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Virginia documents pertaining to John Carter VAS77

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[From [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#):]

Know all men by these presents that I John Carter of Kanawha County and State of Virginia do hereby authorise constitute and appoint John Reynolds of the afores'd County, my Lawfull attorney to receive in my behalf of the Commissioner of Loans in the State of Virginia, my pension for Two years, as an invalid, of the State of Virginia which pension was granted me by Act of Assembly bearing date the second day of Jan'y one thousand eight hundred seven. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eight

John Carter

[The act of the General Assembly referred to by Carter had the following provision: “[T]he sum of fifty dollars shall be allowed annually to John Carter, as a pension for his services in guarding the frontiers of this state against the inroads of the Indians, and in consequence of his having been disabled by a wound in performing the said services....”]

[From [Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection](#)/ Cabell County – Citizens]

To the Honorable Speaker and House of representatives of virginia &c. We the undersigned petitioners beg leave to represent to your honorable body that John Carter a citizen of cabell county; who is granted a pension is not an object of that discription He being a sound hail hearty well looking man; Who had acquird a plentiful living before he got the pension and that by hard labour he supports a good stock of horses cows and hogs. and as for the wounds he received was only flesh wounds through his arms and the flesh of his breast but not a bone toucht (however none broken so as to be known. but we know that he is a strong active man that has very good use of his limbs &c

We do therefore hope you will hear our reasonable request and take him off of the list of pensioners and we your petitioners as in duty bound do ever pray &c

Isham Garrett	Henry Brammer	[signed]	
James Barrett	Cadwd[?] Chapman	Samuel Amos	Joseph Ross
Lewis Collins	John Ball	Henry Chapman	Edmun Brammer
Jeffery Russell	James henry[?]	William Fusen[?]	John Brammer
William Chapman	John morris	James Baker	Thomas Lee
James Brammer	David Spurlock	Tha o less mccooy	Elias Campbell
david Willams	John rogers	William morris	Andrew [undeciphered]
Joseph holly	ezkel Slaughter	John Chapman	Ju[?] Benjamin Walls
Thos Kilgore	Andrew Jorden	antony Shelton	luis hut Son
George Spurlock	Isaac Cyrrus	Benjn Davis	James [undeciphered]
Benjn Caritt	Sam Burton	Wm Spurlock	David Harbour
Asa Booton	Paul Davis	Mark [undeciphered]	Joseph Garritt
Thomas Thompson	George Davidson	James Ellen[?]	Elijah Stephenson
Samuel Hugins	[four undecipherable]	Wm. Stephenson	William Garratt
Uriah Elliss	John B[?]a	Chester Howe	John Jarlen
george [?]on	Saml Shelton	David Jared	Isaac Russell
George Hollenback	Charles rigg	William Greenwood	John Shelton
John Griffith	Abra Stepheson	Moses Cremone	Thomas Jones
		Jaramiah Joyes	Sampson Sanders

Mr John Carter

Sir Please to take notice that a petition will be presented to the next general assembly of Virginia

requesting them to take your name of of the pension list and this is the method that the petitioners take instead of advertising &c                    Sept'r 22<sup>d</sup> 1810}                    Petitioners

Oct'r 24<sup>th</sup> 1810 This day came Edmund Brammer before me a Justice of the peace for cabell county and made oath that he left a true copy of the within notice with John Carter after reading it to him at his own house Given under my hand                    [signed] David Spurlock

Dec'r. 10<sup>th</sup> 1810  
Claims Dec'r 18 1810  
reasonable Dec'r. 19<sup>th</sup>  
reported Dec'r 21st

[From [Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection](#)/ Cabell County – Carter, John]

The Honorable Speaker/ And members of the general Assembly of Virginia. Your petitioner, an inhabitant of the county of Cabell and Commonwealth of Virginia Humbly represents, that He is one of the number that suffer'd in the defence of the frontiers where setting the Valley of the great Kanawha River, and the western extremities of this State for which service, it is with the liveliest emmotins of gratitude, that your petitioner acknowledges the liberality of your Honorable body; in contributeing to the support of your petitioner, for a number of years past, which contribution frugally managed, in addition to the exertions of your petitioner & Family; furnished a comfortable support for the same. But your petitioner, would humbly suggest, to your honorable body that his situation is and has been very different, for the last twelve, or Eighteen months; He being entirely, unable to labour, & great part of his time unable to walk about. in consequence of the pains, infirmities, common to men; that has perform'd the toils, & watchings necessary in the savage wars; that so sorely afflicted our beloved Country, when first settleing. And so often surpris'd the unguarded Husbandman, in the field and bore him from his family; or cruelly murdered him at his plow handle. Such are the toils, and watchings, your petitioner shared in common with others, Such are the dangers He has been exposed to; and such are the scenes your petitioner has witnessed.

In addition to which, your petitioner received a wound in the Breast by a Rifle Ball which rifle was fired at your petitioner by the hand of a Savage, while your petitioner was in the service of his country; under command of Capt. John Morris, which wound has hurried on the list of infirmities, common to old age; and your petitioners sons, having grown up, and being poor, have gone from your petitioners cottage; to seek a living. And left your petitioner unprovided for, and your petitioner sees nothing to prevent his suffering, in his last days, but the liberality of your Honorable body; and humbly prays, your Honorable body to pass a Law increasing the sum of Fifty dollars, to that sum your Honorable body may deem sufficient; to prevent your petitioner from suffering the few days he may continue to Live.  
and as in duty bound will ever pray.                    John Carter

Dec'r 12<sup>th</sup> 1828 ref'd to Claims  
1828 Dec'r. 17/ Reasonable  
18<sup>th</sup> Reported  
23 Bill drawn

NOTES:

Beginning on 16 Dec 1811 and each year thereafter until 1 Jan 1838 John Carter assigned power of attorney to collect his pension.

A document in the file states that John Carter died in Cabell County on 7 Sep 1838.