

Pension Application for Thomas Carpenter

W.18877 (Widow: Martha)
B.L.Wt.28585-160-55
State of New York
Montgomery County SS.

On this 29th day of June 1839 personally appeared before the Subscriber one of the Judges of the County Courts in and for the County aforesaid Martha Carpenter a resident of the Town of Florida and County aforesaid—aged seventy two years, who 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 7, 1838 entitled an Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows; That she is the widow of Thomas Carpenter who was a Private Soldier in the War of the Revolution my said husband enlisted for 9 mo. In the year 1778 or 1779 and served out his full term of 9 months officers names not recollected, in the year 1780 he enlisted in a company of Militia commanded by Captain Drake (1) and Col. John Harper's Regiment – that some time in the fall of 1780 my said Husband was taken a prisoner and remained a Prisoner more than two years (2)—she further declares that she was married to the said Thomas Carpenter on the 25th day of December 1782 in the Town of Stamford Dutchess County and State aforesaid by the Rev'd Conner Bullock and that her husband the aforesaid Thomas Carpenter died on the 9th day of September 1805; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 A.D. at the time above stated. (Signed with her mark) Martha Carpenter

The within declaration was sworn to and subscribed on the day and year aforesaid (in said declaration) before me and she made her mark in subscribing her name to said declaration for the reason that she never learned to write. To all of which I certify. John Hand a Judge of the County Courts of the County of Montgomery.

Reply to letter of inquiry dated April 24, 1930.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim W.18877 it appears that Thomas Carpenter was born March 29, 1760.

He enlisted in 1778 or 1779 and served nine months as a private, officers not stated.

He enlisted in 1780 in Saratoga Co., NY in Captain Drake's Company, Colonel John Harper's New York Regiment, and on October 23, 1780, was taken prisoner and held captive until October 26, 1782. He was in several battles during above services, names of battles not given.

He died September 9, 1805.

He married December 25, 1782, at Stamford, Dutchess County, New York, Marther (or Martha) Avery, born May 17, 1767.

Soldier's widow was allowed pension on her application executed June 29, 1839, while a resident of Florida, Montgomery County, New York. She was residing in said Florida in May 1855 with her daughter, which one not designated.

She died April 10, 1856.

It is stated that soldier and his wife had ten children, eight of whom grew to maturity. The following names are given:

Ruth born May 26, 1785

Mary (the fourth child) born March 8, 1790, married, Servoss or Swoop (not plainly written) & was living in Florida, NY in 1839.

William born April 21, 1792.

David born August 1, 1794.

Thomas born September 30, 1796.

Barnard born July 22, 1799.

Marther born October 20, 1801.

Sarah born September 12, 1804.

The following children were alive in 1855, Ruth, Mary, William, Thomas, Martha, and Sarah.

The following also appears of record:

Almira Williams born August 18, 1811.

Almira Williams died September 28, 1812.

David Carpenter departed this life March 31, 1841.

Hannah Carpenter departed this life March 31, 1831.

Thomas Carpenter was born April 1832.

Barnet Carpenter departed this life January 23, 1836 was born the 16 of March 1835.

Thomas Carpenter was born April 6, 1832.

End Notes—W.18877—Thomas Carpenter

1. Joshua Drake was appointed July 1, 1780 in Colonel William Malcom's Regiment of New York State Levies. Originally John Chipman was appointed captain on May 11, 1780 in Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant John Harper's Regiment of New York State Levies. Captain Chipman was promoted to major on June 16, 1780 in Harper's Regiment. The First Lieutenant the commanded the company until Captain Drake was transferred from Malcom's to Harper's on September 25, 1780.
2. On September 26, 1780 Colonel Malcom started marching Harper's Regiment from Fort Rensselaer to Fort Schuyler which was Fort Stanwix to relieve the First New York Continental Regiment, which had been garrisoning this fort since late November 1778. Thomas was taken prisoner on October 23, 1780 and was held captive until October 26, 1782.