

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of David Carpenter R1712

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[No original application was in the file. 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

David Carpenter. Aged 72. Serv'd.3 yrs. & 9 mo.

Christopher Nutter [pension application W5434] aged 74 yrs. has known David Carpenter since the year 1776. in that year he came to this country (Harrison County) a boy five or six years old - that after the year 1785 he Carpenter was in the Indian Wars.

John Reger of Lewis County aged 66 yrs. knew Carpenter when a small boy. he is younger than himself several years. Staid at his (Carpenters) Fathers House frequently after he (Reger) was married - David Carpenter was then a chinick [chunck?] of a boy.

Nicholas Carpenter aged 63 yrs. Cousin of David Carpenter says that David & himself were born in the same year.

Isaac Washburn, Jno. Neeley [John Neely, W5408] & Wm. Powers [S18164] all old men, have known David Carpenter from a boy. All say he is too young by many years to have been in the Revolutionary War.

Waldo P. Goff of Clarksburg (a State Senator) says that Carpenter applied to him in the first instance, to get him a pension. that he examined Carpenter. found that he was not entitled, and so informed him —

this is another of Jonathan Wamslys boys [see note below]. in this case David W. Sleeth laid aside the Rhobe of Justice & assumed the Gown[?]. See report in Thomas Carney case July 1834                      Respectfully Reported W. G Singleton Spec'l. Agent

NOTES:

The 1850 federal census for Harrison County VA lists David Carpenter as age 80, born in Maryland.

Jonathan Wamsley drew up several fraudulent pension applications, and David W. Sleeth, a Justice of the Peace, certified several.