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Pension Application of John Carpenter S35812

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John Carpenter aged 56 years, this 28 day of April 1818 personally appeared in the County Court of Green County [KY] and designing to take the benefit of the law of Congress makes Oath that sometime in the year 1777 as well as he now recollects, he recollects however very well that it was a little before the battle of Germantown [4 Oct 1777], he enlisted as a regular soldier & receiv'd. the bounty in the American continental army under the continental establishment in the revolutionary war with Great Britain, for three years in the Virginia line, and in the 12<sup>th</sup> Virginia regiment commanded by Colo. Guest [sic: Nathaniel Gist BLWt1874-500], whose christian name he believes was Nathaniel, and in the company of Captain Alexander Breckenridge. He served the said three years and more, faithfully, was in the battle of ~~Germantown~~, of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] was at the taking of Stoney point under general Wayne [sic: Stony Point NY under Anthony Wayne, 16 Jul 1779], and was eventually taken prisoner at Charlestown in South Carolina [Charleston, 12 May 1780] — When he was released he obtained his discharge in writing which he has lost, believing it to be of no account to him he is now a citizen of Green County state of Kentucky old and poor and from his reduced circumstances stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support. He knows of no person here or convenient to this place by whom he can prove his enlistment & service aforesaid

John hisXmark Carpenter

District of Kentucky Green County Sct.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 1821 personally appeared in open Court it being a Court of record for the County of Green John Carpenter aged about sixty seven years resident in the County & district aforesaid who being first sworn according to law, doth on his oath declair that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows towit

In the 12<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment in Colo. Gest's Regiment and Capt'n. Breckenridges company which will more fully appear by refferance to his affidavit filed in the Secretaries of war office under date the 28<sup>th</sup> April 1818 and on which issued a Pension certificate dated 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 1819 No. 14100— And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 towit, One mare and colt, two head of cattle, two saddles, five dollars in cash, I am indebted fifty six dollars I am a farmer, but at this advanced age I am not able to support myself and family by my labour, I have a wife about fifty five years old, verry weakly & helpless

John hisOmark Carpenter

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#). One online document is undeciphered.]

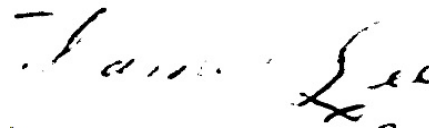
Kentucky Fayette County Sct.

John Carpenter Appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County and made Oath that he enlisted in Virginia in the year 1777 for Three years in Capt. Lapsley's [Samuel Lapsley W9149] company afterwards [two undeciphered words] in the 12<sup>th</sup> Va Regiment commanded by Col Nathaniel Gist and he continued to serve in said corps [several undeciphered words] so as to complete the Three

years service, at which time he was honorably discharged in Charlestown S. C. [two undeciphered words] Alex'r Breckenridge [several undeciphered words] he has lost the said discharge and has never rec'd his Land bounty for said service [undeciphered words] as promised by the State of Virginia  
John hisOmark Carpenter

Fayette County Sct.

James Lee appeared before a Justice of the Peace as above and made Oath that he served in the same Regiment with the above named John Carpenter in the Revolutionary War and well knows that said Carpenter enlisted for Three years and served out his time as he has stated in his Affidavit within and that said Carpenter now draws a Pension for said service.  
[7 Mar 1822]



Kentucky Fayette County Sct.

Thomas Arman [W8332] came before me a Justice of the Peace for said County and made Oath that he served in the same company and Regiment with the within named John Carpenter in the Revolutionary War, and knows that said Carpenter enlisted for Three years and served out that period as is stated in his Affidavit within.  
[8 Mar 1822]



[The following two documents do not pertain to John Carpenter.]

Kentucky Fayette County Sct

Daniel Barnett appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County and made Oath that he was well acquainted with the above named George Mains [George Maines (Mains) S36080] in the Revolutionary war, and well knows that said Mains Enlisted for Three years in the Virginia Continental Army and served out said Three years as he has stated in his Affidavit within and that this is the identical George Maines that served above  
Daniel hisXmark Barnett  
[8 Sep 1821]

Kentucky Fayette County Sct.

John Campbell Appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County and made Oath that he served in the same Regiment (Col. Gibsons) with the within named George Maines and knew him when he Enlisted for Three years in the Service above stated and that said Maines served nearly one year over his time and was honorably discharged to the clear knowledge of this deponent.  
[4 April 1822] John hisXmark Campbell

NOTE: On 22 Apr 1828 John Carpenter applied to have his pension transferred to Monroe County IN where he had moved five or six months before "that he might thereby be more under the immediate care, and protection of his children." His application was witnessed by Solomon Carpenter.