

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Cavender W9776

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State of Ohio Hamilton County: Sct

On this 5th f September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable judges of the Court of Common Pleas within and for said County now sitting John Cavender a resident of Crosby Township in the County and State aforesaid aged 72 years 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 June 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. Captain William Rankins the name of his Lieutenant and Ensign he does not recollect – In New Castle County Red Lyon hundred [sic, Red Lion Hundred] in the state of Delaware and was stationed in the said County guarding the shores of the Delaware [River] from Fort Penn to New Castle in distance of about 12 miles and after remaining in the said service three months was discharged this was in the year 1778 – And in the same spring he removed to Cecil County Maryland where he again entered the service under Captain John Crow – Alexander Brown first Sergeant the name of his other officers he does not recollect and marched from there along the lines between Maryland and Pennsylvania to the town of New Brunswick New Jersey where about one half of his Company including his Captain died of a disease called the Camp fever and remained in the Hospital of that place confined to his bed by the prevailing disease until discharged having served three months, that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed before me in open court September eighth, 1832.

S/ Daniel Lano, Clerk

S/ John Cavender, X his mark

[William Wakefield & Henry Wile gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories propounded by the Court to the applicant

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. In New Castle County State of Delaware in the year 1760.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. None that I know of

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. In the State of Delaware where I was born and removed from thence to the state of Maryland & from there to Pennsylvania and from there to this State in this County where I have resided 14 years.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans. Drafted

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. My memory is so much impaired I cannot recollect the names of my officers the general circumstances of my services are contained in my declaration

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. None other than a verbal one from my officers

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans. Judge Othniel Looker Esqr. Hoppin Esqr. Henry Linkhorn Adam Ritenhouse, Joseph Sater, John McMahan.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Danl. Lano, Clerk

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The statement of John Cavender of Hampton County in State of Ohio, for services and losses in the service of the American Revolution, for our independence, said Cavender was impressed into the Continental service in August 1777 by wagon-master, General Wade, with his team of a Wagon for horses and gears. Taken to Wilmington, and first under issuing commissary, Cheesebury [John Cheeseboro it is?] of North Carolina Division; under General Nash [Francis Nash], who fell at the battle of Germantown – continued, in the service, three months & discharged, in December of the same year, at White marsh by waggon master, Thomas Cango [?] of the North Carolina division – had a regular certificate and discharge, which is lost – lost one horse of my team, for which, I had a certificate which is lost – I cannot say what the horse was, or would be valued at then – but, believe that that such a horse would at this time they worth \$40

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In January 1778 – I was drafted, in the militia under Captain William Rankin, in New Castle County, Red Lion Hundred, State of Delaware for three months to guard the shores and bays of Delaware River; between Fort Penn and New Castle and, served the tour and over – removed to said Cecil County Maryland, in May of the same year, and was enrolled in the Militia, and drafted into Captain John Crow's company, and marched to east Jersey, the Town of Brunswick where our Captain died, and I believe, more than half of the Company; although sick I recovered, with difficulty and got home about the middle of November after being in service about three months.

Thus I have served between nine months and a year one third of the time with my team

and, lost one wagon horse – a part of the service, very severe, in guarding the shores of the Delaware [River], often laying on our arms all night, without fire, and, at Brunswick escaping barely with my life, when most of our companions were buried – and, many of them by my own hands – and for which, I have never nor any person for me, received the least compensation. I was born in New Castle County and State of Delaware in the year 1760 – and, have you ever been a friend and supporter of our excellent Constitution, and republican Government – and most cheerfully support our present administration –

[fn p. 8: on August 21, 1843 in Franklin County Indiana, Margaret Cavender, 85, a resident of the town of Brookville in said County, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Cavender, a pensioner at the rate of \$20 per annum for his services in the revolution; that she married him in the month of August 1784 [last digit overwritten and largely illegible and perhaps incorrectly interpreted by me] in the town of Newark and New Castle County Delaware; that they were married at the residence of Parson Edwards a "settled Minister"; that her husband died September 12, 1837.]

[there is a family record attached which is written in a language I do not recognized. It was translated by the War Department to provide the following information:

Easter died in infancy

John died in infancy

Alexander born October 18, 1788

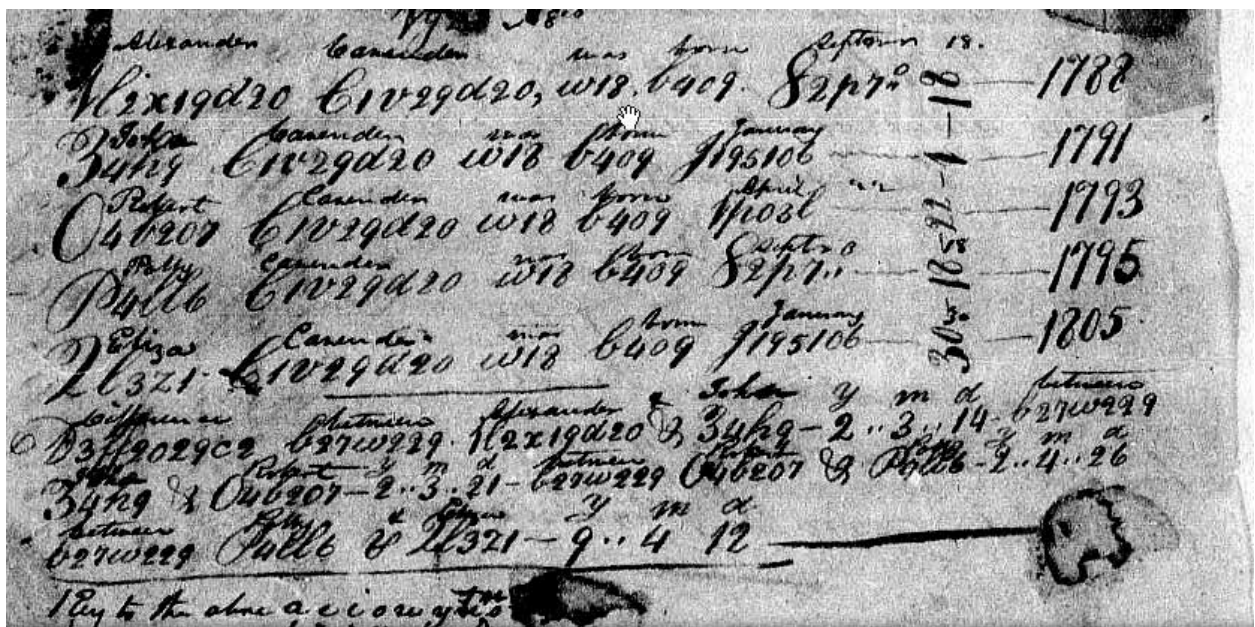
John born January 1, 1791

Robert born April 22, 1793

Polly born September 18, 1795

Eliza born January 30, 1805

[Alexander died in 1843; Eliza died in 1839; that her son John was living in Ripley County Indiana in 1843]



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March fourth, 1831, for six months service in the Delaware militia.]