

### Pension Application for Benjamin Carter

R.17411

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

State of Ohio, Delaware County SS.

On this twenty eighth day of April one thousand eight hundred and fifty personally appeared before me Almon Stark one of the associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County aforesaid Benjamin Carter a resident of Porter Township in Delaware County in the State of Ohio, aged Eighty Six 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832, that he entered the service of the United States in the following manner and served as herein after set forth.

That this deponent was born in Warwick township in Orange County in the State of New York in the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty four, that at the age of fourteen years he was put on bound to a blacksmith for the purpose of learning the trade, but not liking his master and wishing to become a soldier at the age of fifteen years he ran away and joined the army at a place called Sheholy. This was in the spring of the year 1777 the exact date he cannot tell. He then and there offered to enlist in the army but the officers told him he was too young that they did not [sic] enlist a boy of his age that he then made personal application to general John Sullivan and the General took him into his service and while he remained there he waited on the General and took care of his horse &c.

That when the army commenced the march through the wilderness called at that time the Beech woods this declarant was ordered on in the advance and assist in clearing a road for the army to march in that this declarant assisted in chopping and opening a [?] till the army arrived at Newtown on one of the branches of the Susquehanna rivers. He thinks this must have been about the first of August 1779. He was then told they were near the enemy and was given a musket and was ordered to take his place in the ranks which he did in a company commanded by a Captain of an odd name, that he has forgotten by reason of the forgetfulness of age and being only a boy he paid very little attention to the names of the officers from Newtown the army marched to the head of the second lake and down said lake to a place called Plymouth (afterwards Apple Town) that they were there met by the Indians and had a sharp battle in which this declarant was wounded by a ball in his right leg slightly. This declarant has also in his possession at this time a leather belt Brass buckle and place and scalping knife taken from an Indian he had the good fortune to kill in that battle that he assisted in battering down the Indians corn and apple trees and driving the Indians into Canada and destroying all those property that came in their way that late in the season the army returned down the Susquehanna to Wilksbarre where we remained through the winter of 1780. This declarant cannot tell the names of any of the officers except a Colonel Chapins, Colonel Chapins was taken prisoner by the Indians and made his escape from them and this declarant thinks he was taken again by them and he cannot tell what became of him.

That in the summer of 1780 this declarant was discharged from the army by General Sullivan and a furlough on discharge given him with thirty dollars in Continental money which he has at this time in his possession. That his discharge is long since worn out and lost and the exact date thereof he cannot at this time tell but he positively swears that he was in active service a period of not less than one year.

He further states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services.

That he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state and that he never before made application for a pension.

(Signed with his mark) Benjamin Carter

Sworn to and subscribed the 28 day of March 1850 before me. Almon Stark Associate Judge.