

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Petition of William Carter VAS1763

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[From: [Library of Virginia: digital collections](#) search "Carter, Surgeon, Williamsburg"]

To the Honourable the Speaker & Gentleman of the House of Delegates –

The Petition of William Carter humbly Sheweth, That your Petitioner on the 1st of July 1776, was appointed a Surgeon of the Continental Hospital in Williamsburg & continued in that Service from the Time aforesaid to the 31st of July 1781, and has only received a small Part of his Pay, & that exclusive of a Number of Rations, which have never yet been Settled –

Your Petitioner now humbly prays that this Honourable House will be pleased to take his Case into their Consideration; Allow him the Depreciation of his Hospital Account, and Rations, and make him such Allowance in Land also, as from his Office aforesaid he is entitled to receive, agreeably to the Regulations and Usages established in such Cases – And your Petitioner, as in Duty bound, will ever pray &c.

The Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Delegates

[Reverse]

Carter's Petition

May 26, 1784

Rejected

[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Williamsburg (City) Legislative Petitions

To the Honorable

The Speaker and Members of the House of – the Petition of William Carter humbly represents – That your Petitioner served as Surgeon to the Continental Hospital established at Williamsburg during the late War, & for such Service was allowed by the Honorable Assembly at their last Session everything he was entitled to, except the Bounty in Land as has been granted to several Officers in the same Department –

Your Petitioner therefore humbly request that the Assembly would give the necessary Order for his obtaining a Warrant for such Land; and he will in Duty bound ever pray &c.

[No evidence of signature by the petitioner]

[Reverse]

Carter's Petition
December 1st, 1784
Referred to Propositions
(reasonable)
Copied

[From: [Library of Virginia: digital collections](#) search "Carter, Surgeon, Williamsburg"]

To the Honorable the Speakers and Members of the General Assembly;

The petition of William Carter humbly Sheweth

That your petitioner served as surgeon to the Continental Hospital established at Williamsburg during the late War to wit from the first of July 1776 to the 31st July 1781 a period of five years and upwards; that for these services he has never yet been allowed the Bounty in Lands promised by Law; although several Officers in the same Department and who served a shorter period, and who your petitioner humbly conceives did not render more faithful Service, have been allowed the bounty by resolution of the General Assembly;

Your petitioner therefore humbly prays that the justice and bounty of the General Assembly may in a like manner be extended to him for services equally meritorious; and he as in duty bound will pray &c

[Reverse]

Petition of Doctor William Carter
22nd October 1787
Rejected

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

To the House of Delegates

Monday 28th of November 1791

Mr. Hopkins reported from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, that the committee had accordingly had under their consideration, the petition of William Carter [indecipherable word] to them [indecipherable word or words], and had agreed upon a report and come to a resolution therefrom, which he's delivered in at the Clerk's Tables, where the same was again twice read and agreed to by the House as followeth:

It appears from a certificate of John Minson Galt,¹ that the petitioner was appointed a Surgeon to the Continental Hospital established at Williamsburg in July 1776, and that he continued in service to the end of the War.

Resolved with, that the petition of the said William Carter praying that he may be allowed the same bounty in land, as hath been granted to others of the same rank, is reasonable.

Test
1791 December 7th S/ Charles Hay, C. H. D.

¹ [John Minson Galt R14353](#)

Agreed to by the Senate

S/ H. Brooke, C. S.

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Test S/ J Pleasants, Keeper of the Rolls

27 April 1807

Resolved that the Auditors of Public Accounts do settle the Accounts of Doctor William Carter late Surgeon to the Hospital established in the City of Williamsburg under the direction of [indecipherable word or name]² and that they passed to the said Carter a Certificate for the balance due to him thereon to be paid in like manner as military Certificates are paid.

A Military Warrant for 6000 acres No. 4569 issued to Doctor William Carter the 7th of February 1792 on a Certificate from the Governor in Council, which refers to a Resolution of the General Assembly of the 28th of November 1791

S/ Wm Price, Regr. [Register, land office]

April 29, 1807

The Allowance to William Carter Senior was "as a Surgeon in the Continental Hospital for the War" from the quantity of land allowed Surgeons, I presume they must have ranked in the Army with Lieutenant Colonels.

S/ Wm Price

I certify that Doctor William Carter Senior was appointed a Surgeon to the Continental Hospital established at Williamsburg in July 1776, and that to my knowledge, he continued in service to the end of the war. Given under my hand this 25th day of October 1791

S/ J. M. Galt

[Copy]

I do certify that Doctor William Carter acted as a Surgeon in the Continental Hospital established at Williamsburg in the time of the late war – that he entered on that duty in the summer of 1776, and continued in the discharge of it till the month of January or February 1781 after which time my absence from that part of the country makes me a stranger to subsequent services.

Witness my hand this 29th of October 1791

S/ James Kemp³

[Copy]



³ [James Kemp R15581](#)