

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of John Searcy W24934

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[Capitalization partly corrected]

State of North Carolina } On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October 1832 personally appeared in Open Court  
Rutherford County } before the Justices of the Court of the Court now sitting John Searsey  
Resident of United States in the County of Rutherford and State of North Carolina aged Sixty four years  
[sic: see endnote] who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following  
declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832. That he  
entered the service of the United States and served under the following named Officers and served as  
herein stated

Sometime in the year 1781 I was 17 years of age my Father was then living in Henry County state of  
Virginia. I was Drafted for Three months under Captain Brice Martin we was ordered to guard a ferry on  
Dan River where it was expected Corn Wallis [sic: Cornwallis] wanted cross we was kept in and about  
that place untill the Battle was fought at Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] if we was  
under any other Officer at that time I do not Recollect his name Shortly after my time was out I was  
Drafted on another three months tower under Captain Thomas Henderson we was then under the  
Command of Maj'r Rose [probably Charles Rose] and Maj'r [John] Ward we was ordered on a Southern  
tower – we joined the main Army under Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] near Ninety Six [SC] where  
we Remained untill the Siege [22 May - 19 Jun 1781] was raised from that place we was ordered on to join  
General [Thomas] Sumter at the High hills of Santee about the time we reached that place our term of  
service expired and we was discharged I returned home to Henry County State of Virginia I was  
immediatly drafted for three months again and served under Captain William Hill we was ordered on to  
join the main northern army Major [George] Waller had the command we was at little york [Yorktown]  
and at Williamsburg we rec'd our arms and camp equippage when we arrived at head quarters we was  
under the command of General [Thomas] Nelson I was at the capture of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] and  
after that I rec'd my discharge and returned home to Henry County Virginia Shortly after peace was  
proclaimed my Father with his family move to Burke County N Carolina I came with the family to the  
same place but travelled about for several years til in the year 1800 I settled myself in Rutherford County  
N Carolina where I have resided ever since – I was young when I left the service lost all my discharges  
and do not know at this time of any person that is living that I can establish my service in the  
Revolutionary by they are dead and if any person of my early acquaintance is living I have no knowledge  
where they are I never rec'd anything for my service I am now old and pennyles not very able to work  
for a support and hope that a generous publick will sustain the Old Veterans in their decline  
I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that my  
name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state whatsoever

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year was you born. from the best information that I have I was born in Albemarl  
[sic: Albemarle] County state of Virginia in the year 1764 or 5 – 2<sup>nd</sup> have you any record of your age if so  
where is it I have no written record of my age but only from circumstances from the time I entered the  
army of the Revolutionary War

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since and where do you now  
live Answer I was living in Henry County State of Virginia after the war my Father moved to Burke  
County NC I came to that place with him was unsettled for 3 or 4 years then settled myself I think about  
the 1800 in Rutherford N Carolina where I have made my home ever since Question 4<sup>th</sup> How was you  
called into service. Answer I was drafted first for 3 months under Captain Brice Martin Secondly for  
three months under Captain Thomas Henderson The third I was drafted for three month under Captain

William Hill makes nine months that I served faithfully I knew Major Rose and Major Ward also  
Generals Green and Sumter also General Nelson there was many other officers there was at the last place  
say General Washington Lafayette &c. John hisXmark Searcy  
I am known to the following persons [Amos Green and John Searcy]

NOTES:

On 29 Apr 1833 Searcy explained that his age given in his pension application was in error, and that he believed he was born in 1764.

A Treasury-Department document states that John Searcy's final pension payment was made to his widow covering the period up to his death on 7 July 1841. On 12 Mar 1855 Barbara Searcy, about 55, of Polk County NC, applied for a pension stating that she married John Searcy about 1822, and he died about 1840. Another document states that her maiden name was Barbara Ingle. On 15 Apr 1855 she applied for bounty land.