

### Pension Application for David Carswell

W.6634 (Widow: Martha) Married March 12, 1789 in the Town of Salem in NY. David died February 26, 1844.

State of New York

Washington County SS.

Be it remembered that on this twenty seventh day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen before me Henry C. Martindale Esqr, one of the Judges of the court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Washington in the State of New York personally came David Caswell to me well known who being by me duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration & testify & subscribe to the facts contained in the following deposition in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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" and the said David Coswell [sic] also produced Colonel Adiel Sherwood John Guy of said County as witness to prove his claim for services under said act who also being by me duly sworn testified to the facts contained in the depositions following subscribed by these named. (Signed) Henry C. Martindale (No 2)

Washington County

State of New York SS.

David Caswell of the town of Fort Edward in the County of Washington and State of New York being duly sworn doth depose declare & say that he is fifty three years of age that he entered the service of the United States at Fort Ann on the sixth day of October in the year 1780, as one of the New York Levies for three months, as a private in Captain Adiel Sherwood's Company ----belonging to the Regiment under the command of Colonel Lewis Graham Lieutenant Colonel Livingston. That the Levies in which this deponent was enrolled were raised as the deponent understood) under a requisition from the United States Government, upon this State to furnish a certain number of troops for three months to reinforce the Army of the United States on the frontier, that Captain Sherwood was at that time stationed at Fort Ann with his company. That on the tenth day of October in the year 1780. This deponent was taken prisoners at Fort Ann together with Captain Sherwood & his company by the enemy command by Major Carleton with about 1150 men – that after the taking of Fort Ann the enemy proceeded to Fort George & took that, carrying with them this deponent and the residue of the prisoners taken at Fort Ann—

From Fort George we were taken into Montreall [Montreal] and there put in close confinement & that in June following this deponent effected his escape from the prison at Montreal, but that he was retaken & again Conveyed back to prison at Montreal in about six days & after his last escape and then loaded with irons which he was compelled to wear for six months, that he this deponent was then removed from the prison at Montreal on to prison Island at Court &c back about fifty five miles up the river St. Lawrence from Montreal, where he continued in confinement until the tenth day of June in the year 1782—when he was parrolled and returned home to Washington County where he resided (at Salem) & that this deponent was held to his parroll [parole] until the close of the war when he & the residue of the said company were discharged.

That this deponent was a prisoner as aforesaid for one year & eight, during which time he suffered all the hardships & oppression incident to the most rigorous confinement—that in consequence of his long confinement and being exposed to cold and all the unhappy effects of such a situation he contracted a disease called the Scurvy to such an astonishing degree, that it has effected his limbs so as in a great measure to destroy him [?]fullness, of which he has never yet & probably never will recover—and this deponent further saith that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he herewith offers the evidence of captain Adiel

Sherwood & John Guy to prove his claim for said services being the best evidence now in his power to give.

(Signed) David Carswell

Sworn to & declared before me the day and year aforesaid Henry Collertindate one of the Judges of the court of Common Pleas of the County of Washington.

Family Record.

David Carswell born Colrain Massachusetts March 6<sup>th</sup> 1764.

Martha Simpson born Salem New York Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 1769.

Martha Carswell born 6<sup>th</sup> May 1792.

Esther Carswell born 16<sup>th</sup> April 1795.

William Henry Caswell [sic] born 8<sup>th</sup> January 1800.

James C. Hurd born Middle Haddam Connecticut March 6<sup>th</sup> 1795.

Caroline Maria Hurd born James 20<sup>th</sup> Dec'r 1818.

William Henry Hurd born Glostenbury Con. 19<sup>th</sup> January 1823.

Cooke Mills born Sandusky City, Ohio 13<sup>th</sup> December 1840.

Henry David Carrell Mills born Sandusky, Ohio 28<sup>th</sup> December AD 1843.

David Carswell married to Martha Simpson at Salem, NY 12<sup>th</sup> March 1789.

James C. Hurd Married to Esther Carswell at Salem, N.Y 12<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1818.

W. H. Mills married to Caroline M. Hurd, Sandusky City Jan'y 3, 1838.