Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

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Pension Application of John Carey S40793 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

Pennsylvania Northampton County to wit,

I John Carey, now a resident of the borough of Easton in the Count of Northampton and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, upon my Solemn Oath Declare that I was a Corporal in the War of the revolution from December one thousand seven hundred and seventy five until the Spring of the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven inlisted under then Captain Thomas Craig Second Regiment of the Pennsylvania line and in that company and under that Captain marched to Canada, said Regiment was then commanded by Colonel William Allen, and in June one thousand seven hundred and seventy six by Colonel [Arthur] St. Clair at the three rivers [Trois Rivieres, Canada], and in the fall of the said last mentioned year by Colonel Thomas Craig in what was then called the Year Service; that I was discharged some time in the Spring of the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven at Philadelphia; that afterward I think in May of the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight I again inlisted in Polaski's Legion [sic: Gen. Kazimierz Pulaski's Legion] and served in Captain Selaski's [sic: Jan Zielenski; Jan Zielinsky] troop of Horse better than one year and a half, when I was discharged in Boutet [sic: Botetourt] County Virginia on James's river; That by reason of my reduced circumstances in life I need the assistance from my Country for support. of on to

Sworn & Subscribed this thirtieth 30 day of March Anno Domini 1818

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, } Northampton County, ss.

On this 21st day of August 1820, personally appeared, in open court, at a court of Common Pleas, holden at Easton, in and for the aforesaid county of Northampton, the said court being a court of record, proceeding according to the course of the common law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount & keeping a record of its proceedings John Carey aged sixty seven years, resident in Easton township, in said county, a Pensioner of the United States, under the act of Congress of the 18th March, 1818, (his certificate having no number) and then and there exhibited to the said court the following Schedule, subscribed by him, ad had and produce before the same, the following oath also taken and subscribed by him.

I, John Carey 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 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.

Schedule of property, referred to in the foregoing oath, (necessary clothing and bedding

I have 6 chairs, 1 stove, 2 tables, 2 iron Pots, 1 pan, 1 tub, 2 stanners, and a small quantity of crockery and tin ware kitchen furniture – also 1 broad axe, a square and a few planes. I receive a pension from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania of 40 dollars per annum. I owe about 30 dollars. I am in right of my wife legally entitled to receive annually the interest of \$800 which however I have never yet received. Owing to my age and infirmities especially the loss of the use of my hands, I am unable to support myself. I have a wife living with me aged 63 years. I have seven children living all of age, one a female, all married

excepting one a son. One, a Son, in moderate circumstances, the remainder are not able to do more than support themselves and families. I have a son, a private in the army of the United States.

My 6 chairs are worth about	\$3.	John Carey
" 1 stove is "	\$9.	
" 2 tabes "	\$4.	
" 2 Iron Pots "	\$1.50	
" 1 pan "	\$.50	
" 1 tub	\$.50	
" 2 stanners "	\$2.00	
I owe Jacob Reese about	\$7.	
Christopher Mixsell about	\$8.	
John Shick about	\$4.	
and other small debts amounting altogether to about \$30.00 John		John Carey

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In the Case of the Application of John Carey a Pensioner of the United States, made at a Court of Common Pleas held at Easton in and for the County of Northampton in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania the 21st day of August 1820.

On this 13th day of December 1820 before the Subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, personally appeared the above named John Carey who being duly sworn deposes and says, That John Rees the father of deponent's wife by his last will and testament devised to his said wife a lot of ground in the Borough aforesaid containing 23½ feet in front & 240 deep. The said John Rees died about 12 years since. That about ten years ago the deponent and his wife sold the same to their son John Carey jr for the consideration of £300 which sum was to remain on interest in the hands of his said son until the death of the deponent's wife when it was to be divided between the deponent's eight children. That the deponent's wife is still living, and is authorized and entitled to receive the yearly interest of said sum.

NOTE: A Treasury-Department document states that the administrator of the estate of John Carey received the final pension payment up to the date of his death, 20 Nov 1839.