

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Obadiah Terry W8781

Sarah

f81VA

Transcribed by Will Graves

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

[f p. 20: the originals of the following documents were filed by the veteran in the State of Virginia to obtain his bounty land. Digital images of these documents are posted at the website of the Virginia State Library and copies of those are posted at the end of this transcription.]  
Kentucky, Fayette County, to wit:

Obadiah Terry appeared before me a Justice of the peace for said County and made oath that he enlisted in the State of Virginia in the year 1776 for three years in the Company commanded by Captain Oliver Towles in the sixth Virginia Regiment commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Hendricks and that he continued to serve until said term was expired at which time he was honorably discharged at the Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania by General Weden [George Weedon]

S/ Obadiah Terry<sup>1</sup>

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of August 1821.

At the same time and place Henry Chandler a credible person on oath appeared before me and made oath that he is well acquainted with the above named Obadiah Terry and knows that the above affidavit of said Terry is true and that he did serve as stated in his affidavit, and that said Terry resides in Harrison County Kentucky and is a good honest citizen as far as he knows and believes.

S/ Henry Chandler, X his mark

[f p 21]

Kentucky Fleming County, Sct.

Jacob Widner appeared before me who is a credible person on oath and was lawfully sworn and states as follows – That he said Widner was a soldier of the Revolution and was acquainted with the within named Obadiah Terry and knows that said Terry enlisted in the sixth Virginia Regiment for three years and served his time and was honorably discharged at the Valley Forge – and he believes that Terry never got his land.

S/ Jacob Widner, X his mark

[f p. 16]

State of Kentucky Harrison County: SS

On this 2nd day of April 1838 personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Sarah Terry, a resident of Harrison County and State of Kentucky, aged seventy-five years, on the 14th day of June 1837, who,

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<sup>1</sup> The signature is in the same handwriting as the document itself so consequently I do not believe it is the actual signature of the veteran, but see the digital images posted at the end of this transcription.

being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4, 1836: That she is the widow of Obadiah Terry, who was a volunteer or regulars soldier in the Army of the Revolution, and served two years as such, and afterwards served forty days in the Militia, being drafted. She further declares that she does not remember, if she ever knew, the names and rank of the field and company officers under whom he served, nor the day, nor the month in which he entered the service, or left the same; but she knows it was some time in the year 1776 in which he entered the service, and in some part of 1778 in which he left the same. She further declares that she has the firmest belief from what she has heard her husband often say, and from the conversations of other "old soldiers" who frequently visited him previous to his and their deaths, that he was in seven engagements, all the names of which she does not remember, but well recollects hearing him and then say he was in the battles of Brandywine [October 11, 1777], Trenton [Dec. 26, 1776], Princeton [January 3, 1777] and Germantown [October 4, 1777]; but under whom he served in these battles she is again unable to say; that he resided in the County of Spotsylvania and State of Virginia, when he entered the service; that he was a regular soldier in the first term of two years and a drafted man in the last term of forty days; and that he served the first term of two years previous to his and her marriage, and was in the battles already named previous to their marriage, and that he served the last term of forty days after their marriage; the said last term of forty days including, and ending with, the siege of York Town, and the capturing of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], in which events he participated.

She further declares that she has no papers of her deceased husband's by which he is enabled to tell the names and ranks of the officers he served under, nor in what engagements he was, nor through what country he marched; but she knows that her husband the said Obadiah Terry in his lifetime received from the War Office, a Land Warrant for one hundred acres of land; and to obtain which he had to prove the services he had rendered in the Army of the Revolution, together with such particulars as were then required; and she has no doubt but his name and such other particulars as to now all required, in her case, will, be a reference to the Records of the War Office, be found in that Department, together with such proof as he produced in order to obtain the aforesaid Captain Land Warrant:

She further declares that she was married to the said Obadiah Terry, on the 12th day of October in the year 1780; that her husband, the aforesaid Obadiah Terry, died on the 6th day of March, in the year 1826; and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

S/ Sarah Terry, X her mark

[f p. 6]

In Council April 18th, 1823

It is advised that Obediah Terry be allowed Land Bounty for three years service as a Private in the Continental Line.

S/ James Pleasants, Jr.

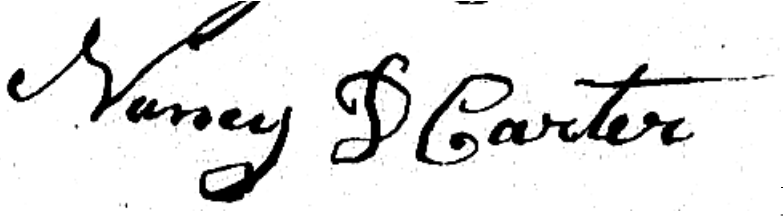
Attest

S/ J. W. Pleasants

A Warrant for 100 acres No. 6553 issued the 30th of May 1823 two Obadiah Terry, and was delivered to John Watkins his attorney same day. A copy from the Record of the Virginia Land Office as witness my hand and seal of office hereto affixed at Richmond this 21st of August 1846

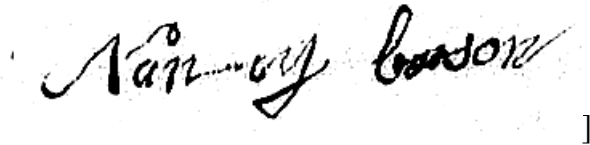
S/ S. H. Parker Reg. L. Officer

[f p. 9: On October 18, 1839 in Harrison County Kentucky, Nancy D Carter of Harrison County Kentucky gave testimony that she is the daughter of the late Obadiah and Sarah Terry and she verifies a leaf<sup>2</sup> as being the true and genuine family record of her father and mother; that she has often heard her father speak of his service in the revolution; that her parents were married during his services in the war; that she was born August four, 1781 as shown in the family record.



Nancy D Carter ]

[f p 13: On the October 19, 1839 in Harrison County Kentucky, Nancy Cason, 75, gave testimony that she resided in Spotsylvania County Virginia and was intimately acquainted with Obadiah and Sarah Terry; that she was present at their marriage on October 12, 1780 at which time Obadiah Terry was in service as a soldier; that she is the sister of Sarah, the widow of Obadiah Terry; that she has heard Obadiah Terry state that he was at the siege of York at the taking of Lord Cornwallis; that Obadiah Terry left his wife Sarah at her father's house while he was serving at the siege of York; that Obediah and Sarah's oldest child is Nancy who was about a month old when Obadiah left home to go into the service



Nancy Cason ]

[f p 52:Note:

"Obadiah Terry on roll of Captain Billy H. Avery's Company, Colonel Elliott & John Gibson sixth Va. Regiment for August 1777 and other laurels, Enlisted February 12, 1776 for two years and served his time out her role for February 1778

Nov: 23, 1842"]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband service as a private in the Virginia service.]

From the digital images posted on the website of the Virginia State Library at  
[http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/drawer?retrieve\\_image=Revolution&type=rw&reel=26&start=462&end=466](http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/drawer?retrieve_image=Revolution&type=rw&reel=26&start=462&end=466)

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<sup>2</sup> I could not find any document in this file that appeared to me to be the family record referred to by Nancy Carter. Perhaps I missed it.

Account by the County to this.

Obadiah Terry was born and  
resides of the parish of said County and  
was one that he served in the State  
of Virginia in the year 1776 for three years  
in the company commanded by Capt Oliver  
Towles in the 6th Virginia Regiment Com-  
manded by Lieut Col.  and that he  
continued to serve until said Term was  
expired at which time he was honorably  
discharged at the Valley Forge in the State  
of Pennsylvania by Gen. Mifflin.

Obadiah Terry

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 1821. At the same  
time & in place Henry Chandler a  
credible person on oath appeared before  
me and made oath that he is well  
acquainted with the above named Obediah  
Ferry and knows that the above Affidavit  
of said Ferry is true and that he did  
serve as stated in his Affidavit, and  
that said Ferry resides in Harrison County  
Kentucky and is a good honest citizen  
as far as he knows and believes.

Henry Chandler  
mark

Kentucky Fleming County etc

Jacob Widener appeared before <sup>me</sup> who is a credible  
person on oath and was lawfully sworn &  
states as follows - That he said Widener was a  
Soldier of the Revolution and was acquainted with  
the within named Obediah Ferry and knows  
that said Ferry enlisted in the Sixth Virginia  
Regiment for three years and served his  
term out and was honorably discharged at  
the Valley Forge - and he believes that Ferry now  
resides at his Land

Jacob <sup>his</sup> Widener  
<sup>made</sup>

sworn and subscribed before me Justice of the Peace for said  
County this 9<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1821

John Tate J. P. 6

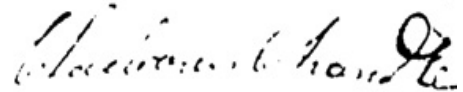
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Addendum to Obadiah Terry W8781

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 14 March 2022.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Terry, Obediah.]

Claibourn Chandler [Claiborn Chandler S16341] appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County and made Oath that he was well acquainted with Obediah Terry in the Revolutionary War and well knows that said Terry Enlisted about the year 1776 in Capt. Toles's Company of the Virginia Continental Army for the Term of Four years and served Out his time and was discharged and returned home and that he has known said Terry ever since and that this is the same person who is applying for his bounty Land  
[30 Jan 1822]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Claibourn Chandler". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed text.