

SYLVANUS CROWELL

Sylvanus Crowell was born in Essex County, New Jersey on October 25, 1760. He was the son of Recompense and Comfort (Unknown) Crowell. Recompense and his six sons, Samuel, Daniel, John, Aaron, David, and Sylvanus, all served in the American Revolutionary War.

Sylvanus served as a Private in Captain Josiah Pierson's Company of the New Jersey Militia (1777). Also in Captain Isaac Smith's Company; Captain Thomas Baldwin's Company; Captain James Wheeler's Company; and John Craig's Company. He took part in the Battle of Monmouth, New Jersey on June 28, 1778 which was led by George Washington. Sylvanus was also present in the engagements at Springfield (June 23, 1780) and Connecticut Farms, New Jersey (June 7, 1780).

Sylvanus married Mary Pierson (1758 - 1838) about 1781. To this union twelve children were born: Caleb, John Pierson, Enos, Nehemiah, Moses, Aaron, Hannah, Rhoda, Sallie, Eunice, Phebe, and Maria. Sylvanus owned and operated a grist mill.

Sylvanus died September 24, 1833 in Essex County, New Jersey. Mary (Pierson) Crowell died February 8, 1838 in Essex County, New Jersey. They were buried in the First Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Newark, New Jersey, which was bulldozed over and turned into a parking lot in 1959.