

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Samuel Carpenter W6631  
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Declaration

In order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> July 1838 entitled an Act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows, and also of the Act of the third of March 1843 and of the act of the 17<sup>th</sup> June 1844 continuing and extending the same and also the benefits of the "Act of Congress of the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 1848 entitled an Act making further provision for surviving widows of the Soldiers of the Revolution"

State of Virginia S.S.

On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year one thousand Eight Hundred and fifty four personally appeared before the County Court of the County of Madison in the state of Virginia Peggy Carpenter a resident of said county aged Eighty two years on the 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> of October 1854, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the above named Acts of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> July 1838, of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 1843, of the 17<sup>th</sup> June 1844 & of the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 1848

That she is the widow of Samuel Carpenter who was a Soldier in the war of the Revolution, as she has frequently heard him assert in his lifetime and as she has been informed by others and as she verily believes he was. That she does not now remember, if indeed she ever heard him say in what Company or regiment he served but she does remember well that she has frequently heard him tell about his said Samuel Carpenter's being in Carolina whilst he was in the said service, and she has heard him many times telling that he was in the Battle at Guilford Courthouse [15 Mar 1781] & in other Battles but she does not now remember the names of the other Battles, but remembers that he said that at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse he saw the Blood running along the road or street. She has also heard him speak of Gen'l. Washington and Gen'l. [Nathanael] Greene, she thinks he was under their command but she does not now, so well remember about that, but she knows he was very fond of Gen'l. Greene and very often spoke of him.

For proof of the services of her said Husband she refers to the evidence which will accompany this declaration and such documentary evidence as the Pension Department may have

She further states that her said husband said in his lifetime that he served Eighteen months at one time and for a longer time at another time in the war of the revolution, this she very distinctly remembers now, but it was very near escaping her recollection for the present owing to her being called to Court about this business, as she lives in the country & is not accustomed to attending Court.

She further declares that she was married to the said Samuel Carpenter on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year Seventeen hundred and Ninety three (1793) that he died in September or October in the year 1825 that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January Seventeen Hundred and ninety four (1794) to wit at the time above stated.

Sworn to & subscribed on the day & year above written before the Court aforesaid.

Peggy herXmark Carpenter

State of Virginia        }  
Madison County SS }

Be it known that on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 1845 before me the subscriber a justice of the peace in & for said county personally appeared Joseph Carpenter aged Eighty years & five months, & made oath in due form of Law that he was well acquainted with Samuel Carpenter the late husband of Peggy Carpenter, that he knows well that the said Samuel Carpenter was a soldier in the war of the Revolution,

that affiant saw said Carpenter start, when he marched into the service to the south in the year 1780 or 1781, into an eighteen months Tour, that the said Samuel Carpenter, one Nat Smith [possibly Nathaniel Smith, pension application W1094] & John Wright all three marched from the same neighborhood in which affiant then lived & now lives, to wit that part of Culpeper County which now forms Madison County, that affiant knows that said Samuel Carpenter was absent from home (& said to be in the Regular service, under General Greene in the Carolinas mostly) for the period of Eighteen months, that affiant saw said Samuel Carpenter, start into service and indeed saw him after he had marched as far as twenty miles from home, but does not now remember the name of the Captain under whom he started, he well remembers to have heard said Samuel Carpenter speak of his going to the south in this campaign & has frequently heard him say that he was put into the Regular service under different officers from those under whom he started from home, and that he served under General Greene in North & South Carolina and that he was also at the Seige of Yorktown.

Affiant was himself a soldier in the Militia, was at the Battle of Old James Town in the state of Virginia in the year 1781 [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781] & also marched over into North Carolina & guarded a mill that was grinding corn for our soldiers at which time affiant was under the command of General [Daniel] Morgan who commanded the Riflemen of whom affiant was one & that during this Tour affiant heard that Samuel Carpenter was with the Regulars in the Carolinas under General Green, but affiant did not see him.

This affiant & the said Samuel Carpenter were both born & raised within about one mile of each other were playmates & always very intimate, and that neither of them ever removed from the place of his Birth & that the said Samuel Carpenter died some years ago leaving a widow whose maiden name was Peggy Blankenbeker & who is a sister to affiants wife –

Affiant has repeatedly heard said Samuel Carpenter speak of his being in the Regular service to the South & particularly of his being in the Battle at Guilford Courthouse and other Battles one of which particularly a very bloody one in which said Carpenter told affiant that the Blood ran freely in the waggon tracks, but affiant does not now remember the name of that place.

Affiant also says that he knows well that the said Samuel Carpenter served also two or three Tours of two months each in the militia service before he marched into this Eighteen months Tour to the South

[signed] Joseph Carpenter

State of Virginia     }  
County of Madison } .S.S.

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 1856 before me Hiram Yager a justice of the peace in & for said County personally appeared Hannah Carpenter aged Eighty Eight years on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of December 1855 who being first duly sworn according to law, says that she was born & raised in that part of Culpeper County which now constitutes Madison County in the state of Virginia, that she married & removed about three miles from the place of her birth & still continues to live at the place to which she then removed; that she was raised within two miles of the place at which Samuel Carpenter the late husband of Peggy Carpenter was raised & on which he lived until his death & on which his widow the said Peggy Carpenter now lives in said County of Madison

That said Samuel Carpenter was a cousin to this affiant, their fathers being brothers and that she can now very distinctly & very well remember that in time of the War of the Revolution that the said Samuel Carpenter was gone from home for a considerable length of time & it was always said & believed that he was in the Revolutionary war service, affiant does not now remember how long the said Samuel Carpenter was absent from home at the time it was said & believed that he was in the Revolutionary war, but she is certain that it must have been considerably more than a year. That John Carpenter who was the father of said Samuel Carpenter, Andrew Carpenter who was affiants father, William Carpenter & Michael Carpenter the father of affiants late husband were all brothers & lived upon subdivisions of the

Land which had belonged to their father & these four Brothers owned jointly a Grist Grain Mill which was within a few hundred years of affiants Father's House and these four brothers would each one in his turn attend to & keep the Mill a week at a time & when John Carpenter the father of said Samuel Carpenter would be attending the Mill he & his wife would be very frequently at the House of affiants father & very much would be said about the War of the Revolution & they always said a great deal about their said son Samuel Carpenter's being in the War of the Revolution & the hard fought Battles he had been in & his father & mother expressed great fear & uneasiness concerning his safety, indeed they dispaired of his ever returning home, in consequence of the dangers & hardships of the service which he was in. It was reported at one time that he was dead, but he returned home about the close of the Revolutionary War or shortly thereafter

Affiant remembers very well the circumstance of his return from the Revolutionary War & that several other soldiers came with him to his fathers House & staid all night, which caused the family much uneasiness, on account of what had been said about the bad conduct of soldiers in many instances. It was said that the father of said Samuel Carpenter kept awake all night to watch the strange soldiers.

Affiant has upon many occasions heard said Samuel Carpenter giving long accounts of his services in the Revolutionary War & of the bloody battles he was in & the many narrow escapes he had made from death & she is fully satisfied in her own mind from his statements, the universal belief with his relations & neighbors of the truth of them & her own recollection of his absence from home when it was said that he was in the war, that he was in it & did render considerable service as aforesaid.

Affiant was taught reading & writing & can now read though from her age she cannot now write  
Hannah herXmark Carpenter

NOTE: The file includes a copy of the record of marriage of William Carpenter to Peggy Blankenbeker on 26 March 1793 in Culpeper County. On 10 April 1846 Samuel Blankenbeker, aged 78 years, five months, and 10 days, stated that he was raised within three miles of Samuel Carpenter and that he served two militia tours as a substitute for his brother Mike (Michael Blankenbeker).