

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Carney R1711

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[No original documents were in the folder. The following report is by District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated many pensioners and applicants from Lewis, Harrison, and other counties of present West Virginia. For details see pension application S6111 of David W. Sleeth.]

Lewis County

Thomas Carney aged 69. Served two years.

John Reger of Lewis County aged 66 yrs. says that Thomas Carney came to this country when he Reger was 18yrs. old. Carney then told him that he was 21 yrs. old. this was in 1787. Reger has known him ever since, & dont believe that he done any service in the Revolution War.

John Mitchel [pension application S5761] aged 91 yrs. has known Carney ever since he Carney came to Western Virginia. think that he could not have been a soldier in Revolutionary War. he is too young.

Samuel Bonnett [probably Samuel Bonnet] aged 65 yrs. says that himself and Thomas Carney were boys together their ages about the same. he knows that Carney was not a soldier in the War of the Revolution.

Henry Flesher says that Thomas Carney came to Buckhannon Lewis County (then Harrison) six or seven years after the close of the R. War. - that he Carney was in this country in a Survey in the 1785 then not grown. - "too young for an old Soldier"

Note - this case is certified by D. W. Sleeth. - it is the general rhumour in this country (and no doubt of the truth of the Rhumour, though not susceptible to strict proof- ) that this man Sleeth is packed about from mountain & Vally & from county to county by "the Lewis Speculating gentry and receives ten dollars for every case he certifies — Sleeth is said to be a man of bad character. - the Department cannot (in my opinion) be doing injustice to the parties concerned by adopting as a general rule to disallow all cases certified by this man Sleeth. this is the opinion of any Honest man (a scarce commodity here) that I have met with.

Respectfully Reported  
W. G Singleton Special Agent July 1834