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Pension Application of John Casey S30308

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[The following two items are among the [Revolutionary Bounty-Warrant files in the Library of Virginia](#):]

I Do Certifie that John Casey enlisted for the War Sept 1780 in Colo [George] Baylor's Reg't Dragoons & has never rec'd any part of his Pay I further Certifie he has served as a good & faithfull Soldier to the End of the War as witness my hand.

Will'm. Barret [William Barret] Cap/

Baylor's Dragoons/ Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 1784

Sept. 15 1784                      Examined and Passed. refer to Capt. [Cadwallader] Jones's furrow

[Other side:] the Land that the within doth intitel me to I do make over unto Robert Broaddus for vallue

[signed] John Casey

I do hereby Certify that John Casy Enlisted for the War in 3<sup>rd</sup> Regt. of Dragoons Sometime the last of 1780 and served faithfully to the End of the War.

Wm. Barret for'ly. Capt./ Baylor's Dragoons

To/ Colo. Meriwether.

Nov'r. 4<sup>th</sup> 1784.

State of Kentucky/ Franklin County, Sct.

On this twenty first day of July A.D. 1818, before me Henry Davidge Judge of the Circuit Court of the said State for the County of Galatin, Franklin, Henry, Shelby & Woodford, personally appears John Casey aged fifty five years, resident in the County of Casey in said State who being by me first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late Act of Congress entitled, "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war." That he the said John Casey enlisted in Hillsborough in the State of North Carolina in 1779 [sic: see endnote] as a private Soldier to serve during the war, in Capt. Wm Barretts [William Barrett's] Troop belonging to Col. Wm Washingtons [William Washington's] Regiment of Light Dragoons in the Virginia Continental line: – that he continued to serve to the close of the war, when he was discharged on Santee River in the State of South Carolina and about fourteen years after his house was burnt & with it his discharge that he was in the following battles, viz. at the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781], Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], Camden [Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781], ninety six [Siege of Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781], and Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781] – that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support – that he has no evidence now in his power of his said services except what is hereunto annexed; – and that he has never received any pension either from the Government of the United States or any of them. Signed

John Casey

I John Casey of the County of Casey & State of Kentucky, do on oath declare that in the year 1779 I enlisted as a soldier in Capt. William Barretts Troop of Light Dragoons belonging to Col. William Washingtons Regiment, being one of the Virginia Regiments upon Continental establishment in the Revolutionary War, – to serve during the War – that I did serve to the close of the said War, and was honorably discharged from the service, and that I have never received my Bounty Land Warrant from the United States or sold or disposed of my right to the same in any way whatever, – & that I have lost or mislaid my discharge & can not now find it. –

[signed 25 July 1818] John Casey

[25 Jul 1818] I John Story [pension application S30721] of the County of Franklin & State of Kentucky do on oath declare that I was a Soldier in Capt. Wm Barrett's Troop belonging to Col. Wm Washingtons Regiment of Light Dragoons in the Virginia line upon Continental establishment in the Revolutionary

war, – that when in service I knew John Casey who was a Soldier in the same Troop. – that said Casey enlisted to serve during the war, & did so serve to the close of it & was honorably discharged from the service & that the John Casey who makes this application for his bounty land warrant, is the person who rendered the service aforesaid.

John hisXmark Story

District of Kentucky SS

Fayette County and Circuit.

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 1821. personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for said district and circuit of Fayette county John Casey aged fifty eight years resident in s'd county and district who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows that he enlisted in 1779 in Hillsborough in North Carolina for three years or during the war into Captain Barretts troops of light Dragoons belonging to Colo Wm Washington in the Virginia continental line and did serve in said regiment until the close of the war and was honourably discharged on the Santee River in South Carolina that he made his original declaration for pension on the 21st of July 1818 that his pension Certificate is number 9402

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of march 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service in the United States in the Revolutionary war passed on the 18th day of march 1818 and I have not, nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

A horse saddle bridle and saddle bags	60.00
A silver watch	<u>10.0</u>
	\$73.00

[signed] John Casey

I am by occupation a farmer but am unable to labour on account of a fall which I received in the year 1806 [third digit unclear] by which my right hip was fractured that I am a widower and have no family residing with me and none to support me, that I am very much in debt and want my pension for support

[signed] John Casey

Honored Sir [J C Calhoun Esq'r./ Secretary at War.],

I presume it will not offend when I undertake to give information to you of a man who I believe is fraudulently and wrongfully drawing money from the United States.

There is in my neighbourhood, to wit, in Franklin County Kentucky a man by the name of John Casey who has stiled himself one of the soldiers of the revolution and says he served in the 3<sup>d</sup>. Reg't. of Light dragoons which was then attached to the U States Army and commanded first by Col'l. George Bailor & 2<sup>ly</sup> by Lt. Col'l. Wm Washington. This same John Casey has so managed his card that he has been placed on the pention list and has received the pention for several years past as I have been informed. The above named Reg't. and the men who served in it from early in 1777 to sometime in 1780 I was well acquainted with, because I served in s'd. Reg;t. This man John Casey I well remember. And what I remember about him will be in the following statement.

Sometime in the month of October in the year 1777 he the said John Casey joined the 4<sup>th</sup> Troop at Fridricksburgh [sic: Fredericksburg] in Virginia together with a man by the name of Bowmer, which 4<sup>th</sup> Troops of s'd. Reg't. was then to be made up of the new recruits. About the first of Nov'r. in the same year orders were rec'd. at that place to march the s'd. Troop to the Northward to join the reg't. somewhere near the Valey where head quarters then was. Some few days thereafter the said Troop started from Fredricksburgh V. under Capt Cadwalowder Jones, [John] Stith, [William] Parsons, John

Bailor [sic: John Baylor] & Chis'1 Barrett [Chiswell Barrett]. On the 3<sup>d</sup> day we arived in the neighbourhood of Alexandria, it was reported there that the small pox raged at that time in that City and in George Town. There being many new recrutes in said Troop who had not had the small pox the officers did not march the men through either of those Towns and concluded to halt the men by the road until a boat could be procured on the river above George Town where they might pass the river in safty. In consequence the men were encamped about 2 miles west of the Patomac [sic: Potomac] river in a small field on the left hand as we went eastward, where it was intended they should remain that night. On that night this same John Casey together with the other man by the name of Bowmer deserted Serjents Hutchinson, McGlaughlin [possibly Thomas McLaughlin] & Crouch were with others sent in pursuit of them but they did not overtake them, nor was either of them in or with s'd Reg't. at any time thereafter during my remaining with said Reg't. which was from that time until some time in the year 1780.

Should there be in the war office a muster rool of the 4<sup>th</sup> Troop of said Reg't. which was made out between the 15<sup>th</sup> of Oct'r. 1777 and the 6<sup>th</sup> Nov'r. following on examination you will find the names of John Casey & Bowmer among others on that list. I am certain the names of John Casey nor Bowmer are not to be found on the rools of said Reg't. at any time from the early part of November 1777 until after Sept'r. 1780. I have conversed with this man John Casey on the subject and have informed him of his having deserted from the 4<sup>th</sup> Troop of said reg't. on their march as above stated, his reply was that he enlisted under Col'l. Wm Washington at Hilsborough in Carolina in the year 1779 which statment of his I knew to be untrue Because Col'l. Wm. Washington remained with his Reg't. from the time he took command thereof at Fridrick Town Md. until about the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1779 he then marched to Fridricksburgh virginia where he halted a few days when he rec'd. orders to march the Reg't. to the neighbourhood of New york which orders were obeyed and the Reg't. remained on the Jersey side of the North river until Dec'r. 1779. It is my opinion that the said John Casey never was in said Reg't. at any other time but the time by me above stated. Because there was at all times during the warr men in the said Reg't. who would have known the s'd. Casey and his having deserted who would have reported him to the officers and he would have been punished for his having deserted which would on his part be very easily proved if it had happened

Beside this, the said Casey has a very snug hill farm and in my opinion is better able to support himself than I am altho I did actually serve in that war. I am with due respect your very humble Serv't  
Frankfort Ky. July 17<sup>th</sup> 1823 [signed] Henry Roberts

Commonwealth of Kentucky  
Franklin County Sct.

William Cardwell [W8590] being duly sworn Deposeth and saith, that he is sixty two years of age and upwards and is now a resident of the County of Bullet [sic: Bullitt] in the State of Kentucky – that he was born in Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg], Virginia, and was raised in Culpeper County in said State. That in Sept 1779 he Enlisted himself a private soldier, in the Virginia Continental Line for Eighteen months, in Col. Campbells [William Campbell's] Regiment of foot, were he served sometime but how long is unable to state precisely at present, while in said Regiment he fought at the Battle of Guilford where he was wounded Shortly after said battle and while said Regiment was on Big Pedee [sic: Great Pee Dee] River in South Carolina, this Deponent Enlisted as a soldier to the serve During the war in Col. Washington's third Regiment of Light Dragoons, he served in the same to the end of the war, and was in the Battles of Campden. This Deponent further saith, that he well knew and still knows John Casey who now resides in Franklin County Kentucky and who was a soldier in said Regiment of Light Dragoons, said Casey belonged to said Regiment at the time this Deponent Enlisted and continued to serve with him in the same to the end of the war. This Deponent further saith that he never heard that said Casey had ever Deserted, and verily believes the charge to be false, and further saith not.

[signed 2 Sep 1823] William Cardwell

Scott County Sct.

Charles Neale [Charles Neal, W9587] being sixty one years of age, resident of said County & duly sworn, saith; That he was born & raised in Culpeper County Virginia; where John Casey, who was enrolled on the pension list for Revolutionary services, but whose pay is now withheld on a charge of desertion, lived, and with whom he was acquainted. This Deponent states that himself & said Casey, who now resides in Franklin County of this State, enlisted on the same day in Col Wm. Washingtons Reg't. of Light Dragoons at Hillsborough in the State of North Carolina in the year 1779 to serve for three years or during the war on continental establishment. He further states that they served together from the time of enlistment till the close of the war and were honorably discharged on the same day. He further states he & s'd. Casey were together & fought in the battles of the Cowpens, Guilford, Camden, & Eutaw Springs.

Signed this 5<sup>th</sup> Sept'r 1823./ Charlie Neal

Commonwealth of Kentucky

Franklin County Sct.

Mikajah Neale [sic: Micajah Neal, R7579] being in the sixty ninth year of age resident of Shelby County and duly sworne saith that he was born and raised in Culpepper County Virginia where John Casey was also raised he well knew and both himselfe and said John Casey enlisted as regulars to guard Burgoin's prisoners at Albemarl Barrocks during their continuance in the Month of February 1778 [sic: Burgoyne's army captured at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777, kept at Albemarle Barracks Jan 1779 - Feb 1781] where the said Casey did serve in the capacity of guard till he had both his armes broke and one shoulder put out of place by the cover of the Magazine slipping off when in the act of assisting in putting on the cover this deponant further states that he believes that about February one thousand seven Hundred and seventy nine he was discharged from that service and he is confident he did not desert this deponant further states the said John Casey was only a good hardy boy when in that service and that he is now a resident of Franklin County and state of Kentucky and further saith not

[signed 16 Sep 1823] Micajah Neal

Commonwealth of Kentucky Franklin county (Sct)

John Story being sixty years of age or thereabout & a Resident of said county & duly sworn saith that he was born & Raised in Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] county Virginia where John Casey was also raised who was Lately enrolled on the pension List for Revolutionary Services, but whose pay is now withheld on a Charge of Desertion, that he is well acquainted with said Casey who now Resides in Franklin county Kentucky & further states that he Enlisted in Col William Washingtons Regiment of Light Dragoons at the same time that said Casey Enlisted in said Regiment at hillsborrough North Carolina which was in 1779 The Enlistment was for three years or During the war on Continental Establishment – he further states he & the said Casey served together & was part of the time messmates from the time of Enlistment until the Close of the war & were Honorably discharged after the war was Ended – he further states that he & said Casey were together & fought together in the Battles of the cowpens, Guilford, Camden, Eutaw Springs & other skirmishes. he further states that the charge of Desertion against said Casey He Verily Believes to be totally false & without any foundation as he never heard any such charge Alledged against said Casey before the Charge here aluded to & feels fully confident if Ever such Desertion had Happened that He would Certainly have heard of it – it is here Reported that a Mr Henry Roberts of this county propagated the account of the Desertion & wrote on to the war office on that subject & this [several illegible words] that there has been personal animosity betwixt said Roberts & said Casey & that he heard said Roberts make threats the Exact words of said threats I do not now Recollect but understood the meant that he would Have satisfaction or Revenge – he further states that said Casey is Nearly about his own age Signed this 18<sup>th</sup> Sept'r, 1823

John hisXmark Story

Frankfort Kentucky Oct'r. 23<sup>d</sup> 1823

Honored Sir,/ In my letter to you of July last, I gave to you what information I was possessed of respecting John Casey having been in the 3<sup>d</sup>. Reg't. of Light Dragoons in the revolutionary war, and that he had deserted with Bowmer. In that statment I omitted to mention that Capt. Cadwallader Jones who commanded the 4<sup>th</sup> Troop in that Reg't. (that being the Troop in which the said Casey was inroled) ought to have reported the said Casey and Bowmer as deserters when he made report of his Troops to the commanding officer of said Reg't. The said Capt. did not join the said Reg't. until some time in Feb'y 1778 [sic] after the Reg't had gone into winter quarters at Rarington river [sic: Raritan River] in the State of New Jersey. At that time Colo. George Baylor had gone to Virginia and the Reg't. was commanded by Major Alex'r Clow [sic: Alexander Clough] to whom the Capt ought to have made his report of his men and what had become of those which were wanting. If the returns of said Reg't. are in the war office, it is very probable the said Casey and Bowmer are reported as deserters about that time. If Hutchinson, Hulse, or Emmert [George Emmert, S38680] are yet living or any one of them they or either of them would prove the desertion of the said Casey & Bowmer I have no doubt in my mind, but that this same John Casey who was drawing the pention from the United States is the very same John Casey who in October 1777 enlisted in Baylors Reg't. as I before stated and that he together with Bowmer deserted as in my former letter was mentioned and to these facts I am willing to be quallified if required.

This man Casey has become very wroth and has threatened to sue me for giving the information. In order to guard myself against such an event it would be but Justice that I should be by some means informed of the result of the reserch in the war office. This information you can, if you please direct some one of the Gentlemen in your office at some leasure moment give

Sir, from my observations I am lead to believe the law allowing these pentions is a bad law. That it holds out a temptation to commit perjury. That A will sware for B and B for A and each will get from the Treasury \$96 per year. It appears to me to be a temptation too strong for human nature to bear especially among the lower classes of society. I will say further, that I am of the opinion that could there be a proper investigation of the claims of those who are now drawing the pention that it would be found that nine out of ten that are now drawing would not be legally intitled. And in support of what I have stated I will refer you to the case of Old John Yunt [sic: John Yount, X872] of Franklin County Ky. whose pention was stoped last winter. He made out in his oath and schedule a most lamentable tale when at that very time he was the owner of nine hundred and fifty acres of land within seven miles of the Town of Frankfort on which he had where he resided a farm tolarably improved with sufficient stock, and also four other small farms within the limits of his said 950 acres. Will all this property in possession he was tempted to go forward and sware to an account of his situation and schedule of his property which was absolutly false. I expect he will be prosecuted for perjury at the next circuit court.

It might be asked, what motive bad me to give this information? I answer that I had no other than my dislike to see men drawing money from the Treasury who were not entitled to it.

Should it become necessary to know who gives this information and whether he is entitled to credit. I am known by Isham Talbot our Senator in Congress. And by David White member of the house of representatives.

I am with due respect your very humble serv't.

[signed] Henry Roberts

State of Kentucky  
Franklin County.

The deposition of Charles Hutchison who states that some time ago perhaps about four years he thinks he saw in the possession of John Casey a military land warrant for about 200 acres land which land warrant had been issued to s'd. Casey in compensation for servises rendered by him in the revolutionary war. And that he (Casey) sold a warrant to L Broadhead which he believes to be the same.

Frankfort Augst 17, 1825

[signed] Charles Hutcheson

State of Kentucky  
Franklin County

The deposition of Alexander Wilson is as follows. That some time past perhaps about 4 years he saw John Casey sell a land warrant to L. Broadhead which he believes to be the same described above by Charles Hutchison – he further states that he knew of s'd. Caseys selling a United States land warrant for 100 acres of land to Nathaniel Sawyer, which he believes was given to s'd. Casey in Compensation for services render'd by him in the Revolutionary war by the united states – he further states that he knows s'd. Casey to be old verry lame and poor not having visible property sufficient for his support – and that he acted as a Justice of the peace at the taking of three depositions viz John Story William Cardwell and Micajah Neill and that they were all sworn to and duly authenticated, which 3 depositions went to shew that s'd. Casey had served his time and was honourably discharged – and he also considers s'd Casey to be a fit subject and fully entitled to the pension, much more so than many who get it.

Frankfort August 17, 1825 [signed] Alex'r. Wilson

State of Kentucky }  
Franklin County } Sct

On this 30<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1834 personally appeared before Henry Wingate a Justice of the Peace in & for the county aforesaid John Casey now resident of Franklin County Ky formerly of Scott County, aged 72 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832

That in the year 1779 he enlisted as a regular soldier in the army of the revolution in the Va line and served all the time under Col William Washington who commanded the Regiment of Light Dragoons. That he enlisted under Captain Wm Barrett for and during the War, and served under said Barrett until he the said Barrett at Guilford was wounded, when he this affiant served under Capt Wm Parsons untill the end of the War some time in 1783 – when he this affiant was discharged on Santee river in South Carolina which discharge he has lost or mislaid. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity but the present except the claim as an invalid which he has presented and disclosed, his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State, except as a pension under the act of Congress of 1818 and of the Kentucky agency, which certificate is herewith enclosed. Sworn to and Subscribed the day & year aforesaid [signed] John Casey

Georgetown Scott Co Ky Sep 1<sup>st</sup> 1837

Sir [James L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions] The Enclosed was Received from Old Cap John Casey He is now a Pensioner under the act of 1818 and applied some years ago to Be Placed on the Invaliad List and Received another Pension and His Claim was Suspended or Rejected by the Department sinc which time it has been presented to Congress and Passed booth house of Congress at two differet session It appears from his letter to me that he has not been advised of your objection to Passing his Claim and is desirious to Renew his application before the department If there should be any Claim for a Favourable decission It would at least be gratifying to him to know the grounds upon which his Claim was Rejected and How it Stand at this time before the department yours very resp't  
Lewis C Luggett

NOTES:

The following timeline may help in resolving the conflicting accounts of Casey's service:  
1777 Sep 3<sup>rd</sup> Reg. Continental Light Dragoons under Col. George Baylor raises six troops, including the 2<sup>nd</sup> Troop under Capt. Cadwallader Jones and the 4<sup>th</sup> Troop under Capt. Chiswell Barrett  
Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> Reg. marches northward with Casey in 4<sup>th</sup> Troop under Jones, according to Henry

Roberts

- 1778 Sep 27 3<sup>rd</sup> Reg. massacred at Tappan NY; Baylor severely wounded; Lt. Col. William Washington takes command
- 1779 Jan Burgoyne's army arrives at Albemarle Barracks
- Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> Reg. on west side of Hudson River in NY, according to Roberts
- 1780 Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> Reg. at Charleston SC
- May 12 Charleston surrenders, but many in 3<sup>rd</sup> Reg. avoid capture and are sent to Hillsborough NC
- Sep Casey enlists in 3<sup>rd</sup> Reg. at Hillsborough according to discharge
- 1781 3<sup>rd</sup> Reg. in engagements as stated by Casey

The file contains documents supporting the restoration of Casey's pension, including a petition signed by more than 40 citizens expressing surprise that his pension was suspended because of the "naked Letter of Henry Roberts of Franklin County not sworn to by him, a man who has no great respectability more than common, and who is the personal enemy of the said Casey." Another document alleges that Roberts "has made himself busy with other mens matter, & has been much censured for his conduct by almost all who know him." A letter dated 20 Oct 1834 indicates that Casey was then receiving a pension under the act of 1832.

A Treasury-Department document states that the administrator of the estate of John Casey received his final pension payment up to the date of his death, 10 July 1838.