

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Dempsey Capps W22735

Sarah Capps

f75NC

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The State of Ohio Highland County: SS

At a Court of Common Pleas begun and held at the Courthouse and Hillsborough for the County of Highland in the State of Ohio on the 25th day of April A.D. 1825 – (being a Court of Record)

Personally appeared in open Court Dempsey Capps aged sixty-five years resident in the State of Ohio who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820. That he the said Dempsey Capps enlisted for the term of three years on or about the 15th of October 1777 – (The precise date he does not now recollect –) in the company commanded by Captain \_\_\_ in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Gideon Lamb – in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in the Corps until September 1782 – when he was discharged – from said service in James Town in the State of Virginia – That immediately after his enlistment he marched with the company to South Carolina having rendezvoused at Bacons Bridge was marched to Punersbury [sic, Purrysburg] and under the command of General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] he was attached at this place to the fourth North Carolina Regiment under the command of Colonel \_\_\_ Mebane [sic, Robert Mebane] – and to the company commanded by Captain Reeding Blount [sic, Redding Blount, also spelled Reading Blount] from this place he marched to Charleston South Carolina and remained there under General Lincoln for more than a year and until he and this City of Charleston were taken [May 12, 1780] by the Enemy by General Cornwallis he then remained at Hadley's point [sic, Haddrell's Point] about 15 months a prisoner – and was finally exchanged for by the United States and sit around on board of the British fleet to James Town in the State of Virginia and was sent to the Governor at Richmond and obtained his discharge – that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the testimony of Zebulon Overman an aged and respectable Citizen of the County of Highland and State of Ohio – whose affidavit is hereto annexed –

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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 whatever 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 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 –

That my occupation is that of a farmer that I have no family except an old and infirm wife aged 69 years and that she is unable to contribute anything to my support. That my circumstances were such prior to the first day of April 1824 as rendered it unnecessary to apply for the aforesaid provisions – having lived with a son at that time from whom I received support – but since that time I have removed to myself and have not the aforesaid support –

Schedule of my Property

five head of cattle appraised to	\$18.00
12 head of sheep appraised to	12.00
10 head of hogs appraised to	6.50
400 biot [?] – Pork	8.00
65 bushels corn	6.00
15 bushels of wheat	3.75
two ten gallon kettles	2.30
two ovens and pot	3.00
Fire dogs Shovel & tongs	2.00
two pot racks	1.50
Bureau Cupboard & furniture	18.00
Chairs	2.00
Barrels	2.00
flax	2.00
Tin Kettle	1.50
Tubs Buckets & table	<u>4.00</u>
	\$92.75

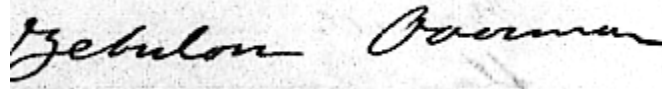
I certify the above schedule to be correct and true witness my hand this 25th day of April 1825

S/ Dempsey Capps



Said Gillon Overman aged 69 years who being duly affirmed according to law Deposeth and saith he believes Dempsey caps – the Applicant in the foregoing petition did regularly serve for the term of three years in the revolutionary War on the Continental establishment from the circumstances of his having seen his discharge purporting to that fact – and from the circumstances of his having received a land warrant for his said services.

S/ Zebulon Overman



[p 9: On June 7th, 1843, in Fulton County Illinois, Elijah Capps, son and administrator of the estate of Sarah Capps deceased filed a declaration seeking the pension due his mother under the 1838 act as the widow of Dempsey Capps; he states that his mother married his father in 1784; that Dempsey Capps died in Fulton County Illinois March 16, 1839 and that his mother, Sarah Capps, died May 18th 1840; at the time she died she was survived by the following children: Mary Garrett of Knox County Illinois, Rhoda Harber of Indiana, William caps, James, Elijah Fulton County. Signed

Elijah Capps

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[p 12: family record]

Demsey Capps was born September 7th 1760

Sarah Capps wife of Demsey Capps was born November 8th 1756

Mary Capps daughter of Demsey and Sarah Capps was born July 18th 1785

Rhoda Capps daughter of Demsey and Sarah Capps was born April 22 1788

William Capps son of Demsey and Sarah Capps June 17th 1791

James Capps son of Demsey and Sary Capps was born September 13th 1794

Elijah Capps, son of Demsey and Sarah was born January 10, 1797

Nathan Overman was born February 8th 1777 Sarah Overman was born February 26 1782<sup>1</sup>

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[p 20:affidavit dated February 24, 1844 from Nathan Overman a resident of rush County Indiana stating that "Sarah Overman was his mother and her second husband was Dempsey Capps. She

<sup>1</sup> These two people are identified in the file as being the children of Sarah Overman by her first husband, who is not named in the file.

was married about the year 1784 and that to his knowledge they lived together in the marriage relation and raised a family of children." He signed his name with his mark.]

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State of North Carolina, Secretary's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary War, that Dempsey Capps a private in Captain Blount's Company of the 10th Regiment was mustered on the 20th May 1777 for three years, nothing further is said of him.

Given under my hand at office in Raleigh 23rd June 1824

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing April 25, 1825, for three years service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 16, 1839 and ending May 18 1840 the day of her death.]