

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Carpenter R1714

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State of Kentucky } SS

Wayne County }

on the 28 day of August personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the court of Wayne County, now setting William Carpenter a Resident of Wayne county in the County of Wayne and State of Kentucky aged 71 or 72 years on the 19 Day of March past who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his Oath, make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

That he entered the service of the united states under the following named officers & served as here in stated.

I the said William Carpenter, In the fall of the year 1780 I think & believe, was drafted in Amherst County in the State of Virginia for a tour of three months, and marched and served under Captain William Harris as a private my Lieutenant William Montgomery ensign not recollected. We met at one old Mr. Joblin's Rockfish River in the same county [now in Nelson County] we then marched to Richmond and acted I think under Col. Aaron or Joseph Hickbottom [sic: Aaron Higginbotham or Joseph Higginbotham]. I was in no engagement, But kept guarding up and down James River, we were at the Mobban Hills [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond] At the Burnt Tavern [Burnt Ordinary] & stationed a while at Hickory neck church [sic: Hickorynut Church 8 mi NW of Williamsburg] having served our Tour and completed our tour of three months we were marched to Richmond in Virginia, and there discharged by our Captain and each man bore his expenses home. We had no written discharges. I think we got home a little after christmas. (& I think some time in the Spring following I was again drafted for three months to march against Wallace & Tarlton who was expected to be landing in Virginia [sic: Gen. Cornwallis and Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton, May 1781]. In this tour I marched & served under Captain Tilmon Walton [Tilman Walton] as a private. Lieutenant & ensign not recollected we marched to Linkfield Camp below Richmond and there joined the army Commanded by Genl Anthony Wayne & General Lafayette, where I first saw him. The army was split in several large Detachments some marching towards Norfolk & some up the River. Wallace marched over chickahominy Bridge [probably Bottoms Bridge, 23 Jun] & tore it up and camped a while in the Half moon of James River. 250 men with our company was ordered to repair the Bridge which we did. Just as we finished and cleaning the mud off our Breches General Wayne with 4000 men as I understood passed over in pursuit of Wallace. And marched up the Hill fired upon their centry. We were commanded to guard & keep the Bridge which we did. He had a hard Battle with Wallace & Retreated Back over the Bridge. and in the Rear of them Tarlton with his light Horse & Horses blowing came up. Under the Command of Captain Tilmon Walton we fired our Rifles to keep them off of Wayne's army, and they retired back Tarlton having two Horses shot from under him as we heard. we then retreated about 3 or 4 miles Back to the army Shortly afterwards, Wallace and Tarlton marched to little york [Yorktown, 1 Aug], when we were all commanded to march to little york and did so. & endeavored to keep them there. Shortly after I was taken sick and lay 18 days out of my senses in the Hospital. when I got so I could travel I with the Balance of the sick were ordered home many died on the Road I think It was upwards of 4 months before I got home, from the time I first marched. After the siege of york [28 Sep - 19 Oct] our captain said we had done out duty & were all discharged after he came Home. I Guarded the Prisoners at Albemarle Barracks 2 months before my first Tour as a Volunteer But have forgotten my officer name amounting to 6 months in the army and 2 months at the Barracks afs'd. for which eight months I claim a compensation

I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declare that my

name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid                      William his mark Carpenter  
I the said William Carpenter have no Documentary evidence & I knows of no person in this country,  
whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my services.

I was Born on Rockfish River in Amherst County Virginia I think 19 March 1761 according to my fathers  
record where I lived untill I was forty five years of age. I then moved to Knox County State of Tennessee  
where I lived 18 or 19 years, I then removed to Wayne County Kentucky where I am now living and have  
lived 11 or 12 years.

He is known by Roger Oatts John Moreland of his county. his Neighbors

NOTE: On 24 Sep 1840 Mary Carpenter, 72, of Adair County KY, applied for a pension stating that she  
lived about 40 miles from William Carpenter before marrying him in Augusta County VA on 9 Jan 1786,  
and that he died 4 Sep 1835 in Adair County. A document in the file gives her maiden name as Mary  
Strickling or Stricklen. She referred to a brother of William Carpenter who moved to Missouri. Mary  
Cantabury, 39, daughter of William and Mary Carpenter, stated that she lived within a half mile of her  
mother. On 15 Jan 1855 William H. Walker, 32, stated that he lived with William and Mary Carpenter  
until age 12, that Mary Carpenter died on 20 Oct 1846 leaving children Rebecca Pratt, Susan Ore, Nancy  
Money, and Mary Cantabury (wife of McFarland Cantabury), and that Mary Canterbury and Nancy  
Money were the only children still living.