

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Carney S35203

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The Second Judicial District of Maryland: SS

On this 24th day of February 1819, before me, the subscriber Chief Judge of the Second Judicial District of Maryland, personally appeared Thomas Carney aged about Sixty years, resident in Caroline County and the 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 and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" that he, the said Thomas Carney enlisted for the term of three years in the Spring as he thinks of 1777 in Caroline County in the State of Maryland in the Company commanded by Captain John Hawkins of the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Richardson in the line of the State of Maryland, on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in said corps, or in the service of the United States, until he enlisted for the war at the close of which he was discharged from service at Annapolis in the State aforesaid, that he was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777], White Plains [October 28, 1776], Monmouth [June 28, 1778], Camden [August 15-16, 1780], Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781], Ninety Six [May 22-June 19, 1791], and of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.

Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid.

S/ R. T. Earle

I, Richard T Earle Chief Judge, &c, as aforesaid, do certify that it appears, to my satisfaction, that the said Thomas Carney did serve in the revolutionary war, as stated in the preceding declaration, against the common enemy, for the term of more than nine months at one time, on the continental establishment; and I now transmit the proceedings and testimony taken and had before me to the Secretary of the Department of War, pursuant to the directions of the aforementioned act of Congress. I am also satisfied that he needs the assistance of his country for support. I further certify that he made his 1st declaration on the 7th day of May 1819.¹

S/ R. T. Earle

Schedule

State of Maryland the fourth Judicial District, Caroline County to wit; On the seventh day of March in the year of our Lord 1822, personally appeared in open Court, that is, in Caroline County court in the fourth Judicial District, State of Maryland, being a court of record, so made

¹ This declaration is not included among the documents in this file. Another note in the file indicates that the date of May 7, 1819 was intended to be May 7, 1818.

and constituted by the laws of said State, having the power of fine and imprisonment & proceeding according to the course of the common law, with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount for the said County in the said District and State aforesaid; Thomas Carney aged about sixty-three years, resident in the said County of Caroline – who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows to wit; he enlisted & served as a private soldier in the Fifth Maryland Regiment of the Maryland line, where a William Richardson was Colonel, in the company of which John Hawkins was Captain, & served about three years under Col. Richardson & Captain Hawkins & continued to serve in that Regiment to the end of the revolutionary war, which at different times was commanded by Colonel John E. Howard [John Eager Howard], Col. Thomas Woolford & Colonel John Stewart, & in the said company also, which was commanded by different persons, after the resignation of Captain Hawkins; he was in the battle of Brandywine; Germantown; White Plains, Monmouth, Gates Defeat at Camden, at Camden under General Greene [2nd battle of Camden also known as the Battle of Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781], Guilford court house, Ninety Six & Eutaw Springs; he entered the service when the said Regiment was raised about the year 1776 enlisted first for three years, & then during the war, he left the service at the end of the war at the City of Annapolis in Maryland where he was discharged on furlough – and further that he heretofore on the seventh day of May in the year of our Lord 1818 made his original declaration under oath, according to the act of Congress of the United States, & thereupon obtained his pension certificate, allowing him at the rate of eight dollars per month, to commence on the seventh day of May in the year of our Lord 1818, which certificate bears date the fifth day of March in the year of our Lord 1819 and is number 7119.

Certified by

S/ Jos Richardson, Clk
Caro. County, Court

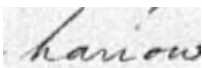
and I Thomas Carney of Caroline County in the State of Maryland, do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or other wise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that 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.

S/ Thomas Carney, X his mark

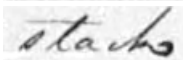
A particular account of the property of Thomas Carney aforesaid, and a schedule thereof – A pension from the State of Maryland of \$40 yearly during life, a pair of cart wheels & shafts, two old straw beds & furniture, one plow, one harrow [? a type of plow?]², five pigs, one sheep & one Lamb, about three barrels Corn, one old table, three old chairs, one old Chest, half dozen knives & forks, half a dozen pewter spoons, one pot, one Dutch oven, one small stack [?]³, blades, a small parcel of corn tops, one cow, one old ax, one old hoe, one old spade, one old rake, one old Iron wedge, some old tubs; --

A list of the debts due from the said Thomas Carney – to Samuel Fountain \$12.41 – to the Estate of Risdon Fountain \$92.50 – with some interest – Andrew Manship \$1.33 – to William Potter \$4.63 – Charles Goldsborough \$5.00 – Dr. Henry Helme about \$3.00 – John Gill \$3.40. -- Elijah Jester \$.84.

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S/ Thomas Carney, X his mark

The said Thomas Carney declares that he follows the occupation of farming, that he is afflicted with the rheumatism & unable to do much work, that he has a wife named Grace Carney, about fifty-seven or Eight years of age, who is infirm & unable to do much work, and two daughters, one named Alice, between seventeen & eighteen years of age, who is healthy & able to do ordinary work, the other named Rebecca about fourteen years of age, who, it is also healthy & able to do ordinary work for her age, residing with him & no others.

S/ Thomas Carney, X his mark

I do hereby Certify that Thomas Carney was Enlisted as a Soldier early in the Revolutionary War, and that he served in the capacity of a private Soldier to the end of the War in the 5th Maryland Regiment, as a brave and faithful Soldier to the end thereof.

Witness my hand this 7th day of April 1818

S/ P. Benson then a

Captain in the 5th Md. Regt. [perhaps Perry Benson (also spelled Percey Benson)]

P.S. his name is sometimes spelt Kerney

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from the Maryland Archives:

[Archives of Maryland, Volume 0618, Page 0246 - Session Laws, 1812](#)

Passed Jan. 2, 1813.

In favor of Thomas Carney.

No. 33.

RESOLVED, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore be, and he is hereby authorized and directed, to pay to Thomas Carney, or his order annually, in quarterly payments, a sum of money equal to the half pay of a private, as a further remuneration for his services during the revolutionary War.

[Archives of Maryland, Volume 0018, Page 0197 - Muster Rolls and ...](#)

Carney, Thomas do 3 April 78 20 May 80 deserted
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[Archives of Maryland, Volume 0018, Page 0192 - Muster Rolls and ...](#)

Carney, Thomas do 13 May 78 1 Nov 80 present

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 7, 1818 for service as a private for 3 years in the Maryland Continental line.]

[Note: On April 8, 2021, C. Leon Harris sent the following email relating to this veteran:

I have just been listening to a JAR [Journal of the American Revolution] podcast featuring John Rees on black soldiers. He mentioned Thomas Carney of Maryland who saved the life of Capt Perry Benson at the siege of Ninety Six. Out of curiosity I looked to see if there was a pension application for him, and sure enough, you transcribed it. I don't see any mention of his race there. I find him in the 1820 federal census for Kent County DE listed as a person of color

(https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7734/images/4433389_00056?src=&backlabel=Return&pId=753437).

He is in the DAR *Forgotten Patriots* book with the following account:

"Thomas Carney of Caroline County, Maryland had joined the Continental Line in the spring of 1777. He served with the 5th Regiment and during the heat of Battle at Ninety-Six; Captain Perry Benson was wounded and severely injured. Thomas Carney carried him off the field with complete disregard for his own safety. The two men developed a life long bond after they both returned to the Eastern Shore following the war. Carney received pensions from both Maryland and the federal government. When he died in 1828, his obituary contained a long history of his exploits during the American Revolution."

There is also a downloadable article about him

at https://www.academia.edu/42201834/William_L_Calderhead_Thomas_Carney_Unsung_Soldier_of_the_American_Revolution_Maryland_Historical_Magazine_vol_84_Winter_1989_319_326]