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SELECTED RECORDS

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2522 New York

Abner Caswell
of Salem in the State of New York
who was a Private in the Company commanded
by Captain Childs — of the Regt. recruited
by Col Woodbridge in the Massachusetts
line for 13 months, & 27 days Private
and 6 months Sergeant —
Increased from \$48.27 July 14. '33

Inscribed on the Roll of New York
at the rate of 76 Dollars 27 Cents per annum
to commence on the 4th day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 29 day of October
1832 and sent to Sago & Billings
Salem N.Y.

Amount to 4th of Sept 1832 — \$114.40
Semi-annual allowance ending 4 Mar 33 38.13
\$152.53

{ Revolutionary Claim,
{ Act June 7, 1832.

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New York & Mass
Clerk's Office Oct 7 1833

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4863.
Abner Caswell Jr
Salmon, Washington City
N. York -

23 Months

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admitted
6 mo. Sergeant
10 mo 27 days private.

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That in the month of March he enlisted with his
 father and family in the 1st Continental Regiment of
 the State of Virginia and followed the Army to
 the Siege of Fort Mifflin in the County of Washington
 where the frontiers of the Militia of the State were
 were for some months were kept under arms
 the principal part of the time until the close of
 the war - That he was repeatedly ordered into service
 and actually went and served in the Militia on
 the behalf of the United States as a Soldier upon the
 frontier during the year 1779 more than two
 months by weeks of which time he was
 stationed at White Hall then called Chancesford in
 said County & State. That he was then with the
 command of a Capt. Hooker - That in March
 1780 he was ordered into the service of the United
 States as a Soldier in the New York Militia under
 Capt. Long and marched to Fort Edward in said
 County and from thence to Fort George where he
 stood on watch - That Capt. Warner then was ordered
 at Fort George - That during the said year 1780 he
 was actually ordered and in the Militia when
 actually and actually served on the line as a Soldier
 under & Capt. Long for four weeks - That in July
 1780 he enlisted as a Soldier into Capt. Sherwood's company
 to fill up the Continental line of the New York State
 Troops and was stationed at Fort Mifflin in said
 County of Washington until the 10th of October
 thereafter when the Fort was taken by the British
 that Capt. Sherwood had the command of the
 Fort - That immediately thereafter he enlisted into
 Capt. Long's company of Militia when he served
 as a Militia Man until the 22nd Nov^r 1780 -
 That in the year 1781 he was in actual service
 as a Soldier in the Militia under & Long and
 in Capt. Webster's Regiment of the New York Militia
 for more than three months: That during said

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And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion
after the investigation of the matter and after calling
the interrogatories propounded by the War Department
that the above named applicant ^{is} ~~is not~~ ^{is} ~~is not~~ ^{is}
born in the State, and the Court further certifies
that it appears to them that ~~the~~ ^{the}
who has signed the foregoing certificate is a Clergy
man resident in the said Town of Salem and
that ~~the~~ ^{the} who has also signed the
same is a resident in the said Town and is
a credible person, and that their statement is
subscribed to credit.

I, John A. High, Chief of the Court of Common
Pleas of Washington County in the 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 Abner Caswell for
a passport - In testimony whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and seal of office said Court
this 21st day of August 1872.



J. A. High, Clerk

REVOLUTIONARY WAR RECORDS SECTION

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, D. C., _____, 19__

In reply to your request of _____, received _____
for a statement of the military history of _____
a soldier of the REVOLUTIONARY WAR, you will find below the desired
information as contained in his (or his widow's) application for pen-
sion on file in this Bureau:

DATE OF ENLISTMENT OR APPOINTMENT	REGIMENT (SERVICE)	RANK	OFFICERS UNDER WHICH SERVICE WAS RENDERED		STATE
			CAPTAIN	COLONEL	

Battles engaged in, _____
 Residence of soldier at enlistment, _____
 Date of application for pension, _____
 Residence at date of application, _____
 Age at date of application, _____
 Remarks: _____

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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BRIEF objections to the admission of Pension Claims, of which those answered in the negative, in red ink, will apply to the claims of *Abner Carmichael* which require further proof or explanation.

I. Does the declaration show where the applicant resides?

Yes

II. Did the declarant make the declaration in the county where he resides?

Yes

III. If the applicant did not make the declaration in the county where he resides, is there any cause assigned for his not doing so?

IV. Has the declarant mentioned the period or periods of the war when he served?

Yes

V. Has he mentioned with precision the length of his service, and the different grades in which he served, in language so definite as to enable the department to determine to what amount of pension he is entitled?

No. Amended

VI. Has he given the names of the officers under whom he served, in conformity with the regulations?

Yes

VII. Has he made a relinquishment of every claim in any other pension than the one under the Act of June 7, 1832?

Yes

VIII. Has the Court given their opinion?

Yes

IX. Has the Clerk given his certificate?

Yes

X. Is the Clerk's seal affixed? And if so, has it a device or inscription by which it can be distinguished from any other seal?

Yes

XI. Has the applicant obtained the evidence of a clergyman and another respectable citizen as to their belief respecting his age and the general belief in his neighborhood relative to his revolutionary service?

Yes.

XII. If the clergyman's affidavit has not been produced, is there any reason assigned for not obtaining it?

XIII. If the applicant has no documentary evidence, and has not obtained the testimony of at least one living witness, has he stated in his declaration that such proof cannot be had?

Yes.

XIV. If the applicant has produced a witness or witnesses as to his service, has the magistrate who administered the oath certified that he, she, or they are persons of credibility?

XV. Does it appear from any of the papers that the witness was in such a situation, or of such an age, as to have a personal knowledge of the applicant's service?

XVI. Are the papers authenticated as the regulations direct?

Yes.

XVII. Are the seven interrogatories prescribed by the War Department answered satisfactorily? If not, which of them is not so answered?

Yes.

EXPLANATORY NOTES.

*NOTE V. In a case where the applicant cannot, by reason of the loss of memory, state precisely how long he served, he should amend his declaration by adding an affidavit in the following words: "I solemnly swear, deposit and oath, that, by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot answer positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades: For _____ months and _____ days, I served as a _____ For _____ months and _____ days, I served as a _____, and for such service I claim a pension."

It is important in all cases to determine with precision the period for which the applicant served, and the particular rank he held, as the law directs the pension to be paid according to the grade of the pensioner and the length of his service. The use of the phrase about three or four months is too indefinite, and all such qualifying expressions are objectionable.

QUERE XIV. *Proof of Service.*

In a case where the name of the applicant is not found on the records of the Department, he must prove his service by two credible witnesses, who are required to set forth in their affidavits the time of the claimant's entering the service, and the time and manner of his leaving the same, as well as the regiment, company, and line to which he belonged. The magistrate who may administer the oaths must certify in the credibility of the witnesses, and the affidavits must be properly authenticated, as above directed.

QUERE XVI. *Mode of authenticating papers.*

In every instance where the certificate of the certifying officer who authenticated the papers is not written on the same sheet of paper which contains the affidavit, or other paper authenticated, the certificate must be attached thereto by a piece of tape or narrow ribbon, the end of which must pass under the seal of office of the certifying officer, so as to prevent any paper from being improperly attached to the certificate.

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State of New York
Washington County ss

Personally appeared before me
the undersigned, first Judge of the County Court of the
County of Washington and State of New York, David
also Surrogate of said County, the said Abner
Casswell, the identical person, well known to
me, who made, subscribed and swore to the
declaration to which this affidavit is affixed
who being duly sworn, deposes and swears that
by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of
memory, he cannot recar positively as to the
precise length of his services, but according to
the best of his recollection, he served not less
than the periods mentioned below and in
the following grades: for the year 1776, I served
five months as a private; for the year 1777
I served one week at the taking of Burgoyne
and five weeks at the taking of Burgoyne
as a private; for the year 1778, I served two
months as a private; for the year 1780, I
served five months and one half months as
a private; for the year 1781, I served as a
sergeant, three months; for the year 1782
I served as a sergeant, three months. For
such services I claim a pension.

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Abner Casswell

Washington County, ss I John Willard Surrogate
of the said County do certify that the said
Abner Casswell, to me well known, appeared before
me in open Court & made oath to the truth of the
foregoing affidavit - he intended whereof I have
hearts set my hand & seal of office
this 19th day of November 1832, and I
have also affixed a like seal at the
intercession of the tpe, binding this affi-
davit to the said declaration -
John Willard, Surrogate

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4157 Aldrich Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minn.

Jan. 25, 1920.

Commissioner of Pensions,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,-

Have you in your office any record of the military service in the Revolutionary War of one Abner Carwell, who entered the service from Gales, Washington Co., New York?

Thanking you for any information in this matter,

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. J. J. Lewis



1314 CORDON STREET,
Washington, D. C.

May 27, 1895.

To the Hon. Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I wish to obtain a transcript of the record on which Abner
Carewell, probably a relative of mine, was granted a Revolutionary
pension. His name appears in the Pension List published in 1855,
Vol. 2, p. 445, as a resident of Washington County, New York. He
served as private and sergeant in the Massachusetts militia. His
pension was granted Nov. 29, 1832, when he was 78 years old.

It will greatly oblige me if you can furnish me such parts of
his record as describe his term of service and especially the men
with whom he served.

Very respectfully,

Frank Butler