

Pension Application for James Carr

W.16522 (Widow: Margaret)

State of New York

Cayuga County, SS.

On this 17th day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Cayuga and state of New-Your, now setting, James Carr a resident of Springport in the County of Cayuga and State of New-Your, aged 69 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 under the following named officers, and served as herein stated:--

That in the month of July AD 1780 he resided in the town of Hoosak [Hoosick] now in the County of Ranselaer [Rensselaer] in the State of New York, that about the last of July in the same year he entered the service of the United States as a substitute for one Jacob William son who was drafted for a term of three months. That he joined a detachment of about thirty men and marched to Fort Edward, and from thence he was ordered to march to Fort Ann, that he accordingly marched to Fort Ann and joined the company of Capt. Dial Sherwood, that he was stationed at said fort and continued to serve in said company until the tenth day of October following when said fort was taken by the enemy, and said company taken prisoners. That he marched as a prisoner of war to Fort George from thence to Ticonderoga, from thence he was taken by water to St. Johns from thence he marched to Montreal [Montreal] where he was detained a prisoner of War until about the month of November AD 1782 when he was exchanged together with other American captives, that the exchange was made at Castleton in the State of Vermont, that the Garrison at Castleton was commanded by Col. Ira Allen—from Castleton he was dismissed and returned home—

That he never received a written discharge from said service that he has no documentary evidence of said service & captivity than the affidavit of Captain Dial Sherwood now on the files of the office of the Secretary of war as he is informed & the accompanying affidavit. That said affidavit was placed on said file about nine years ago as he believes.

That he has not the testimony of any living witness to said services and cannot procure it as he believes. That Ezekiel Roberts was first Lieutenant and Cornelius Baldwin Second Lieutenant of Capt Dial Sherwood's company.

We, Isaac Smith a Clergyman residing in Ledyard in the County of Cayuga and Jonathan Richmond residing in the same town hereby certify, that we are well acquainted with James Carr who has subscribed the preceding declaration; that we believe him to be 69 years of age; that he is reputed and believed, in the neighbourhood where he resides, to have been a Soldier of the Revolution, and that we concur in that opinion. Isaac Smith; Jonathan Richmond.

Sworn, and subscribed, the 4th day of September AD 1832 before me, John E. Williams Justice of the Peace

Michael S. Myers Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Cayuga and State of New-York, do hereby certify, that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court in the matter of the application of James Carr for a pension.

Letter in file dated October 6, 1928, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W.16522, it appears that James Carr was born in Londonderry, New Hampshire, date not stated.

While residing at Hoosick, Rensselaer County, New York, he enlisted in July 1780, and served in Captain Adiel Sherwood's New York Company, he was taken prisoner at Fort Anne, October 10, 1780, carried to Montreal, Canada and held until in November 1782, when he was exchanged.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 17, 1832, at which time he was living at Springport, Cayuga County, New York, aged sixty-nine years. He died May 3, 1839.

The soldier married in February or April 1784 at Cambridge, Washington County, New York, Margaret, daughter of Jonathan Morrell of Cambridge, New York.

She was allowed pension on her application executed June 25, 1840, while living at Springport, New York, aged seventy-four years.

It is not stated that they had children.

Jonathan Carr of Springport, New York testified in the case in 1833, no relationship shown.