

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Carpenter W5242

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District of North Carolina: SS

On this 18th day of May 1819, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the United States for the District aforesaid, personally appeared Benjamin Carpenter, aged about seventy years, resident in Wake County in the said district, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he the said Benjamin Carpenter enlisted, in or about the fall of the year 1778 in Halifax in the State of North Carolina, in the company commanded by Captain Powells of the North Carolina line, on the Continental establishment, in the war of the revolution for the term of three years but in what Regiment he does not now recollect; that he continued to serve in said company but part of the time under Captain He had who succeeded to the command thereof, until the end of the said enlistment, when he was discharged from service, in Halifax in the State of North Carolina, by Dolphin Davis, an officer of said Army & line, to which the 31st of October 1781; which discharge is now presented & is genuine – that he was in no battle; and that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.

S/ H. Potter, DJUSNC

Sworn to & declared before me the day & year first aforesaid.

United States – North Carolina District

The within named Benjamin Carpenter again appeared before me, this fifth day of April 1824, and now declares on oath that the Regiment he served in, as stated in his declaration, was the third, commanded by Colonel Jethro Sumner.

Sworn to before me at Raleigh, the date above.

S/ H. Potter, DJUSNC

The discharge mentioned in the within declaration I have never seen since the papers were enclosed for the War Department. I feel confident that it was enclosed with the declaration & sent on to that Department.

S/ H. Potter, DJUSNC

State of North Carolina Wake County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions May Term 1824

On this 19th day of May 1824 personally appeared in open Court it being a Court of record in and for the County & State aforesaid, Benjamin Carpenter aged about seventy-five years, 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 act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st May 1820. That he the said Benjamin Carpenter enlisted for the term of three years on or about the fall of the year 1778 in Halifax County in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Powell & Kidd in the 3rd Regiment of the North Carolina line of the State on the Continental establishment commanded by Colonel Jethro Sumner in the War of the Revolution; That he continued to serve in the said Court, until sometime in the fall of the year 1781 when he was honorably discharged from the said service in the Town of Halifax in the State of North Carolina and that his discharge was signed by Dolphin Davis an officer of said Regiment and line, which discharge this deponent saith he delivered up to judge Potter to be sent in to the War Department at the time he sent his Original declaration in the year 1819 and which is now believed to be lost or mislaid.

That he was in several skirmishes with the British, but in no remarkable Battles – And that he has no other evidence, now in his power, of his said services except the foregoing, as aforesaid, And this deponent further states that he has made application to William Hill Esquire Secretary of State for the Certificate of his services fully believing that his name and term of services would appear upon the Books of his office. But is informed by the Secretary that by some means or other his name does not appear upon the Books of his office, and that such omissions has sometimes occurred by negligence of the Superior Officers which this deponent believes must have been the cause in his case as he well knows that he served and acted as an orderly Sergeant for nearly 3 years, and was honorably discharged as aforesaid.

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 18th 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 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

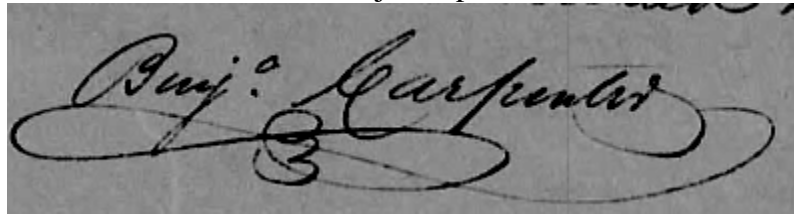
Schedule

One Table valued at	\$0.50
one Bed & bed Stated & furniture	8.00
one pot	1.00
one Frying pan wornant [?]	.20
one old pewter Dish	<u>.50</u>
	\$10.20

And this Deponent further saith that himself & family are resident Citizens of the County of Wake and State aforesaid & had been for many years, and that his family consists of himself aged about 75 years and his wife named Sally aged about 50 years and that his Occupation is farming, but being very old & infirm he is unable to work, so as to maintain himself and family by their manual labor, and cannot support themselves without the charity & assistance of their

neighbors; And that he does stand in need & assistance of his Country; and further saith not.
Sworn to and subscribed in open Court

S/ Benj. Carpenter

A black and white photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature reads "Benj. Carpenter" and is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The signature is enclosed within a large, decorative oval flourish.

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State of North Carolina Wake County: The Deposition of James Amos¹ who is a witness of Credibility, and who being duly sworn according to law, Deposeth and saith that he himself was a Soldier, in the War of the Revolution in the North Carolina line in the Continental Service that he enlisted about the year 1778 during the War, and served throughout the period of the same that he listed [enlisted] in Halifax County North Carolina that he served in the 2nd & 3rd Regiment under General Nash & Colonel Jethro Sumner

And this deponent further saith that he knew one Benjamin Carpenter who was an orderly Sergeant in the 3rd Regiment commanded by Colonel Jethro Sumner in the Continental War of the Revolution in the North Carolina line, that he often saw the said Benjamin Carpenter at the town of Halifax in the service of his Country, and acted as an orderly Sergeant for upwards of 12 months to this deponent's knowledge.

That this deponent also recognizes, that the said Benjamin Carpenter, is the same person, he then knew, & the identical person he here represents him to be, as he has often seen him since & remembers many circumstances of their being in the War.

That he believes the said Carpenter served three years or upwards, but has no knowledge of his own for any longer a time than 12 months or thereabout which was about the year 1779 & 80; That he was not present at the time the said Carpenter's enlistment, & only served a part of his time with him at Halifax. But he has no doubt the said Carpenter served as has been stated & further he saith not.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the 25th of April 1824

S/ Richard Smith, JP

S/ James Amos, X his mark

[fn p. 49: on April five, 1824 in Wake County North Carolina, Samuel Carpenter (relationship, if any, to the veteran not stated) gave testimony that he knows that the veteran enlisted in Halifax for three years in the North Carolina Continental line.]

District of North Carolina: SS

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Wake County

On the 22nd day of August A.D. 1826 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record, held in and for the County of Wake in the District of North Carolina, Benjamin Carpenter a resident of said County who being first duly sworn, declares on oath that he enlisted in the Revolutionary Army in the North Carolina line, in the year 1778 under Captain pink Eaton in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Jethro Sumner – and continued attached to the said Regiment until he was discharged at Halifax in the State of North Carolina in the year 1781. –

¹ [James Amos \(Ames\) S12924](#)

The said Benjamin Carpenter further maketh oath that he is a native born Citizen of the State of North Carolina, and was on the 18th day of March A.D. 1818 80 Resident of the United States – that he has not either before or since that period, by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent so to diminish it as to bring himself 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 A.D. 1818: – and further that he has not, nor has any person in trust for him any property or securities, contracts or debts due to him, nor has he any income or property whatsoever, being entirely dependent upon the duty of his children for protection and support; and therefore no schedule is hereto attached as by the said act of Congress is required.

He further swears that his age is now 75, that the only family he has dependent on him for support is his wife who is old – that his children to the best of their ability support him and his wife – that all of them are of age and support themselves.

S/ Benjamin Carpenter

[fn p. 8: on February 20, 1839, in Wake County North Carolina, Sarah Carpenter, made application for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Benjamin Carpenter, a revolutionary war pensioner for his services in that war; that she married him in Wake County on August 25 1789; that her husband died August 26, 1829 and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 11: on November 23, 1839, in Wake County North Carolina, Willie Carpenter testified in Wake County North Carolina that he has often seen his father's Benjamin Carpenter's family register recorded in a family Bible; that that register contained the dates of birth of all of his children; that he, Willie Carpenter was the eldest child and was born August eight, 1790; that the other children of his father were Charlotte, Mary, William, Robert, Solomon, James & Benjamin; that at his father's death the family Bible containing the registry was carelessly destroyed.]

[facts in file: the widow whose maiden name according to an affidavit in the file was Sarah Merritt

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing September 6th, 1826, for three years service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]