

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Searcy R9341

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State of Kentucky County of Anderson: SS

On this 11th day of March 1833 personally appeared in open Court before John Busey, William Higgins, John G. Jordan, Andrew McBryer and Mark Lillard the Court of Anderson County being a court of record now sitting Richard Searcy a resident of the County of Anderson and State of Kentucky aged between 73 & 74 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, – That he was drafted for a term of 3 months, to go against the Cherokee Indians, and entered the service under a Captain ___ Shelton either in the month of February or March 1777, but he cannot recollect which at this time, that he marched under Captain Shelton to the long Islands of Holston River, where they joined Colonel Preston who was stationed there, while he was under Colonel Preston on Holston, the Indians came in and held a treaty, he served out this term of three months before he left the long Islands on Holston which term ended either in May or June 1777 he received a written discharge from this term of service from Captain Shelton which has since been destroyed & lost. Immediately upon the expiration of this term without any lapse of time intervening – He enlisted for a term of six months to go to Kentucky against the Indians and to protect the whites he entered upon this engagement under a Captain Henry Pawling [Henry Pauling?] in the month of May or June 1777 and marched with Captain Pawling and his Company from the long Islands of Holston to Boonesborough in Kentucky where Daniel Boone then a Captain had command of the station. Colonel John Bowman was then the chief commander of the forces stationed at Boonesborough, Harrodsburg and Logan's Stations in Kentucky. He states that he served out the full time of his enlistment which ended in November or December 1777 and was discharged by Captain Pawling without receiving any written discharge. – At the expiration of this term of six months in November or December 1777 while at Boonesborough Kentucky he states that he enlisted for one-year in the service against the Indians, and entered upon this tour at the same time under a Captain William Bohannon [William Buchanan?] and in March 1778 during his service in the last engagement for one-year, while out hunting provisions for the Station, he was taken prisoner by a party of Indians who at the same time killed one George Linch [probably George Lynch] that was with him – he was kept as a prisoner by the Indians for about 18 months and then taken to Detroit and sold by the Indians to the British he was there put in irons by the British and taken from Detroit to Montréal and there kept imprisonment by the British until the end of the Revolutionary war in 1783 and was then set at liberty by the British at Montréal. At the time he was drafted as first herein stated he resided in the County of Henry State of Virginia. He states that he has no documentary

evidence by which he can prove his services and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services –. He states that he was born in Granville County North Carolina, And that he was born as he has been informed by his parents on the 1st March 1759 and he has no record of his age. He states that Berry Searcy, John Wash, Joseph Powell in his present neighborhood to whom he is known can testify as to his Character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He states again that he received a written discharge for the 1st term mentioned in this declaration from Captain Shelton, but it became destroyed and lost many years ago.

That he was discharged by Captain Pawling at the expiration of the second term spoken hereof without any written discharge –

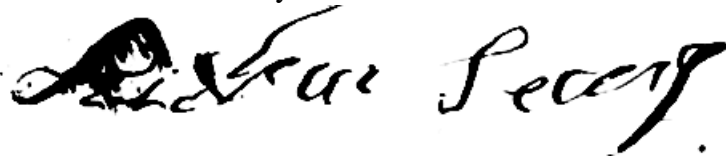
That he received no discharge when he was set at liberty from imprisonment by the British at Montréal at the close of the Revolutionary War.

He states that he has resided generally in the State of Kentucky ever since the Revolutionary War and that he is now a resident of Anderson County State of Kentucky.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Richard Searcy

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Richard Searcy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, decorative initial "R".

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State of Kentucky Henderson County: SS

On this 11th day of November 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the County Court of Anderson, justices John Hackley, Reuben Boston, John Jordan, Thompson Thomas, John Huggins, Gen C. Lillard & M. Wash being present, now sitting, Richard Searcy a resident of the United States in the County of Anderson and State of Kentucky: Aged seventy-five next March, 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 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he was drafted for a term of 3 months to go out against the Cherokee Indians, on Smith River Virginia and entered the service under a Captain James Shelton A.D. 1777 in the month of February or March of that year, but does not recollect definitively which at this period, thence he marched to the Long Islands on Holston River, under the same James Shelton, where they joined Colonel Preston whose given name he does not now recollect, and was stationed there, while he was under Colonel Preston on Holston the Indians came in and held a treaty he served out this term of 3 months before he left the Long Islands on Holston which term ended either in May or June 1777, Brigadier Generals Robert Lynear [Robert Lanier] and Joseph Williams attended the treaty above mentioned, with whom the declarant was well acquainted, upon the expiration of this 3 months tour he volunteered for 6 months to go to Kentucky against the Indians and to protect the whites, he entered upon this service under Captain Pauling, Henry Pauling, in the month of May or June 1777 and marched with Captain Henry Pauling & his Company from the Long Island on Holston to Boonesborough in Kentucky: where Daniel Boone, then a Captain had command of the Station. Colonel John

Bowman was then the chief Commander of the forces stationed at Boonesborough, Harrodsburg and Logan's Stationed in Kentucky, he states that he served out the full term of his engagement which ended in November or December 1777. – The declarant states that he was a resident of Henry County Virginia when he entered the service, having been stopped there by the rigor of the winter, on his way to Kentucky: from Granville County North Carolina, & during his residence there was drafted & c & c as above mentioned, he fought no battles during that period nor does he recollect the Counties through which he marched. At the expiration of the term of 6 months above alluded to he volunteered, while at Boonesborough for one-year in the service against the Indians and entered upon the service at the same time, under Captain William Buchanan, and in March 1778, during his service in this last engagement for one-year, while out hunting for provisions for the station he was taken prisoner by a party of Indians, who at the same time killed one George Lynch who was with him, he was kept as a prisoner by the Indians for about 18 months and then taken, by them, to Detroit and sold to the British, was put in Irons by the British and taken from Detroit to Montréal and there kept in imprisonment by the British until the revolutionary War terminated in 1783. He has no documentary evidence whereby he can prove his services, And that he has no other testimony of his services and that herewith enclosed by Berry Searcy a cousin and Oswald Townsend¹ and Jesse Hoges² the former of this County & the latter of Madison, he was born in Granville County North Carolina on the 17th of March 1779, that he has resided generally in Kentucky ever since the revolutionary war and is now a resident of Anderson County Kentucky.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State. He has a record of his age, which is at his son Bartlett's house in Anderson County, where he now resides he was discharged by Captain James Shelton in writing after the 1st 3 months service which has been lost, but at no other time did he receive a written discharge. I am known to Colonel John Wash, Andrew McBryer.

Sworn to & subscribed the date above written.

S/ Richard Searcy, X his mark

[Jordan H Walker, a clergyman, John Story, John Wash and John Morgan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Oswald Townsend, a resident of Madison County State of Kentucky aged 75 states that he is well acquainted with Richard Searcy at present a resident of Anderson County Kentucky, but formally a resident of Madison County – He knew said Searcy in North Carolina. He knew said Searcy well in time of the Revolutionary War. Searcy served 6 months at Boonesborough, then a part of Virginia, now Kentucky, on the Kentucky River under Captain Henry Pauling and Colonel John Bowman in the spring and summer of 1777; in March 1778 he volunteered for one-year under Captain William Buchanan at the said Boonesborough Fort, and in 1778 was taken prisoner by the Indians and carried off. He never saw Searcy from that time till after peace was made in 1783. He says Searcy informed him that the Indians kept him a prisoner 18 months and then took him to Detroit and sold him to the British who took him to Montréal and there detained him as a prisoner of war till 1783, after peace was made. Searcy told him this on his return home – he has repeatedly heard him relate the same circumstances, and [indecipherable word] particulars

¹ [Oswald Townsend W605](#)

² Very likely a mistaken reference to Jesse Hodges FPA S31143

and circumstances as to induce him to believe the whole to be the truth. He never heard it doubted by any one, and this affiant has no doubt of its truth. He knew Searcy when a boy – He believes he is 74 years of age. Searcy has always had the reputation of being a man of truth and respectability. Sworn and subscribed to this 16th day of November 1833

S/ Oswald Townsend

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Oswald Townsend". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

[f p. 3: On October 11, 1853 in Washington County Kentucky, Ann Crutcher, 58, filed a claim under the 1838 act for the pension due her mother as the widow of Richard Searcy; she states that she is the only child and heir of Richard Searcy, a pensioner at the rate of \$80 per annum for his service in the revolution up until the time of his death which occurred June 19th, 1838; that she is the only child and heir of her mother Rebecca Searcy wife and widow of Richard Searcy; that her parents were married December 12th, 1789 in Madison County Kentucky by Isaac Lewis Esquire; that she has a Bible record of their marriage; that her mother lived as the widow of Richard Searcy until August 13th, 1852 when she died. The applicant signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 6: Bible record:

"Richard Searcy born March the 17th 1757

Rebecca Searcy born December the 12th 1770

Richard Searcy married to Rebecca Dore [Doil ?] December the 12th 1779 in Madison County Kentucky by Isaac Lewis Esquire

Ann Searcy born March the 24th 1790

Richard Searcy died June the 19th 1838

Rebecca Searcy died August the 13th 1852

Made for the case"]

[Facts in file: the veteran's son Bartlit or Bartlet Searcy was living in 1833 in Anderson County Kentucky; f p. 11: in a letter dated May 19, 1853 addressed to President Franklin Pierce, Bartlet Searcy states that his sister Ann Crutcher is trying to make an unfair claim stating that she is the only heir of her parents; that there are 12 pairs, 8 living in for dead; in this letter, he also says his mother died about 10 years before his father died.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bartlet Searcy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a closing bracket.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia militia.]