

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Isaac Carpenter S8168

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State of No. Carolina Anson County: October Session, 1832

On this 9th day of October 1832 personal [sic] appeared before the worshipful Justices of Said Court for the County of Anson, now sitting Isaac Carpenter a resident of said County of Anson & State of No. Carolina aged Sixty eight 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 he says that he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated he says that the 1st engagement that he entered his service at Halifax [sic, Halifax] town in Halifax County, No. Carolina, that he joined the army as a substitute (or that he took his father's place) and that his father was drafted, he states that he entered the service about the 1st day July 1780 that he mustered under Captain Wallis & John Branch was Col. of the County and that he marched from Halifax to Lewis Burg [sic, Louisburg] in Franklin County, and that he does not recollect his captain for he thinks he was sick or did not march with him tho he marched under William Morris which was the 1st Sergeant & at Louisburg was put under the command of Col. Seawell and then marched to Deep River at Ramsey's Mills and from there marched to Join Gen Gates' [Horatio Gates'] Army in So. Carolina & got to Pee Dee River in So. Carolina who we met part of Gates' men retreating from Gates defeat, we then retreated back to Chatham Courthouse where we were met by General Sumner & put under his command and I was then put under the command of Capt Armstrong and then marched to Salisbury from there to Charlotte & from there to Sugar Creek near the British lines and continued there about two weeks and had some slight engagements with the Tories & British. We then retreated to Charlotte and was pursued by the British Army Where we had some skirmishing fighting & from there to Salisbury & then across the Yadkin River where we continued for some time & was reinforced by Col. Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] and Washington [William Washington], we then recrossed the Yadkin River and was discharged the 12th day of Nov 1780 between Charlotte & Salisbury and then returned home in company with my 1st Sgt. William Morris.

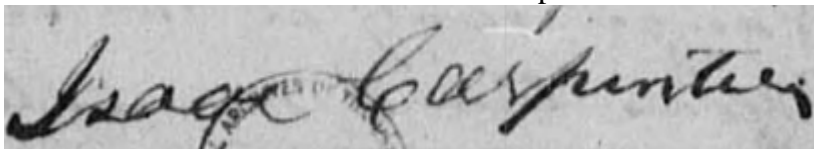
He further says that he entered the 2nd engagement about the 15th day of June 1781 that he was a drafted soldier in the militia service that he was drafted immediately after the British left Halifax town, that he was under the command of Capt. Jones & that after the draft he continued at Halifax about one month waiting for orders where to march that they then marched under the Command of Col. Branch and towards Eadenton [sic, Edenton] but did not proceed far before they got orders to stop & then continued waiting for further orders till then service expired & was discharged about the 15th day of September 1781.

He furthers says that he entered the 3 engagement or term of Service as a Volunteer that by

order of the Col of County a certain number of men had to be raised to Guard a passle of store waggons [sic, wagons] General Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] headquarters in So. Carolina he says he entered the services as a volunteer about the 15th day of November and expected to march under Capt Hall [there is a large ink blot in the left-hand margin of this document—text obscured by the blot will be noted in brackets simply as “blot”] under the Command of William Rose the [blot] ...al, the Capt. Hall marched with the wagons [blot] the Guard, the wagons 15 in Number [blot] to Halifax town, we then marched to Hill's Company [? obscured by blot] then to Salisbury then by Charlotte and Camden in So. Carolina then to Gen Greene's headquarters at a place called the Round O. near Charleston or Savannah when we arrived the 24 Day of December 1781 and continued there sometime. The wagons returned by order of Gen. Greene & was some short time engaged Hauling Rum and placing it at Stores &c according to orders until we met General Wane's [sic, Anthony Wayne's] Army near Charlotte during which time he says he acted as a guard for said wagons when necessary & when not under the command of said William Rose the Wagon master General and he further says that he acted as a soldier and was not employed in any other way, then he returned to Halifax town and there received his discharge about the 15th day of Feb 1782 and he further says he served nine months & twelve days in the said engagements and he further says he was born in Halifax County, North Carolina and continued their until he entered the service and further says that he got discharged in all three terms of the said terms of service but that the thinks that he left them at his father's home when he left his father and he has no recollection whatever became of them. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency or any state and he says that he has not documentary evidence.

Sworn and subscribed this day and year aforesaid.

S/ Isaac Carpenter

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "Isaac Carpenter". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

[John L. Kendall, a clergyman, and Edward Winfield gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatory by the Court question the 1st Where & in what year were you born. Answer I was born in Halifax County No Carolina about the date of 1764

question 2nd have you record of your age answer I have none

The 3rd: Where were you living when called into the service and where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live Answer in Halifax County I moved from there to Orange County in this State after the war & continued there about 7 years then I moved to Wake County & lived there about 11 years & then came to Anson where I have been ever since.

4th how were you called into the service were you drafted were you a volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for who—Ans. I was first a substitute for my father I was then drafted & then a volunteer

5th State the names of some of the regular officer who were with the troops Where you served such Continental & Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of you service Answer in my first term I went with Col Seawell to So Carolina I expect he was a Militia Col and then back to Chatham and there was put under command of General Summer a Continental General & I was under Capt Armstrong part of my time & I think he was a regular officer and there was a great many regular officers with him but I don't recollect their names in my 2nd Term I was under no continental officers I was under Capt Jones & Col Branch & they were militia officers. In my 3rd Trip I was under Capt Hall a great part of my time who was a Continental officer tho part of my time under William Rose who was called the Wagon Master General, I think that there was some times five hundred men guarding the wagons & at other times but few tho I don't remember many of the officers

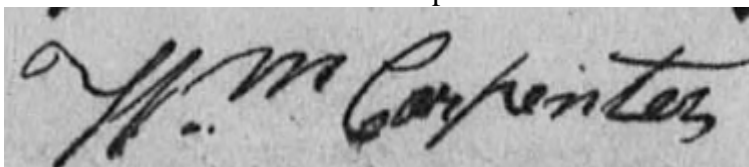
Question the 6th did you receive a discharge from the Service and if so by who was it given and what has become of it. I think that I received a discharge in all three of my engagements but have lost them. 7th State the names of person to who you are known in present neighborhood and who can certify to your character as to veracity and the belief of you services as a soldier of the revolution Ans. I think that any of my neighbors can state as to my veracity & that reputation said I have been a soldier tho no person in this part of the County now living knows of my service except my Brother William Carpenter who knows that I went into the service, three times & returned he was too young to remember the length of time I was absent.

S/ Isaac Carpenter

State of No Carolina : October Court 1832

This day came into Open Court William Carpenter and after being duly sworn on the Holy evangelist of almighty God he says that he remembers very well that his Brother Isaac Carpenter went into the service of the United States as a soldier that he thinks he was about nine years old the 1st time that his Brother Isaac entered the services and he says that he knows he went into the service and he remembers his returning but he was two (sic) small or young to remember how long he was gone that he knows that he went three times and he thinks that he served as long as stated in the declaration of said Isaac Carpenter and he further recollects that one time when he returned that one of the officers came with him. Sworn to and Subscribed in open court this 9th day of October, 1832

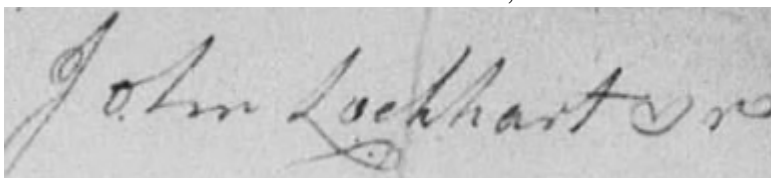
S/ Wm Carpenter

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "Wm Carpenter". The ink is dark and the paper appears aged.

State of North Carolina Anson County: October Court 1832

October the 13th 1832 this day came into open Court John Lockhart¹ a respectable man of said County of Anson & after being duly sworn maketh oath that he saw Isaac Carpenter who has subscribed to the above declaration & sworn to the same, that he saw him win a soldier about the 1st of July 1780 he further says that he marched in the same Regiment under Colonel Seawell & Brickell to South Carolina &c, that he remembers well to have seen said Carpenter run a foot-Race at near Halifax town about the 1st of July 1780. Sworn to & subscribed this day & year first above written.
In Open Court

S/ John Lockhart, Sr.

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "John Lockhart Sr.". The ink is dark and the paper appears aged.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$34.67 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 10 months and 12 days service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

¹ [John Lockhart S8850](#)