

Pension Application for James Carson

W.25281 (Maria or Mary Bell VanTappan) Married April 12, 1787, James died September 18, 1821.

Maria applied for widow's pension November 1838, she was a resident of Rockland County Poor House in Ramapo, aged 71 years.

State of New York

Rockland County SS.

On the seventh day of November 1820, personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the said county, in the State of New York James Carson aged 66 years since 6th July last a resident in the Town of Orange in said County who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, first in Capt. Samuel T. Pell's company and by a reduction of companies afterwards in Capt. Jacob Wright's company of Col. Philip VanCortlandt 3d Regiment of the New York line in the years 1777, 1778, 1779, 1780, 1781, 1782 and 1783 in the latter of which years he was honourably discharged having 3 pages of Honour, that the date of his original declaration is not recollected, no note having been kept of it and that the number of his pension certificate is 965, (possibly 945, as the middle figure is not very distinct).

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale, or in any other manner disposed of my property or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war, passed on the 18th March 1818, and that I have not nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule thereunto annexed & by me subscribed— which schedule is:

Real Estate:

1 acre 18/100 Garden and Potatoe land.

2 acres 78/100 principally rough & in Commons.

1 Frame House old, 15 ¼ by 18 ¼ feet.

Dwelling room & a Garret oven it and one Thatched Barrack all the above property held in right of my wife.

Personal Estate:

1 Cow

1 old Churn

1 Heeler

1 Table

4 Chairs

1 Looking Glass small

1 Pair common Andirons.

1 Pair Shovel and Tongs

2 Iron Pots, 1 Griddle

1 Chest, Pine, old

1 movable closet, old

2 Pails, 2 Tubs & three Earthen Pots.

3 Smoothing Irons

6 Knives & 6 Forks.

½ Dozen cups & saucers defective

1 Earthen Tea Pot.

3 Earthen dishes 18 Do. Plates, part defective

1 Trammel

6 Pewter Table spoons, 4 silver tea spoons old

1 Earthen milk pot & sugar dish

2 Bwols & 1 Cup.

2 Mug 1 Earthen Pitcher

2 Black Bottles & 2 Juggs

(Signed) James Carson

And this declarant further saith that he is by occupation a schoolmaster that his ability to pursue that employment many years ago procured his family its subsistence that in later times the increase of teachers more able in the profession compelled him to seek for schools in retired places, far from home, but however thereby obtained a scanty subsistence, his age, and a continued rheumatism have for several years disqualified him for a continuance of this pursuit, from which he was happily relieved by the receipt of pension money, he having no other resource to himself and wife from actual want.

That his family consists of two persons viz, this declarant and his wife Mary in her 54th years, who is subject to convulsive fits.

Sworn to & declared on the 7th day of November 1820 in Open Court. Howard, Clk [Thomas Howard]