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Pension Application of Amos Carpenter W5239

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The State of Ohio }

Meigs County Ss } Meigs Com Pleas Oct'r Term AD 183

On this second day of October AD one thousand eight hundred & thirty two Amos Carpenter a resident of Scipio Township Meigs Co Ohio aged 77 years personally appeared before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1776 (as near as he can recollect) with Capt. Samuel Lapsley & served in the 12 Va. Regiment commanded by Col. [Daniel] Morgan. his Lieut's name was Wm Brackenridge [William Breckinridge] he resided in Green Brier [sic: Greenbrier County] Va. when he entered the service he was in the Battles of Germantown [4 Oct 1777] & Scuykill [sic: Schuylkill; battle unknown] in both of which Gen'l Washington commanded in person he has but a very indistinct recollection of the country or places through which he marched owing most probably to a severe wound rec'd in the head in the Battle of Germantown in an attack from the British Cavalry. after the wound had healed my head was so seriously affected as to render me wholly unfit for service & was permitted to go home after serving as near as I can now recollect about Eighteen months for I cannot recall to my mind the date of my enlistment nor of my discharge or Furlough, but my Furlough was some considerable time after the engagement at Germantown. and I was permitted to return home on account of the noise of Fire arms especially of Cannon making me deranged after receiving the wound at Germantown. My Furlough was signed by Col Morgan & permitted me to remain at home until restored from the effect of the wound of which there seemed little probability. After continuing at home several months I do not recollect the time but think it was nearly a year – my head becoming better I started to join the Army when about 40 or 50 miles on my way I met Col Skillenger [probably George Skillern] & Capt [Matthew] Arbuckle who directed me to return to Green Brier County Va the Indians being troublesome in the newly settled parts of sd. County – was out as a spy about 2 months on New river & returned home – besides the Battles above named he was in several skirmishes the particulars of which are but faintly recollected. he hereby relinquishes every claim what ever to a pension or annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state he has no documentary evidence & knows of no person by whom he can prove his service except one William Gillespy [pension application R4030] of Scipio Township, Meigs County Ohio whose Deposition he has taken

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NOTE: On 23 Nov 1853 Margaret Carpenter, 76, of Columbia Township in Meigs County, applied for a pension stating that she married Amos Carpenter on 18 Feb 1803, and he died 31 March 1838. Rosina Gilpin, 66, stated that she had known Amos Carpenter in 1797 before he moved to the part of Gallia County that became Meigs County. She stated that she also knew Margaret McGlaughlin in Randolph County VA in 1800, who was married to Amos Carpenter by Elder Jacob Cozad at West Fork Settlement two miles from her father's. She stated that she could not attend the wedding because the West Fork had risen. She also stated that they had three children, the first being Jeremiah Carpenter who was born when she was about 17 and who then lived in Columbia Township. Margaret Bickle, 85, of Rutland in Meigs County, stated that the first wife of Amos Carpenter was the sister of her husband. On an application for bounty land dated 24 March 1855 Margaret Carpenter was said to be 77.