

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Carpenter R1717

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State of North Carolina Wake County

On this the 23rd day of February 1839 Personally appeared before the Subscriber, of the County & State aforesaid, Sary Carpenter a resident of the County of Wake & State aforesaid aged 80 years of age the 17th of October 1838 passed who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the Benefit of the provision made by Act of Congress passed July 7th 1838, Entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows, that she is the widow of James Carpenter a soldier in the revolution who was & enlisted Soldier previous to his intermarriage with me that, During the War, say in the year 1777, she was married to the said James Carpenter by one John Macabe [John McCabe?] who was a Minister of the Gospel, which Ceremony & marriage was performed in the County of Wake & State aforesaid in the presence of Amelia Allen who is now living[.] Some two or three years after our marriage, my husband was drafted and served three months under Colonel William Moore further particulars I am unable to state, as to his service that her said husband died on the 30th day of November 1813 – that her Husband received a Land Bounty of 500 acres, which I have so since his death, to William A. Thorp as will appear by reference to the Land office department, the Warrant was located in Tennessee, Sworn to and subscribed to on the day and year above written

Witness

S/ Allen Rogers, JP

S/ Sary Carpenter, X her mark

[fn p. 5: On February 23rd, 1839 in Wake County, North Carolina, Amelia Allen, 80, filed a supporting affidavit stating that she was present at the marriage of James Carpenter to Sary Carpenter his wife which took place in August 1777 at the home of John Bullard in Wake County North Carolina.]

[fn p. 9: on September 11, 1839, Sary Carpenter gave additional testimony in Wake County North Carolina relating to the date of her marriage stating that "the next June [after her marriage in August 1777], she thinks, or at least the day after the notable [sic, notable] Dark day she was delivered of her first son by the name of Ambros Harper Carpenter...."]

[fn p. 10: of September 11, 1839 in Wake County North Carolina, George Keth [sic, George Keith?] gave testimony that he was married in 1777; that he kept a true record of the births of his children; that his oldest son Britton was born September 25, 1777; that Sary Carpenter was delivered of her first child, Ambrose Harper Carpenter about 12 months thereafter.]

[fn pp. 11, 14-16: On September 14, 1839, one Joel Ferguson testified in Wake County North Carolina that he kept a register of the notable dark day alluded to in the foregoing declaration; that the dark they took place in the month of June 1778 and that he concurs with Sary Carpenter in her affidavit in relation to the date of her marriage; on April 26, 1840, Joel Ferguson came into court again and said that he made the annexed record of the births of his children; that his earlier testimony about the dark day was a reference to the day quote then called the dark Eclipse in June 1778, that some years after this date he cannot recollect, the dark day took place that he was in Petersburg Virginia with tobacco for sale and that the merchants had to do their business in the Shills in consequence of the darkness which took place."

"A memorandum of the Children born of Joel Fargasson and Spelmon [?] his Wife There [their] ages &c

Nancy Ann Fargusson was Born October the 16<sup>th</sup> in the Year of our Lord AD ~~June 15<sup>th</sup> 1797~~ 1778

Robert Fargusson was Born January the fourth in the year of our Lord A.D. 1780

John Fargusson was born April the 10th in the year of our Lord A.D. 1781

Peleg Fargusson was born August the [balance of the page torn off and missing.]

[fn p. 24]

State of North Carolina Wake County

Be it remembered that on the 7 day of July 1845 before the Subscriber an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County personally appeared Lewis Carpenter aged ninety years who having been duly sworn testifies and says that he is well acquainted with Mrs. Sarah Carpenter widow of James Carpenter now applying for a pension all my life that he also well knew the said James Carpenter that he was an uncle of mine that in time of the revolution war I well recollect of my uncle James coming to my father's and stating that himself and his brother Solloman [Solomon Carpenter] left Wilmington together on a furlough to come home Solomon was taken sick and died my uncle James got to my father's and stayed a short while and then returned to the Army at the time of my uncle being at my Father's they often spoke about the war my uncle James stated he served as a regular soldier two years under a Mr. Eaton it is and undisputed fact and never has been denied in this neighborhood that the said James Carpenter served a great while in the revolution.

S/ Lewis Carpenter, X his mark

[fn p. 28]

North Carolina wake County: This day came Philip Adams<sup>1</sup> before me and made oath he was well acquainted with James Carpenter in the revolutionary war, that they lived in same Family, and said James Carpenter enlisted for three years in the regular Army under Captain Pink Eaton in Halifax County, and that he always understood he served out his time with credit and returned home, and that he married & had three children all which are since dead as he understood without children in their Infancy & since he married again & died some years leaving a widow &

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<sup>1</sup> [Philip Adams S8008](#)

several children in this neighborhood where they now live, but is not at present acquainted with them & for thus saith not. Sworn to and subscribed this fifth day of June 1821.

Test

S/ Geo. Brasfield, JP

S/ Philip Adams, X his mark

State of North Carolina Wake County: This day came Allen Wilkins before me and made oath, that he was well acquainted with the above named James Carpenter deceased and that Sarah Carpenter is his widow, Claracy Carpenter, Sarah Carpenter, Elizabeth Carpenter, & Milley Carpenter are said to be his daughters and he believes them to be his lawful heirs. Sworn and subscribed to before me this 30th day of June 1821

S/ T. Jones, JP

S/ Allen Wilkens

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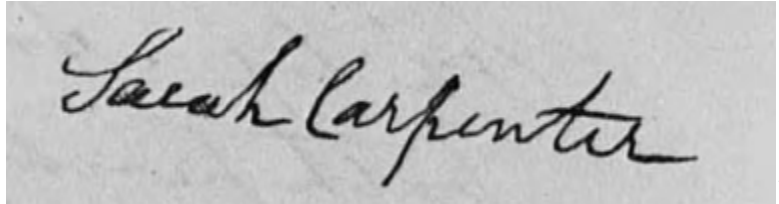
State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true copy of the evidence now upon the Commissioners appointed to pass on claims for military land warrant, allowed and directed a warrant for bounty land to be issued to the heirs of James Carpenter a private Soldier in the revolutionary war four 640 acres of land, which was accordingly issued on the sixth September 1821, No. 960.

Given under my hand this 12th day of August 1839,

S/ Wm Hill

[fn p. 31: On January 25, 1842 in Wake County North Carolina, Sarah Carpenter, 84, filed yet another application for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of James Carpenter; that she has frequently heard Philip Adams and Frederick Rigsbee,<sup>2</sup> both pensioners, say that James Carpenter served to the close of the war; that she married him in September 1777; that they were married by the Reverend John McCabe; that her husband died in November 1813; that their oldest child, a son died many years ago; that her oldest child now living is Mrs. Mildred Williams, 59; that her name prior to her marriage to James Carpenter was Sarah Thompson.

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Carpenter". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The name is written in a fluid, connected style typical of the late 18th or early 19th century.

[fn p. 34: George Keith Senior, 91, gave testimony in Wake County that "said James Carpenter was a soldier in the Revolution War and that he thinks he has frequently heard him speak of being in the Army one circumstance he well recollects that the said James Carpenter when speaking to him stated, that him and his Brother was in the Army together and that his Brother Deserted and that they called him and Brought him back...."]

[fn p. 65: On March 18, 1845 in Granville County North Carolina, Samuel Chappell<sup>3</sup> gave testimony that he was well acquainted with Sarah Carpenter and her husband James Carpenter;

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<sup>2</sup> [Frederick Rigsby \(Rigsbee\) W1490](#)

<sup>3</sup> FPA W6671

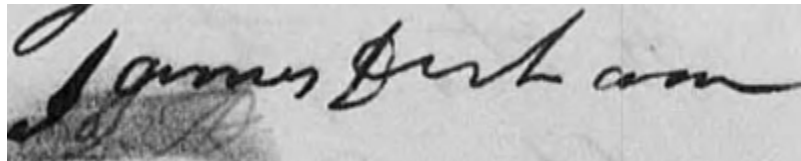
that he did not serve with James Carpenter in the war of the revolution but that after the war they had several conversations in which he recalls James Carpenter telling him that he served 2 1/2 years in the regular service and was at the battle of Stono.]

[fn p. 74]

State of North Carolina Warren County

On this 19th day of February 1842 personally appeared before the Subscriber one of the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Warren, James Durham<sup>4</sup> a soldier of the Revolutionary War and a Pensioner, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following affidavit: – This affiant testifies & says that he was well acquainted with James Carpenter late a soldier of the Revolutionary War; that he was well acquainted with him before the commencement of the war; and from his knowledge of him, he is well convinced he served for a long period in the early part of the Revolutionary Struggle. – That when he was in South Carolina, in 1780, this affiant, there knew him, and that he served in Captain Pink Eaton's Company, to his certain knowledge eighteen months; for he had a brother William Durham who served in Captain Pink Eaton's Company for a period of eighteen months – And that said James Carpenter died in the County of Wait a great many years ago.

S/ James Durham

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "James Durham". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

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<sup>4</sup> [James Durham S8371](#)