with outstanding ability, was a member of the Governor's Council 1816-19, sheriff of Windham county 1819, delegate to the State Constitutional Convention 1822, and represented Putney in the Assembly 1823.

Theophilus' wife was Annis Johnson, daughter of Isaac. They had ten children and two of their sons were residents of Putney all their lives. These were David (1789-1871) and Mark (1800-1861). Their son James (1798-1846) moved to Iowa, but earlier was associated with David Leavitt at the Leavitt and Crawford store which was located approximately opposite the house own by John Scott now." (1956)

BURIAL: In the book I have "Gravestone inscriptions of Putney, Vermont" it says in Cemetery B #84 " Theophilus Crawford, died Jan 10, 1858, AE, 91ys 8 ms 15ds."

BIRTH: Went to Vermont at the age of 5 years.

<http://www.accessgenealogy.com/scripts/data/database.cgi?file=Data&report=SingleArticle&ArticleID=0012791>

(III) Theophilus Crawford, son of James (2) and Grace (Carpenter) Crawford, was born April 25, 1764, died January so, 1856, in Putney, Vermont. He was an influential citizen of his community and served as justice of the peace, high sheriff, and representative to the State Legislature. He married, on October 26, 1788, Annis Johnson, born 5766, died in May, 1851; and they were the parents of David, Sally, Henry, Gratia, James, Mark, of further mention; Fanny, Lydia, Theophilus and Annis.

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Father: James CRAWFORD b: 13 SEP 1733 in Union,Tolland Co.,CT

Mother: Grace CARPENTER b: 21 AUG 1734 in Ashford,CT

Marriage 1 Annis JOHNSON b: 27 OCT 1766 in Irving's Grant

- *Married:* 1788

Children

1.  James CRAWFORD b: 6 MAR 1798 in Westminster,Windham Co.,VT

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