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Pittsburgh

David Cars

of Huron Co in the State of

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by Captain Sherwood of the

by Colonel Gates in the

line, for the term of two years

from 1 October 1781 to

Inscribed on the roll of Ohio Pitts

at the rate of Eight

commence on the 4th day of

Certificate of Pension issued the 13

1830 and sent to

Barber Hiram of

Arrears to 4th of March 1830

Semi-ann'l all'ce ending 4 Sept

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Ohio 20-270

Pittsburgh Agency

David Carswell

of Huron Co in the State of Ohio,
who was a private in the Company commanded
by Captain Sherwood of the Regiment commanded
by Colonel Dubois in the New York
line, for the term of five years,
from 1 October 1782 to 1782

Enrolled on the roll of Ohio Pittsburgh Agency
at the rate of Eight Dollars per month, to
commence on the 4th day of January 1833

Certificate of Pension issued the 13th day of December
1833 and sent to Hon. M. Bartley, House of Reps.

Arrears to 4th of March 1836 $207.03
semi-ann'l all'ce ending 4 September 48

$257.03

{Revolutionary Claim,
Act of March 18, 1818,
and May 1, 1828.}
A. C. May 10, 1838

Rec: Bick B.
Bal: 2. 4b. 118

Lett to Hon. R. H. Hunter, Jan 24 1838. Copies of papers sent to Senate Feb 24 1838
Lett to J. B. Ingersoll July 29 '48

Elisand Barnwell

Rejected

Petition having slept nine months on Continuance Docket without

Case reconsidered by the Assembly & Bill passed in his favour 24th March 1820

Capt. Skinner

Exchange list of Prisoners

2 June 30. 1818

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27 Apr 1818

State of New York
Washington County } 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 esq. 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 & subscribe
to the facts contained in the following Deposition
in order to obtain the Provision made by the State
act of Congress entitled An Act to provide for certain
persons engaged in the land or naval service
of the United States in the revolutionary War
and the said David Caswell also produced and Colonel
Adiel Sherwood of the County of Washington as a witness to
prove his claim for services under said act who
also being by me duly sworn testified to the facts
contained in the Deposition following subscribed by
their names

Henry C Martindale

(No 21)

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 in 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, served for
three months, as a private in Captain Adiel Sher-
woods Company in Colonel Livingston's Regiment under

the command of Colonel Lewis Graham Lieutenant
Colonel Livingston. but the Levies in which this
Deponent was enrolled were raised as this 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 prisoner
at Fort Ann together with Captain Sherwood
& his Company, by the enemy commanded by Major
Carleton with about 1150 men - that after the
taking of Fort Ann the enemy proceeded to
Fort George where that, carrying with them this
Deponent and the residue of the prisoners taken
at Fort Ann - from Fort George we were taken
into Montreal and there put into close confine-
ment that in June following this Deponent
effected his escape from the prison at Montreal,
but that he was retaken & by air conveyed back
to prison at Montreal in about a fortnight after
he was Loaded with irons, which
he was compelled to wear for six months, that he
this Deponent was then removed from the prison
at Montreal onto Prison Island at Coteau du
Lac 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 paroled and returned home to Northampton County where he resided till Solemn that this Deponent was held to his parole until the close of the War when he the residue of the said [illegible] - That this Deponent was a prisoner as aforesaid for one year & eight months, during which time he suffered all the hardships & offering 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 & in a great degree so to destroy their usefulness 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 have given offers the evidence of Captains Adiel Sherwood & Isaac Guy to prove his claim for said services being the best evidence now in his power to give -

Sworn to & declared before me this day and year aforesaid
Henry Gillingham one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Northampton

David Cornwell

No 3

State of New York
Washington County ss. Adiel Sherwood of the town of Kingsbury in the County of Washington State of New York being duly sworn doth depose & say that in July in the year 1780 he this Deponent received a Captains Commission from the State of New York, to take the command of a Company of Men raised in said State to reinforce the army of the United States, that the said Corps were raised by virtue of a requisition of the government of the United States requiring this State to furnish a proportionable number of troops to reinforce the army of the United States on the frontiers, that Lewis Graham was Colonel of the regiment to which his Company belonged, Lieutenant Colonel Living Van Schaick, Major John Wood, Captain Cornelius Van Dyck, that David Caswell mentioned in the foregoing Deposition was a private in his Company and one of the Levies ~~states~~ ~~entered~~ into Service ~~or~~ in the manner & for the objects above stated for three months that this Deponent together with said Caswell and the residue of his Company were taken prisoners at Fort Anne on the tenth day of October ~~1780~~ as mentioned in the aforesaid Deposition and this Deponent saith that the facts related & set forth in the said Deposition by said Caswell touching his entering the Service his employ in and the time & manner of his entering therein and all the facts therein ~~set forth~~ are true to

the last of the Revolutionary Philip
that he was the company of the Regiment Dragoons
at different times and served all tours to this
Parole until the close of the war in 1783. when
they were discharged [illegible]
[illegible] transmitted his commission & other papers
to Genl. to the War Department as witness
of his been claims to the benefit of the aforesaid
act [illegible] Inspection of his Pedigree
for further evidence in this behalf —

Sworn and subscribed before
me this 27th day of April
1818.

Abel Shorrock

[illegible]
Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of
the County of Washington

State of Ohio
Washington County } Henry C. Mortindale Judge &c as aforesaid
do certify that it appears to my satisfaction that
the said Daniel Cuswell did serve in the revolutionary war as stated in the preceding declaration
against the Common Enemy and I do now transmit
the proceedings of this in my letter of the date before me
with a view for the department of War pursuant
to the direction of the aforementioned act of Congress
this twenty seventh day of April 1818.

Henry C. Mortindale

State of Maryland
Washington County ss: I, Daniel Shepherd, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of the County aforesaid do hereby certify under the seal of the said Court that Benjamin Martindale, Esquire, whose name is subscribed to the foregoing affidavit, was on the day the same bears date, duly elected one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in said County, and that I am acquainted with the handwriting of the said Judge and believe that the signature to the said affidavit & certificate are genuine and signed by the said Judge. Witness my hand and the seal of the said Court this [illegible] day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and [illegible]

Daniel Shepherd

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Office of Pensions

Martha Carswell

widow of David Carswell

who served in the Revolutionary

war, as a Private

Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of

50 Dollars

Cents per annum, to commence on

the 4th day of March, 1848.

Certificate of Pension issued the

23 day of March 1849

and sent to

Wm. H. Mills

Steubenville Ohio

Recorded on Roll of Pensioners and

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State of Ohio
Cayuga County ss Personally appeared before me Ezra Paine a Justice of the Peace of the County aforesaid James Simcox who being duly sworn deposeth & saith he is now upwards of ninety years Old that he is the Brother of Martha Carswell the widow of the late David Carswell late a pensioner deceased that he was present in the Town of White Creek (now Salem) in the County of Washington State of New York at the marriage between the said David & Martha celebrated by Nicholas Cleveland upon time in the month of April 1788 being a day not recollected which was performed by the Rev James Dunlap that they afterwards lived together as husband & wife that he does not know that any Civil record was Rec.d of said Marriage and that he does not know of any one now living but himself & my Sister the widow aforesaid & the wife of the same as to be competent to testify

Subscribed and Sworn before me
this 7th Day of January 1866 James Simcox
Ezra Paine Justice of the Peace

January 24th 1866 Came Jonathan the Son who subscribed the foregoing affidavit before me and make oath that the facts and circumstances in the month of April 1788 being not mentioned or related in the sixth & tenth lines of the affidavit are true as he believes

Subscribed and Sworn before me
Ezra Paine Justice of the Peace James Simcox

State of New York
Cayuga County Clerk's Office } I Philip Van Arsdale
Clerk of Cayuga County do hereby certify that Lyman Paine Esq by
before whom the foregoing affidavit
was taken and sworn was at the
time of taking the same a Justice
of the peace in and for the said County duly
elected and sworn And that the foregoing
is his genuine signature In testimony
whereof I have hereunto affixed the seal of
the said County and subscribed my name
this Seventh day of January A.D. 1846

Philip Van Arsdale Clerk

Mr L M Rood Esq
Sir
In compliance to the
request of your friend Clitherow Cook of Ohio I have
taken your affidavit enclosed of Lewis Simpson the
Brother of Mr Cooke were another person

Auburn Jan 7th 1846 W Johnson

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State of Ohio
Erie County } ss.

On this the Eleventh day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty five personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Abel Cornwell a resident of Sandusky City in the County aforesaid aged Seventy six years in the month of September A.D. 1845 who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the act of Congress granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary war - that she is the widow of David Cornwell deceased who served as a private in Captain Mc Mullen's company of Colonel Dubois Regiment in the army of the Revolution and who pursuant to his decease was in the receipt of a revolutionary pension for his said services - that she is now nearly seventy six years of age that she was married to the said David Cornwell on the twelfth day of March in the year 1789 at the Town of Salem in the State of New York that she has resided at Sandusky City aforesaid since the year 1823 she having resided there prior

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To the Court of the permanent residence of the widow at the same place that proves to be residence at Sandusky City she resides in the State of New York. She further declares that her husband the said David died on the 28th day of February AD 1844 and that she is still a widow.

Martha Carswell

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty five. Francis Powers

Justice of the Peace Erie County Ohio

I hereby certify that the above declarant Martha Carswell is personally known to me and that she is the same individual she represents herself to be in the above affidavit

Francis Powers Jus.

State of Ohio }
Erie County } ss

Personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the county aforesaid Wm H. Miles of Sandusky City in the county aforesaid who being first duly sworn deposes and says - that he was well acquainted with David Carswell deceased during

in his lifetime, that for some time previous to his death he was in the receipt of a Revolutionary pension, that he was acquainted with the above applicant Martha Carswell, who is known to him to be the widow of the said David, that he has frequently seen the family Bible in the possession of the said Martha which is recorded the marriage of the said David and Martha in the handwriting of the said David as having occurred at the time and place specified in the above declaration and further saith not.

Wm H. Mills

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day, 1843. David Pace, Justice of Peace

State of Ohio }
Erie County }

Personally appeared before the undersigned a notary of the Peace in and for the county aforesaid William H. Wilcoxson who being first duly sworn deposes and says that he is the son of David and Martha Carswell, that the above applicant is the widow of David Carswell a revolutionary soldier and during his life time a pensioner. That his mother at such time was in possession of the family record of them of the marriage of the said David and Martha further saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed this 12th day of [illegible] 1848
Before me [illegible]

State of Ohio
Erie County } Personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in & for the County aforesaid Elisha Cooke of Sandusky City in said Erie County & he being first duly sworn deposes and says - That for the last thirty four years he has been well acquainted with the within named David Barnett and Martha Barnett late his wife, now his widow. That the said David Barnett died for more than twenty years prior to his death & he further deponent saith not.

E. Cooke

Sworn & subscribed before me this 11th day of August, 1845.

[illegible] Justice of the Peace

State of Ohio, Erie County ss. Clerks Office, Sandusky, August 11th A.D. 1845. I Rice Harper Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in & for said County do certify that David Powers Esquire is a qualified Magistrate as designated in the foregoing affidavit & that the signature thereto is his genuine. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & official seal the day & year above written.

Rice Harper Clerk

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Family Record.

BIRTHS.	BIRTHS.
David Barnett born [illegible] March 8th 1793	Eliza Ann Hollister born [illegible] 20th June 1818
Martha Stephenson born Salem Columbiana Sept. 6th 1794	William Henry Barnett born [illegible] 12th January 1823
Martha Barnett born 6th May 1796	Thomas Burke Miller born Lancaster Fairfield Co. Ohio 13th December 1840
Esther Barnett born 16th April 1798	Henry Grant Barnett Merry born Lancaster Ohio 24th December A.D. 1843
William Henry Barnett born 5th January 1800	
James C. Hunt born Mabble Hollister Lancaster Mar. 8th 1810	

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Family Record.

MARRIAGES.	MARRIAGES.
[illegible] Merrill married to Martha Hazeltine [illegible] March 1847	[illegible] married to [illegible] Merrill at Salem, Mass. [illegible] 1848
	W. H. Mell Merrill to Caroline M. Hood married by Mr. Jenny 5 1858

I hereby certify that I have this day examined the family record of the family of David and Martha Candler, recorded in the Bible belonging to Mrs. Martha Candler, and find the following record to be a correct copy.

David Candler married to Martha Simpson at Salem N.J. 19th March 1779.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my notarial seal of office this 11th day of August A.D. 1848

Samuel Adams Notary Public

State of New York
Washington County } Be it remembered that on the 27 day of August in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and twenty two David Carswell of the town of Fort Edward in the County of Washington appeared in the court of common Pleas of the County of Washington in Open court the same being a court of record proceeding according to the Course of the common law & established as such by the constitution & laws of this State keeping a record of its proceedings & having a Seal and took and subscribed and produced to the said court the following Oath

"David Carswell do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the united States on the Eighteenth day of March One thousand Eight hundred and Eighteen and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby to be diminished or do 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 Eighteenth day of March one thousand Eight hundred and Eighteen And that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

David Carswell

Sworn in Open Court
this 28th August 1822

M. L. Dancy Clk

Schedule of the whole estate and income of David Carswell
of the town of Fort Edward in the county of Washington
the necessary clothing & bedding excepted.
One hundred acres of land being part of lot
Number twenty one of the township of Hartland in
the Military tract in the county of Genesee at $2 per acre 200.00

There is a Mortgage on the said One hundred
acres given to secure the payment of two
hundred & eight thirty nine dollars given on the 7th
August 1820 & payable in four years from date
with Interest & on which there is due 28th April 1822 263.09

I have no income other than my daily labour I have
no children able to support me nor any other person to
support me. I am fifty Eight years old & am infirm & not
able to labor David Carswell

I Matthew D. Dawson Clerk of the court of common Pleas
of the County of Washington do hereby certify
that the foregoing oath and the schedule thereto
annexed are truly copied from the records of
the said court and I do further certify that it is the opinion
of the said court that the total amount in value of the property
therein contained in the aforesaid schedule is Two hundred
Dollars. In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed the seal of the said court on this Eighth
day of November 1822 M. D. Dawson

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O. M. & N. Division.

S.E. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Bureau of Pensions,

Washington, D.C. February 12, 1919.

Sir:-

In reply to your request for a statement of the military history of **SERVIS CARSNEBB**, a soldier of the REVOLUTIONARY WAR, you will find below the desired information as contained in the widow's application for pension on file in this Bureau.

Date of Enlistment or Appointment.	Length of Service.	Rank.	OFFICERS UNDER WHOM SERVICE WAS RENDERED		Rank.
			Captain.		

October 8, 1780, enlisted for three months on a journey in Captain Tennison's Co., Col. Louis Drake's 4th Ore Regt.; Oct. 19, 1780, taken prisoner at Fort Ann by the British and Indians and held as a prisoner until June 19, 1781, when he was allowed to return home.

Battles engaged in, None.

Residence of soldier at enlistment, Salem, N.Y.

Date of application for pension, [redacted] Apr 27, 1818

Residence at date of application, Fort Edward, N.Y.

Age at date of application, Fifty-three years.

Remarks: He married Martha Hopper, March 14, 1769, and died February 26, 1844.

Very respectfully,

Jay Dunn, Jr.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Commissioner.

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1890
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WIDOW, &c.

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(Arrangement of 1890.)

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V No 12,175

Martha Carson

Rec'd by Mr. O. Hayward
Apl. 16. 1811

to J. B. Hyde Apl. 15. 1845

Respective heirs Dec. 1849

Act 7 July 1838.

David Carswell
was taken prisoner
during the Revolution
and was sent
to Quebec, and on
his return, was
granted a pension
by the Government

W. E. C. Moorhead

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Mr.

METROPOLITAN CLUB HENRY & CHESTNUT NO.

My dear Filer.

This is the best data my friend can give. He wishes to join the Society of the Sons of the Rev.

Will you be kind enough to look into the matter for him

Yours, & Obliged

[illegible]

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Rejd.
Ack'd & Regd. pl's 21

Che. 11
Martha

widow of David Ca

who was a Sergeant

in the Revolution

Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of
80 Dollars
Cents per annum, to commence on
the ~~4th day of March, 1843.~~ 26th
February 1864, when the name was dropped

Certificate of Pension issued th
30 day of January
and sent to Hon. E. Cooke of Ohio.
New present.

[Act of March 3, 1843]
9 June 17, 1864

Recorded in Book A
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Letter Carroll
of Ohio
Clerk and Agency
Act July 2 1848

B. P. Chapman

Martha Carswell of Ohio Co. Va. widow of
Act of July 2nd 1848
B. B. Chapman

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Martha Barnell
Widow of David
Barnell —
Proper am. com-
menced Feb 26. 1844
ceased June 17. 1844
[Enter this on Index
ceased June 17. 1844]

Ohio Role
married 12 March 1769
husband died 26 Feb. 1844

Cert. to the Hon.ble
E. Cooke, of Ohio
now present

In the spring of the year 1776 Congress requested of the State of Vermont to raise a number of Men to reinforce the Army of the United States. The Council of Adjustment met at Bennington on Friday following and appointed the officers in different parts of the State to command said Men. Elect Allen was appointed Capt. Ezekiel Robinson Lieut. and Cornelius Dillman Ensign of the Company to which I belonged. The Lieutenant was sent to Bennington after each Step to furnish us. Now I felt to my Brethren till to go for one Step the company was filled and Mustered at N. Haven and made a part of Col. Warner's Regt. as will appear by a certificate given by the Secretary of this State and lodged with my papers at Bennington.

Some time after this my Father was taken sick and it became necessary that my Brother should return home & assist to gather in his Grain but Lieut. Robinson kept and enlisted myself in his place.

On the Morning of the 2d October which was recommended by a Party of the enemy under the command of Major Carleton the Party consisted of about 400 the Lunatics together 30 of the remainder made up of Savages and Tories, more than Savages we had not any the least state of defence and we were compelled to encounter plainly one of us to a number. We were pursued through the country they burning and destroying every thing in their way. Had George Town they had a canoe but not succeeded in taking the Fort. Their added to our number of Sufferers for want of Boats the pursuers with the main part of the enemy were sent by land round Lake George this provided a tedious March thro' Rough Mountains with our arms pursuit and without provision. The enemy depended on finding provision in the Fort they were there of taking but happened at that time there was no provision in either. We received one Biscuit each on Thursday Morning on leaving St. George which was all we had for our support until we arrived at Ticonderoga on Sunday evening after dark being four Days getting round the Lake.

for our arriving at Sorel we were returned once to a
new guard ~~sub~~ commanded by a British man by the name of George
who treated us with much humanity we were marched into one
of the old Redoubts surrounded with Bayonets and Sentries
nearly as high as our heads there ordered to set down telling
us at the same time that we were too well used for which
giving short orders at the same time of any one of us
not liberty from the guard to shoot him dead. Here in this
situation we received half a pound of pork and two Biscuit
each the first we had any thing to eat after leaving St George
four days before. Same were so impatient as to devour the great
est part of their allowance immediately which nearly cost
their lives we were much fatigued with our March which seem
ed great thirst and being all soft footed we really
thought we made of iron. Death and a sense of agony not to be
described the last sight of water during the march although
we lay within sight of the St. the orders given to the guard
were strictly that not a man must leave his post to give
us water of our friends. Shortly after we got relief a Lieutenant
officer came to inspect the guard and inquiring into the cause
of our distress ordered the guard immediately to furnish us with
water and do all in their power to make us comfortable using
great indignation against the officer of the guard and the
treatment we had received in the morning we were taken out
one the Indians supplied to some fowls and select out 25
as their share of the prisoners being left in the whole
it fell to my lot to be one chosen by the Indians and by them
carried to Montreal. I was with the Indians about two weeks
they used, better than I had fared before but before we entered
the town of Montreal they stripped me of the most of our clothing
giving me in exchange old blanket coat old hat or cap
and other clothing of little value the same then carried to the
commissary of prisoners and delivered over to the British
who confined us in an old church under a strong guard of
Upward.

It was on Friday in the afternoon we were put off and the
Prisoners the night before had got plenty of Rum and became
drunk, which prevented either for themselves or the prisoners
for we had not eat anything that day and owing to the wet
state of the Cartridges we could not shoot anything except Water until
Monday afternoon we then killed some fresh Beef and Bread
performing most the same time it was a Summer for five
days we thought a sparing Meal to allay the hunger
of forty six Half starved men yet we determined to make the
best of it for at the worst to complain to some force to
make our first Meal of this Meat was we had but one old
Knife and no cooking utensil of any kind The next day
we obtained from one of the Ships that sailed in an other part
of this same Building a frying pan this with one old Knife
serving for dressing our Meat for about three weeks
when the rest of the prisoners and those that we left with
the British at Separations were taken and were put
with them into a Stone Building called the Long House
for six three Miles below the Town the enemy had
invaded our province but still remained at Fort Ed
a Central Place of Rendezvous for Armies We were now three
months past in this Building it being 100 feet long
and 18 wide a thing resembling high without any partitions
the whole we entered were given out to rest a Blanket
floor was laid and it fell to my lot to be placed at one
end of this loft which was as before spoke the whole length of
the Building there was a Stove with fire place at each
end of this long room and forty six prisoners placed
at each Stove in this manner one Stove was kept
for sick but little of it by a thing had been taken from
us by the Indians we had before we left the Mission with
nothing during the winter except a Blanket for each Man
which served for our covering by day and our Bed at Night
although we suffered much from cold we suffered still more
from hunger Provisions were said to be scarce we heard
that year their Victualling fleet having been nearly all
taken by the American privateers the Beef

[illegible] of [illegible] and [illegible]
that of [illegible] Rationed but [illegible] to comfort
him to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] name and [illegible] [illegible]
them to believe [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] was a refuge by the [illegible] of [illegible] to
Washington County in the [illegible] who had joined the
Army of [illegible] and went to [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
that he wants [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
to be in [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
through the winter reduced us so much we were hardly
able to walk in this situation many became debilitated
and to get [illegible] from this perishing situation entitled
into the Kings service under Refugee officers this fond
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible] determined
not abandon their [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] life remained
early in the [illegible] following [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
with provision after this [illegible] [illegible] something [illegible]
about the 10th June five other with myself effected
our escape in the dark of the evening we got past
the guards [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
then proceeded [illegible] along the bank of the River till
we found a canoe we broke the lock and found our
[illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
before [illegible] [illegible] we then went into a [illegible]
and slept through the day the next night we
travelled on untill we reached the River the next we
found a canoe crossed the River and reached the
woods East of the River before the Inhabitants
were out in the Morning the now began to feel
ourselves safe and had strong hopes of seeing home
but we afterwards found ourselves much disappointed
as after being out five days and having good
success in travelling on the woods we fell in with
a party of [illegible] [illegible] where we could not escape

They took us from our home in very cruel manner and tied us
back to one of their canoes to drag them down a rapid made
a place down the Mississippi and we with the rest of
our stuff this was a powerful shock we came being tied
first behind and could scarcely note the most in much pain
when we got to Sorrell we were put in irons and placed in
a dark southern prison something with no comfort to this
situation we remained some days when we were taken
out put on board a Boat and carried up the St Lawrence
to Montreal and delivered to the Rebels formed and kept
in the same jail where their Commander was confined
There we found a number of Yellow suffer who like us
were in irons but attempted to make their escape and many within
When we were put into this Solitary place with irons
were taken off and strange to us put upon me by those
were brethren of our all the St Lawrence confined for our
Remain in this situation a ~~time~~ ~~taken~~ remained the most
the summer and until late in the fall when our irons
were taken off and we were put with the rest of our comrades
that had been confined in and all the summer
all remained up the St Lawrence about fifty miles from
where Montreal and put upon an Island where they had
prepared during the past summer a place for us to
keep us there a small Island about the width of a
River at the head of a Rapid where the water broke
on both sides very rough and swift and could not
winter we could be found on that all country we were
left in this place under a guard of Indians that had the
day they treated us with much inhumanity by their cruelty
and also depriving us of the Necessaries which by the
government fitted by this time Winter almost was
was forced to keep the winter with little other clothing than
a blanket and pair of trowsers made from an old blanket
I had neither shoes nor stockings of any kind in this situation
I did every thing in my power to keep up my spirits but
my long confinement the cold I suffered and living on salted
provisions brought on the scurvy My feet and legs and up
to my body became much swelled the flesh became black and
and seemed nearly rotted My spirits became low and a
hankering in my flesh was my whole body from waste

I found myself in the same. That many of my fellow sufferers had been before me with the same kind of mind felt to them, cannot tide that although I did not give up all hope of myself although I was able to walk but very little yet, I exercised all the strength I was master of and with the help of some fellowship kind fellows I should away for the of some fellowship kind fellows I should away for my deliverance I was then that be suffering I had endured one whole year and eight months. At the time of the first exchange of prisoners took place at Richmond were regretted by the Stokes Regiment that with some exceptions they by this arrangement the Prisoners were turned on the Parole of all the Prisoners belonging to the with as many Rations of Provisions from the state allowed before there a part of these Prisoners were confined in the same tobacco house I was and when the officer came to call the roll the name of Caldwell was mistaken for mine & I was forthwith exchanged in place of my fellow sufferer although I belonged to the State of North Carolina a general exchange of prisoners took place in October following & I was one of the men brought from the Island down the River to Aiken's opposite Richmond where I remained until the Saturday following when I had a Rebel Guard that escorted a guard with a flag to Aikenborough and from there to Cattletown in Vermont where the exchange was notified by Major Mason the commanding officer of the Rebel Prisoners all called and the Prisoners all right except the Mistake I have before mentioned in place of Caldwell for this place I found I had no clothes and another prisoner a pair of old shoes these together with my old blanket I commenced made the clothing I obtained have on. After being at home my health became better the wounding in a great measure left my limbs the skin however did not resume its natural color in many years I was much troubled with a numbness in the flesh and stiffness in my joints and when I happened to set my feet or otherwise to take cold these complaints troubled me much and generally attended with great pain like severe rheumatism that hindered me much to labour but a small portion of my time

I thought it was not in my power to do much for them, I had
no means in my power to obtain an honest living
My Father had done as much as his abilities would admit
in support of his Children, and he had suffered much by
the depredations of Government Money and being poor, with
a wife & large family of twelve children to support
being several times obliged to assume his family and
with the enemy when the enemy invaded the country
frontier and being himself and his dear wife and sixteen
children besides forbidding by their money a portion of the
attending charges in his Lameness & Commutation and
it was out of his power to give me much assistance. But
by attending closely to my business I was able to support the
when my health would any way allow it I found a sufficient
support for my self and family that became the principal
of which the Gout in 2 years time taken hold of me with
a severity as I have had not brought on by life
was despaired of by my physicians and all who attended
upon me. Moreover fortune seemed to shun me & the
longer the more I should be against fate in health. But
my Limbs that had been so much injured by the Gout
became worse and without putting the Physicians skill
in their power I had without effect at last they seemed
me to be cured and put into a carriage and I was under
ally in the Air. Moreover accordingly they had recovered
me but I should detain you the Reader should I attempt
himself about my travels the Journey and my was hurried
by the fatal Consequence back to the same Road I had left
in a much worse situation than when I was carried out. The
Doctors informed me at the same time that I was so crippled
and so much injured by the fatal that I should be unfortunate
to attempt putting the Journey to their place for the relation
I propose remained with me until the Money at length
my pain abated the Circulation of Blood in my limbs became
better and after being confined about two years I became
able to walk short distances with a Staff. My little profit
was all spent and I found myself much in debt my Credit
has been favorable there with whom I have lived has treated
me with great hospitality and by their goodness I have
kept out of jail and from being Lodged in a Poor House

I had not thought of calling on government for aid so
while I was in any way capable of supporting myself I
refrained at the growing poverty of my country and still
my pride hoping that I had done every thing in my power
in the noble cause of gaining our independence
~~I was~~ I was young when the war closed & unprepared
with any business or profession and his papers were
all lost and he could make no return and made no fur-
ther inquiry. Afterwards when I became reduced to extreme
poverty and suffering on the bounty fund and suffering I
felt unwilling in depicting my country during the flourishing
situation in my country ~~was on~~ but I rested it with full trust
was without an application humbly hoping I could not
but have claiming I for that I should yet have opportu-
nity of making my case known and receiving a share
of that bounty or liberality bestowed on others. When the
law passed for granting pensions to the officers on
state pay at the revolution I supposed the happy time
had arrived I procured the the affidavits of Capt Tha-
cher and others but when made out in regular form
and sent on to the secretary at War Capt Thacher's
memory had betrayed him but a fatal mistake he
represented the pay to belong to Col. Gerrhome Rey-
nolds of Col Dearborn's Reg. his papers were rejected and
that back as not belonging to the continental line
Lieutenant Roberts made a similar claim in the same way
and was rejected for the same reason. In the winter
of 1823 Lieut Roberts in some one for days in search
ing in the Secretaries office found a small Book
that had been mislaid in this Book he found the
law for paying the services the meeting of the Coun-
cil at Kingston and appointing the officers as
I have before related. He procured a certificate from
the Secretary and made a new application and his
pension was granted him from the time of his
first application. He wrote to me informing me
of his success

On receiving the information from Mr Burch I
[illegible] Mr Strange [illegible] and he promised
me a bill against [illegible] got a draft out of Parliament
got out in three days & Mr Alexander corrected the
mistake he had been made, and fully explained his
[illegible] Judge Pitcher took charge of my affairs and in
the fall 1833 when he went to the Congress I delivered them
at the war office. The secretary commenced them some doubts
arose in his mind of the time of service I had not served
nine months before I was taken prisoner he took some time
to consider the case & spoke to Mr Pitcher that Greenville
was not a case of merit but the 8th section gave
to the time by Congress in 1832 was such that had doubts of
entitling me to the Pension bill and recommended the
[illegible] application to Congress at this session
to Mr Wallace & Mr Alexander. Mr Wallace
said in 1834 he wished him to give any opinion on his
power he afterwards wrote to me that I had better get
a Petition prepared as the secretary had recommended
for want of it he was not he would attend to it and
thought it would be likely to succeed. The Petition was
delayed some time until the session was far advanced
by reason of his not being able to find any [illegible] at the
war office. The Petition went to the committee of claims
who reported unfavorably I wrote to Mr Horton
[illegible] before he went to Congress last fall the impression
was that it was so late when the committee reported that he
had not opportunity of doing any thing more about it
that session but he expected to take it up again and
he would try to do something for me during this session
Since that time I have heard no more about it

David Cornell

Letters were directed in the Pension Office to all the Widows of the Revolutionary Soldiers, but some had their letters returned for want of proper information where they may be found

Found
Petition
Pension
of Sufferers
the Revolution
the Army

Respectfully
Filed

Respectfully
Provided for

Respectfully
See letter of

Speaker

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State of New York
Washington County ss

I Ezekiel Roberts of the town of Hampton in the County of Washington & State of New York being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he was a Lieutenant in Captain Abel Stevens Company in the Revolutionary War in the Continental Establishment in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Lewis Dubois of the State of New York And that David Ewers of the town of Salem in said County was a Soldier in the aforesaid Company and taken a Prisoner with this Deponent on the 10th day of October in the year 1780 at Fortham and came with me to Montreal in the province of Canada and was there & there detained a close prisoner for more than twelve months by the enemy and further this Deponent saith not

Dated the 21st day May 1832

Ezekiel Roberts

Sworn before me the 21st
day May 1832
Nath[l] Hall Just Peace

State of New York
County of Washington ss

I Nathaniel Hall, the above-named Justice of the Peace, do hereby certify — that I am personally acquainted with Ezekiel Roberts, the deponent whose name is subscribed to the above affidavit, and I am fully satisfied that he is a man of truth and veracity.

Dated ut supra

Nathaniel Hall Just Peace

Affd.
David Carswell's
Petition for a
Pension on account
of sufferings during
the Revl War in
the Army of the U.S.

Decr 10 - 1828

Affd. Oct 16 - 1828

April 1 - 1826

Services proved by Bill reported

Dec 20 1828

Decr 10 1829

see letter Sept. 30 1830 to J. Cole

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Soldiers ~~No~~ Mility Pensions

State of New York

Washington County ss: Judicial Proceedings of the Town of Pittsfield in the County of Washington and State aforesaid being duly sworn saith that on or about the first of July 1780 he was commissioned a Captain in a Regiment of the New York Levies raised to reinforce the Armies of the United States Commanded by Colonel Lewis Dubois as he has been informed and believes truly. But he did not join until lately and has no minutes stated in his Commission and other documents that he belonged to the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Marinus Graham. But it appears by the Rosters and Rolls of this State that the Regiment to which he was attached was Commanded by Colonel Lewis Dubois and this deponent believes that the fact is as above last stated. And this deponent further saith that immediately after being Commissioned as aforesaid he was stationed at a Block house at Fort Ann and shortly after David Cardwell was brought in as a Spy and joined his said Company at the station aforesaid, and remained there with this deponent until the fourth of October 1780 aforesaid, when this deponent and the said David Cardwell with the whole Garrison were taken prisoners by the British and Indians and carried to Montreal in the Province of Lower Canada. And there detained Prisoner more than one year and further this deponent saith not.

Neil Sherwood
Late Capt.

Sworn this 24th day of August 1832 before me Reuben Murphy Commissioner to perform the duties of a Judge of the Supreme Court of the State of New York

State of New York
Washington County ss: On this twenty eighth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty two before me Anthony Blanchard justice of the peace of the Town of Fort Edward in the County of Washington and State of New York personally appeared David Cornwell resident in the Town of Fort Edward in the County & State aforesaid & being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the pension made by the 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" that on or about the first of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty three this deponent enlisted into Capt Adial Thurwood's Company Colonel Lewis Dubois Regiment of New York troops, that the said Lewis Dubois Regiment was then informed and believes was on the Continental establishment & on the New York line, that on the tenth day of October in the same year this deponent and the whole regiment set forth to relieve this deponent & regiment were taken prisoners by the British and carried to Montreal, that this deponent was detained as a prisoner as aforesaid till the tenth day of June one thousand seven hundred & eighty three, that the principal part of the time this deponent was confined in close jail and from June to December 1783 this deponent was imposed in irons in the Provost, and this deponent saith that he has not recovered from the effect of the said imprisonment, that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other income now in his power of his said support except the depositions herein annexed.

Sworn this 28th day of August 1822 Before me Anthony Blanchard

David Cornwell

First Judge of Washington Comty Pleas State of New York

Mother of David
Cornwell, prisoner
appeared -

[illegible]

[illegible]

Rejected

[illegible]

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State of New York
Washington County } John Guy of the town of
Cambridge in the County of Washington
being duly sworn, on his Defence says, that he is
Sixty one years old. That he resided in the
service of the United States at Boston in the
said County in the Spring of the year 1780 as
one of the New York troops and was a
Private in the Company of Captain Abel
Reynolds belonging to the Regiment
under the Command of Colonel Lewis Dayton
Lieutenant Colonel Livingston - That he the
Deponent has read the facts stated and set forth
in the annexed affidavits of Lt David Caswell
& Job Fairchild respectively, and that the facts
therein stated to the best of his
Recollection of this Deponent and as
to the best of his Recollection true -
that he knows the said David Caswell
mentioned therein that he was taken prisoner
near Stone Arabia and kept there with the Indians
and Tories in Canada during the time of his
Imprisonment as aforesaid, that he belonged
to the same Company with his Deponent -
that he did not know Shaw with the Red

Death in all the Hardships & suffering endured by him set forth in the said Deposition.
And further Saith not —

Sworn before me the Day & Year aforesaid — in the Certificate hereto annexed mentioned —

Henry C. Whitcomb
One of the Judges of the Washington Com. Pleas

John Grey

I Anthony [illegible]
mon Pleas of the
York do certify
David Leonard
did serve in the
said declaration
transmit the [illegible]
for the deposition
can provided [illegible]

State of New York
Washington County
[illegible]
of the
of the
Clerk
official
seal
1822.
of said
State and did
certify that Whitcomb
[illegible] officer
thereunder written
1822 and likewise
of the Peace for said
the authority of said

I Anthony Blanchard First Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Washington in the State of New York Do Certify that it appears to my Satisfaction that David Lamson named in the declaration hereto annexed did serve in the Revolutionary War as stated in the said declaration against the common Enemy, and I now transmit the Papers in the said case to the Secretary for the department of war pursuant to the act in that case provided Dated 28th day of Aug 1822

Anthony Blanchard
First Judge of the Washington Com. Pleas

State of New York
Washington County } ss. I, Matthew L. Evans Clerk of the court of common Pleas of said county of Washington do certify that Anthony Blanchard Esquire Judge from the first preceding affidavit was sworn to whom the above certificate was made was on the 28th day of August 1822 First Judge of the court of common Pleas of said county duly commissioned and sworn and I do further certify that William Hall Esquire before whom the second preceding affidavit was sworn and by whom the certificate thereunder written was made was on the 31st day of May 1822 and likewise on the 5th day of October 1822 a Justice of the Peace for said county duly qualified and acting under the authority of said State and I do further certify that

Reuben Mussey & Spencer before whom the said prosecuting
officer was sworn was on the 26th day of August 1822
a commissioner appointed to perform the duties of a judge
of the supreme court of the State of New York duly commis-
sioned & sworn and acting under the authority of said
State and the said witness Reuben not being acquainted with
the usual writing of the said Anthony Nathaniel & witness
respectively and do verily believe that the signatures of the
said Anthony Nathaniel & Reuben signed to the respective
affidavits & certificates mentioned in this certificate are the
respective handwritings of the said Anthony Nathaniel &
Reuben. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed the seal of the said court this 8th day of Novem-
ber 1822

Chas. D. Lawrence

State of New York }
Secretary's Office } Albany, 4th May 1822

I, John Cook Spafford Secretary of State for the said State do hereby certify that by the Books of this Office it appears that a Patent Sequestered under the Confiscation and Sequestration Acts of Congressional during the Revolutionary war on the Continental Establishment on the Revenues Commanded by Colonel Aaron Burr, the matter relative to which claim of said Sequestered estate found in this Office, in consequence of an Act imperfect and believed the part of said Sequestered having been taken prisoner and afterwards on Parole beyond the Seas prevented of their Establishment —

Given under my hand and the Seal of this Office this 4th day of May 1822

JOHN COOK SPAFFORD
Secretary of State

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David Carswell's
Petition to
Congress

Mar. 29. 1824
Ref. to Com. Priv. Claims

May 17. 1824
Report ag. to lie

Dec. 27. 1824 - Report

Apl. 27. 1825
Bill reported & c. 283

Granted

Decem. 5, 1828.
Ref. to Comm. on Mil. Affairs

Dec. 16th 1829
Ref. to Com. Mil. Affairs

Capt. Sherwood's Company
Pension 24 rations p. day 187

Martindale

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled —

The Petition of David Caswell of the town of Fort Edward in the County of Washington and State of New York.

Respectfully Sheweth, That your Petitioner entered into the service of the United States on the Continental establishment on the sixth day of October one thousand seven hundred and Eighty under a requisition of the United States upon the State of New York to furnish a certain number of troops to reinforce the army of the United States on the northern frontier — and on the same day joined the company commanded by Capt. Ariel Sherwood in Colonel Lewis Dubois regiment, which company was at that time stationed at Fort-Ann in the State of New York —

That on the tenth day of October one thousand seven hundred and Eighty the said Captain Sherwood and the whole of his company (of whom your Petitioner was one) were taken prisoners by a body of the enemy consisting of about Eleven hundred, commanded by Major Carter — That your Petitioner was delivered to the savages of the party and by them conveyed to Montreal in the province of Lower Canada and there put in close confinement —

That in June following your Petitioner effected his escape from the prison at Montreal and after enduring for six days the extremes of fatigue suffering and privation in the wilderness was retaken by a scouting party of the enemy and again taken to Montreal where he was loaded with irons and again cast into prison in which situation he remained for six months during which time he was severely attacked with the scurvy from which disease unwholesome provisions, bad air, the confinement of his limbs with irons & other cruelties he suffered all that human nature is capable of enduring —

That at the expiration of six months from his re-imprisonment

at Montreal he was removed to Prison Island fifty miles above Montreal where he continued in close confinement until the tenth of June one thousand seven hundred and eighty two when he was released on parole - That during his removal to Prison Island and his confinement at that place he had neither shoes nor stockings & was almost wholly destitute of other clothing enduring the severity of a Canadian winter almost in a state of nakedness -

That your Petitioner was imprisoned as aforesaid for one year and eight months and in consequence of the severity of his treatment the scurvy and other diseases which he contracted from want of fresh air, exercise and wholesome food his constitution became broken down and so materially impaired and affected as greatly to impair the use of his limbs while in fact he finds increasing with his age and that for many years past he has been incapable of bodily labor - That your Petitioner is in reduced & indigent circumstances and stands in great need of the assistance of his Country for support -

And your Petitioner further shewed that fondly hoping that his case came within the provisions of the act of Congress of the 18th March 1818 he from mere wisdom of his enlistment & Services herein before stated & transmitted the same to the war department in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of said act but has the mortification to receive for answer to his application that his case did not come within the provisions of the said act - That being taken prisoner and suffering in captivity for eighteen months did not entitle him to the bounty of his Country granted to the soldiers of the revolution by this said act - That a literal construction had been and would be given to the said act and that nine months actual service was required to entitle to a pension - Your Petitioner is therefore compelled either to spend the residue of his life in wretchedness and want or to apply to your Honorable body and humbly request that you will take

his hard case into consideration and extend to him a share of that bounty which has been so liberally bestowed on the soldiers of the Revolution.

Wherefore Your Petitioner most respectfully solicits that Your Honorable body will on an examination of his case be pleased to grant him some assistance to alleviate his sufferings that he may be enabled to spend the short remaining of his days in the grateful recollection of his Country's liberality munificence and Justice

And your Petitioner will ever pray &c.

David Crockett

pension commence 1 Jan. 1828
at $8 per month
cert. 20 May 1836
Revs. Chas
Pittman Agency

Wm. M. Bartley
H.R.
Dec. 13, 1836

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State of Ohio
Huron County } ss.

Be it known, that before me, Schuyler Van Rensselaer a Justice of the Peace in and for the county aforesaid, personally appeared David Caswell and made oath, in the form of law, that he is the identical David Caswell named in an ~~original certificate in his possession, of which (I certify) the following is a true copy~~ act of Congress passed on the twentieth day of May AD 1830.

~~(Here insert copy of the certificate of pension)~~

that he is entitled to a pension of (*) Eighty dollars per month, on account of wounds and disabilities received, or of services rendered in the United States, during the Revolutionary War; that he served in Captain Ariel Sherwood's company of Ohio in the Potter's regiment; that he now resides in Huron County Ohio and has resided there for the space of Three years past; and that, previous thereto, he resided in Salem Washington County in the State of Vermont.

Sworn and subscribed this 19 day of November 1830 before me.

David Caswell

Schuyler Van Rensselaer J. P.
Oldfield Township Ohio

State of Ohio
Muskingum County } ss

Clerk's Office, Zanesville, this 23d day of May 1820

I, David Gibbs, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County do certify, that Christopher Van Horseleser was in the 22d Lot & still is a bona fide Justice of the Peace in and for said County duly commissioned & that the signature to the within certificates for posting is his, is genuine. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed the seal of said County at Zanesville the day & year above written.

David Gibbs Clerk

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Memorial of David Caldwell - to Congress

To the Honorable the Congress of the United States, in Senate & House of Representatives Convened:

The Memorialist being one of the surviving Soldiers, the revolution and having failed in his application to obtain the relief intended to be granted by the Pension act to the unfortunate and indigent of those class, seeks leave most respectfully to represent, that in the year 1780 Congress passed an act requiring the State of New York to raise a certain number of troops to reinforce the armies of the United States and guard the Northern frontier against the incursions of the enemy; That under that law, the inhabitants, which to been alone of which your Memorialist was one) were classed in each Manner that each Chief furnished one man; The Officers were appointed by Council of appointment of said State to take command of said troops. That your Memorialist turned out and enlisted from the Chief to which he belonged and was thereupon placed in Capt Asiel Sherwood's Company, then stationed at Fort Anne in said State, and Made a part of Col Dubois' Regiment in the Continental Line: That in the Month of October following, the Enemy, sent down from Canada, a large party of troops to ravage and distroy the frontier: That in the prosecution of that object, they surrounded the fort, and compelled us to surrender to their superior force. Your Memorialist with the rest of the troops, was thereupon taken prisoners to Montreal, and there thrown into a Cold desmal prison, where we remained in close confinement, almost perishing with Cold & hunger, during the ensuing winter. Through the following Summer the sufferings of your Memorialist, from the filthy dampness of the prison, from sickness, & from the want of necessary food & medicine, were scarcely less intolerable than those of the winter. In this wretched situation your Memorialist was held in close confinement for nearly two years, until the 10th of June 1782. Six months of the above time your Memorialist lay in irons, for attempting to make his escape. During the whole of this period, confined in a loathsome crowded cell, loaded down with irons, distant from his friends, deprived of wholesome food, oppressed by cruel enemies, and almost despairing of the hope of deliverance, the bodily & mental sufferings of your Memorialist may very truly & correctly be conceived to be, beyond the power of human language to describe; Many of his wretched companions died in prison, being unable to sustain life in such a state of misery & privation. At length, after suffering all the hardships & miseries, that an unfeeling and merciless enemy could inflict, Your Memorialist was fortunately exchanged on the 10th of June 1782 and returned once more to his family & friends, but his return was in health & constitution so completely broken up & impaired, that he could never regain his former strength. His limbs had become so deeply effected and injured by the scurvy, that he has never since been able to perform but very little labor, and for more than twenty years past he has been a cripple and almost helpless. From these causes, and other misfortunes resulting from them, that have attended him, your Memorialist has been defeated in every attempt to acquire a competency with which to rescue his declining years from misery, & compelled through life, to remain in a perpetual state of dependence and want. The above statement of facts is not in the least exaggerated. The papers now on file in the Office of the Secretary of War, among which are the affidavits of the Officers, under whom your memorialist with whom he was taken prisoner (to which he begs leave to refer your honorable body) will fully & amply shew, that the above statement of his captivity & sufferings, of his ruined constitution & consequent inability, (with the utmost economy) to lay up the means necessary to support him in his old age, is strictly true. Unwilling, however,

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to seek relief under the pension act and compelled by increased infirmities and the exhaustion of any other means of support, he delayed a regular application for a pension until 1823 when his application was answered in writing by the then Secretary of War which answer contained a statement that by the rigid construction of the law he is not yet authorized inasmuch as it does not appear that your Memorialist served a month in the Continental line to grant him a pension - but on his conviction of the peculiar hardships & merits of his case & recommending a special application to Congress for relief. Your Memorialist, therefore impelled by absolute want, destitute of the means of subsistence & relying upon the justice & peculiar merits of his case, confidently looks to this last resort to his Country - and most earnestly & respectfully prays you to relieve him, not from Poverty brought upon him by his own Misconduct but from Miseries that have resulted from hardships and sufferings in his Services. The Officers under which your Memorialist served have each applied & received their Pensions. Your Memorialist therefore confiding in the justice & munificence of his Government, humbly prays your honorable body to grant him an annuity during the few remaining years of his life - equal to the amt of the Pension allowed by law to the indigent surviving Soldiers of the Revolution. & as in duty bound your Memorialist will ever pray.

David Barrowell

December 13th 1829

Mr Dana Carroll forwarded to me at the last session of Congress two declarations or sets of papers for claiming a pension, one of which had been presented immediately after the passage of the pension law but had been returned with objections to it, the other set was made out last year when the applicant stated that he enlisted in the continental service was taken prisoner & remained a year or two in Prison. The Secy. of State also certified that the corps in which Mr C served was in the line of Continentals & on presenting this application Mr J. C. Edwards sent me a Pension certificate for Mr C. by direction of Mr Carroll I forwarded with the new papers on getting the certificate. Then I was also to present the old papers for the purpose of getting the retrospective allowance of pension I did so, went to the office of Mr Edwards, stated to him the fact, who told me to return the pension certificate and he would procure a new one embracing the allowance desired. but the next day he wrote me that Mr C was struck from the pension roll that on examining the old papers Mr C had alleged that he had enlisted for three months only was taken prisoner &c. which fact was omitted in the new papers & had been overlooked by Mr Edwards — I then took back the declarations and carried them to the Secy. of War stated to him the

hesitated in Mr C's case and requested the Secy to reexamine and if possible to grant Mr C a certificate – the Secy took them remarked that "a case of great merit" and said if possible he should remove a certificate – in a day or two Mr Calhoun wrote me he had examined the papers, "that according to the letter & spirit of the pension law and the rule of evidence established in that report, Mr Caswell could not be placed on the pension roll – the papers were never returned to me – but most probably are now in the office of the Sec. of War

N Pitchlynn

July 13 1844

Not in the office of Mr Edwards – but in the office of the Sec of War

I have always thought that if the Secy of War would examine Mr C's case considerately and especially from those bearing some female analogy, he would not refuse a certificate – his heart I know is right but the great multiplicity of cases – other pressing cases – have little time to be delivered upon individual cases

State of Ohio
County of Erie } ss

Personally appeared before the undersigned Moses Kimball one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas sitting in and for the County of Erie and in the State of Ohio on this the twenty eighth day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty nine, Martha Landsell, who on first being duly sworn according to law testifieth and saith that she is the widow of David Landsell deceased that he was born on the 6th day of September 1764 that she was married to the said David Landsell on the 12th day of March 1784 that to her knowledge her husband was a soldier of the Revolutionary war that during his life time he made no pension for his revolutionary services that he was a private in the company of Capt Sherwood in the regiment commanded by Col. Dubois. The said David Landsell died on the 26 July 1844.

And this petitioner further says that she has no claim to urge in the prosecution of this petition to the papers already filed by

Sir must your Attorney write every proof ~

Martha Cornwell

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20 day of December A.D. 1845

Moses Farwell
Judge Sup. Court Pleas

This certifies that I Moses Farwell one of the Judges of the Court of Com. Pleas of Cuy county Ohio - am well acquainted with the above named Martha Cornwell. She has been from age and infirmity been confined to her room & is so at the present and at the last session of Court sons to inquire that she could not have appeared in open court to take the above oath against in obtaining pensions

Moses Farwell
Ascot Judge

Sunbury City
Dec. 26. 1845.

The State of Ohio
Erie County ss } I Rice Harper Clerk of the House of Commons
that within and for said County do hereby certify
that the Don Moore Sworn is at this time and
for more than five years last past has been one of
the Aforesaid Judges of the House of Commons House
within and for said County of Erie and State of
Ohio duly Commissioned and qualified at said
time that the Official Signature of the said Moore Sworn to
the other part of this sheet is true and genuine and that full faith
and Credit is due and ought to be given to the official acts
in testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name and
affix the Seal of said House at Cincinnati this 27th day of
December AD 1845 — Rice Harper Clerk

Don Moore Sworn being duly sworn
testifies that the enclosed in the family records
establishing the fact that Jarvis Lindsell
and Martha Dewey were married on the
18th day of March AD 1797 — and he further
testifies that these papers are the original
papers in his house and that they are the
family records —
M Moore Sworn

Sworn to and subscribed this 27th
Dec 1845 before me. Harvey Powers
Notary Public }

State of Ohio
Erie County } ss. On this twenty [illegible] day of February A.D. 1871
personally appeared before me the subscriber a Judge of the Probate Court in and for said County, Martha Carswell a resident of Sandusky City in the County of Erie & State of Ohio aged seventy years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the Act of Congress of the fourth of February 1848, granting pensions to Widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary War.

That she is the Widow of Daniel Carswell who was a Private in Captain Shumard's Company of Colonel Dubois's Regiment in the Army of the Revolution — And that she received a Pension of Eighty dollars per annum under the Act of 17th June 1840.

She further declares that she is not a Widow. Martha Carswell

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written.

Before me
[illegible]

State of Ohio
Erie County } ss. I Rice Harper Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas within and for said County, do hereby certify that John M. Thomas Esqr is at this time a qualified Magistrate, within and for said County of Erie and State of Ohio duly commissioned and qualified as such, and that the official signature of the said John M. Thomas on the other side of this sheet is true and genuine, and that full faith and credit is, and ought to be given to his official acts & testimony whenever I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of said Court at Sandusky City, this Thirteenth (13th) day of December AD 1847.

Rice Harper Clerk

J. L. Edmunds Esqr will please forward my papers to Wm. H. Allen Sandusky City, Erie County, Ohio and oblige

Yours

Sandusky City 13. Decr. 1847. }

Martin Carswell

Mr S. M. Root Auburn June 20th 1841

Dear Sir

Yours of 18th came to hand in due season. You wish I would explain the affidavit of James Simpson with the alteration in the Christian name of his son in which Mark & Sarah were married. I do not remember the precise date of the month it took place. Think it took place in the month of March 1789 Mark & Sarah were married in March & Walter was married on the 20th of May 1789 ~~after~~

Yours &c Walter G. Simpson

War Department
[illegible] 30th [illegible]

Sir,

I have agreeably to your request examined the claim of [illegible] Caldwell [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible]. According to the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] under that act. As he did not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] consistently with the regulations adopted [illegible] the claim. I regret that I cannot [illegible] that Mr Caldwell [illegible] [illegible]. The only [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by an act of Congress.

I am respectfully
Your obed^t Servt
J C Calhoun

Hon. A. [illegible],
House of Rep^s

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War Department
Pension Office
19th March 1854

Sir,

Since the receipt of Mr Pitcher's note a further search has been made for the papers in the case of David Barnwell, and they have been found. They are herewith enclosed. I will thank you to sign the enclosed receipt and return it to me.

I am respectfully
Your Obt Svt
J. L. Edwards

Hon H. C. Marshall,
House of Repts

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Dr Cockburn
Edinburgh
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HR

Sept 17th 1838

Sir

I wish such information as you can furnish concerning the claim of David Caswell to a revolutionary pension. He is an applicant for an arrangement of his pension — and I would be the cause why it has not been granted upon an date or time he was placed on the rolls —

Wm H Winter

Wm L Edwards
Comr Pensions

Feb. 7th 1838

Dear Sir

I wrote some weeks since asking such information as you possessed relative to the claim of Mr David Barnwell of Vernon county Ohio for revolutionary services. Mr Barnwell is now a pensioner but from some cause not now remembered his name was not placed on the pension roll until a few years since. I wish to make an application for his arrearages and shall therefore require the evidence on which his claim is predicated and the cause or reason why his original application to be placed on the Pension roll was rejected so as to place this case in a proper point of view before the Committee of Revolutionary pensions to which it has been referred.

Respectfully

W M F Hunter

Hon L Edwards
Commissioner of Pensions

David Carswell

ion is a peculiar one. In the spring of the year 1780 certain boats were raised by Sir Guy to re-enforce the U. S. Army. The inhabitants subject to bear arms were classed & each class to furnish a man. It fell to the lot of Carswell's brother to go in a company commanded by Capt Neil Sherwood in the Reg. of Col Dubois.

Some time after this petitioner's father was taken sick. The presence of the brother was necessary - petitioner went for him - procured his discharge & enlisted in his place. He was then at Fort Stone - for the 10th of October following. The Fort was attacked by British troops and Indians - and was surrounded and petitioner was taken a prisoner & remained one year & ~~[illegible]~~ 8 months in Canada. This suffering has been and is would also so far exceed belief were they not substantially proven by others. Petitioner is now upwards of sixty years old, is broken in constitution & claims indulgence on the ground of his misfortunes. The causes are

same was [illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible] expired a thousand to the Pensioners with the other [illegible] because in lieu of receive was not nine months, the Commissioner cannot think that when the receive was not nine months yet [illegible] and suffering for 18 months followed as a consequence thereof the act was well merited the attention of Congress.

The committee and [illegible] are satisfactorily [illegible] by said Thomas the [illegible] before mentioned. Lt. Kirkpatrick Lieutenant in Colonel company to which Carmichael belonged and John Gray a private of the same company.

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Cincinnati, Ohio
Dec 30th 1855

Sir

I herewith enclose the renewed application of Martha Cardwell for a revolutionary pension as the widow of David Cardwell dec'd. I believe it to be made out according to the law and instructions and at the same time wish to refer to the evidence already on file in the case.

Early attention and reply will much oblige

Your obedient Servant
John P. Ingersoll

Hon J. L. Edmonds
Comm'r of Pensions
Washington
D.C.

P.S. If the enclosed family record can be after be withdrawn the files the family of Mrs Cardwell would be happy to receive and preserve it.

Sandusky City Ohio
July 21 1848

Sir

I wish to inquire of you for some time a claim David Cassville is making upon the rolls for revolutionary services. Mrs Cassville is now deceased. I know formerly the post master at this place was drawing a revolutionary pension during his lifetime. His widow has I believe been before applying for a pension.

I would also be very much obliged to you if you would forward me, if in your power, a copy of the act of April 30th 1848.

Martha Cassville is the widow of the deceased David Cassville all of which she knows of. The said David was a private in Capt Woods company of Col Dubois regiment in the army of the Revolution. He died on the 20th of February 1844.

Please give me any information you can consistently also forward a copy of the act above mentioned to this place as I am residing in my residence from Warren to Sandusky.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient humble
John V. Wolcott

J. Lillibridge Esq.
Commr of Pensions

No 12 17

Martha Carson
Monroe Co Ohio
act 7 July 1838
Reputed husband
died 26 July 1844

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Sandusky City Ohio
[illegible] Aug 1865

Sir

I transmit herewith you the papers in relation to the proof of Martha Cassaud's claim for pension as the widow of Daniel Cassaud dec'd. The proof of the marriage is the certificate of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, being the record of the said Daniel deceased, which I hope will be satisfactory.

Yours Respectfully

John V. Mapes

Hon Jas. Barnard
Com'r of Pensions

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Hon J. L. Edwards
Commissioner of Pensions
Washington
D. C.

Jd Ayers
Atlanta

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Sandusky City Ohio
September 13. 1848

Sir

I sent you some four months since this application and papers to sustain the claim of "Martha" Rodewald widow of David Rodewald a revolutionary soldier and during the latter part of his life time a revolutionary pensioner. I have heard nothing from you notwithstanding time and so many letters and inquiries as you will see by enclosed are not of unfrequent occurrence. May I beg to inquire of you if the same have been examined and what, if any, action has been had upon them? —

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
John P. Hopensack

Jas Edwards Esq.
Comr. of Pensions
Washington D.C.

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Sandusky City, Ohio
January 26 1846

Sir:

I am informed through Mr. Eleutherus Cooke, this place not in Washington City, that the records of the pension office do not show any further testimony in relation to the claim of Martha Carswell widow of David Carswell, S.S. for a Revolutionary pension. Since the testimony was [illegible] by me last August, I think I have stated that according to your instructions I forwarded to you the additional application of Martha taken before a Judge of the Court of the Court of Common Pleas for this County, together with the original family record of the marriage of the said Martha & David, with other testimony relative thereto, some time towards the close of last month. My memoranda not being now at hand, I can not say the precise day, but I am certain of putting them all in the P. Office at Sandusky City. The family records which were the most material of course if lost or miscarried, can not be again obtained here.

I would be happy to hear, if the papers referred to, can not be found, any information which according to the regulations of the pension office may with propriety be imparted. An early reply will much oblige

Yours Respectfully

John P. Ingersoll

Hon. J. L. Edwards
Comr. of Pensions
Washington City

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W. Cole
file his
receipts for
pension
here papers

Dept of Commr of Pensions
Dept of the Interior
April 9, 1873

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Sec. Treasury, Ex. Doc. 1.
March 31 1849
W. M. Meredith

In response to House
Resolution, application
for a Pension, transmitting
Old Log 4512
805
act Feb.
4 1847
Referred to Comm. of Pensions
Dep. of the Interior
April 7 1849

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U. S. I. S. Division.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

[illegible]

WASHINGTON, D. C. [illegible], 1895.

Sir:-

Referring to your communication of [illegible], transmitting to Hon. H. M. Teller the request of [illegible] for information, in which you [illegible] the William, Sawyer of [illegible] Nebraska, a [illegible], [illegible] the [illegible] to official [illegible] concerning the Indian Industrial.

A careful search has been made in the [illegible] of Judge Cooley and not [illegible] found upon the [illegible] Commission records. Pens further [illegible], under [illegible] of the [illegible].

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.

Mr. Cooley, Jr.,
[illegible] St. Jones [illegible],
Philadelphia, Pa.