

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Carpenter S32156

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State of Illinois: Schuyler County.

On this third day of September AD1832 personally appeared before the County Commissioners Court of said County (the same being a court of Record.) Benjamin Carpenter, a resident of said County of Schuyler in the state of Illinois who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the pension made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the United States as a minute man for four years at Amherst Court House in the County of Amherst in the State of Virginia.

That he entered the service in May 1776 and served under the following named officers. He served first a tour of three months as orderly sergeant in the regiment commanded by Col. Mason, in the company commanded by Capt. Joseph Cavil [sic, probably Joseph Cabell], Lieutenant Nicholas Cavil [sic, probably Nicholas Cabell] and Ensign Nathan Crawford. he was stationed at Williamsburg in Virginia and ranged along the Capes & Rivers in that vicinity. He was in an engagement at the Long Bridge [also known as the Battle at Great bridge December 9, 1775] on York River in which battle Gen. Ferdice [sic, Capt. Charles Fordyce] the British Commander was killed. He was afterwards discharged at Williamsburg. He served a second tour of three months as a private under the command of Capt. James Hickumbottom [sic, James Higginbotham], Lieutenant Samuel Hickumbottom [sic, Samuel Higginbotham], and Ensign James Pamphlet [sic, probably a reference to James Pamplin] and ranged from Jamestown to Stoney Point on York River, and was discharged at four mile on Deep Run. He served a tour of three months as an orderly sergeant in the company commanded by Capt. William Harris, Lieut. Charles Eads, Ensign Tillman Watson and was stationed at four mile run on James River in Virginia, and was afterwards marched to Richmond to guard the prisoners taken at the battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] and was discharged at that place.

He served a fourth tour as orderly Sergeant in the Company commanded by Capt. James Montgomery, Lieut. Tillman Watson and Ensign Robert Montgomery which company joined Gen. Lafayette's army about the first of June at Deep Run Church in Virginia and continued with the Army until Cornwallis was taken at Jamestown now called Little York. He was present at the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] and was afterwards discharged about the last of October he believes in the same month Cornwallis was taken.

He hereby relinquishes any Claim whatever to a pension or amnesty except the present and declares that his name is no on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid—

Benjamin Carpenter, X his mark

Declaration of Benjamin Carpenter in amendment of a declaration heretofore made by him to wit on the 3rd day of September 1832.

State of Illinois Schuyler County SS:

On this 2nd day of September 1833 personally appeared before the County Commissioners Court of said County (the same being a Court of Records). Benjamin Carpenter a resident of said County of Schuyler and State of Illinois aged seventy-eight years being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in amendment to his declaration heretofore made on the third day of September 1832. To wit. That he entered the service of the United States a second time as mentioned in his original declaration in the month of August in the year 1777 and served a tour of three months as therein stated under the command of Col. Mason. That he entered the service of the United States a third time in the month of June 1778 and served three months as stated in his original declaration under the command of Col. Mason. That he entered the service of the United States a fourth time as stated in his original Declaration in the month of June 1781 and served under the command of Col. Thomas Meriwether and Major Welch and was discharged after having served five months. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Benjamin Carpenter, X his mark

Interrogations propounded by the Court:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born the first of March 1755 in Amherst County in the State of Virginia

2nd Have you any record of your age?

Answer None.

3rd Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. When called into service I lived in Amherst County Virginia and lived in Virginia until about the year 1790. From Virginia I moved to East Tennessee upon Holston River from thence I moved to West Tennessee from thence I moved to Illinois. I now live in Schuyler County Illinois.

4th How were you called into service was you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom?

Answer. I volunteered as a minute man for four years. I was not a substitute.

5th State the name of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served such continental and militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your services.

Answer. I was acquainted with Colonel Mason, General Lafayette, General Anthony Wayne, Gen. Stephenson, General Washington, and General Morgan.

6th. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service & if so by whom was it given and what has become of it.

Answer. I received discharges from each of my Captains to wit from Captain Cavil Captain Hickumbottom Captain William Harris and Capt. James Montgomery & I have lost them all.

7th. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Answer. Peter Cartwright a Clergyman. George Taylor<sup>1</sup> knows me and knew me in the service and James W. Riley also knows me.  
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Benjamin Carpenter, X his mark

[Peter Cartwright, a Clergyman, George Taylor and James W. Riley gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[facts in file:Veteran died June 12, 1840; there is no family data in this file ]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 11 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]

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<sup>1</sup> FPA S32548 transcribed and posted in this database 11/9/11