

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Carter BLReg272650-55
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State of Alabama } ss
County of Talladega }

On this First day of April AD one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven personally appeared before me James Lawson a justice of the peace in and for the county and state aforesaid Mourning Carter aged Eighty seven years who being first duly sworn according to law declares that she is the widow of John Carter dec'd. who served in the Revolutionary War as a private of Cavalry of the Virginia Continental line but under what officers he served or the Regiment he belonged to she is unable to say but she knows or verily believes he served in the capacity as aforesaid for over two years and relies on the revolutionary rolls to sustain her declaration. She further states that she was married to the said John Carter in the County of Fluvanna in the state of Virginia on the 13th day of November AD 1794 by one George Anderson a minister of the gospel and that her husband the said John Carter died in the County of Albemarle in the state of Virginia between the years 1803 or 1806, the precise date and the year she is unable to say having no family record of the event but relies on the evidence of her marriage to the said John and his death contained in certain papers filed in her application for a pension in right of the services aforesaid under the act of the 29th day of July 1848 for the relief of certain widows &c to which she invites the attention of the department. [See endnote.] She further declares that she has never intermarried since the death of her said husband but remains still a widow. She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which she may be entitled to under the Act of Congress passed the 3^d day of March 1855. She further declares that she has never received or applied for bounty land under this or any act of Congress other than this. Mourning her Xmark Carter

NOTES:

Among the pension files is an empty jacket for John Carter R1753, labeled as follows:
"Continental VA Carter, John/ Mourning R1753
Service not shown of Bk of Suspended & Rejected Claims Ala. Agency – Act 7/29/48
See above citations on Volume of Suspended & Rejected Pension Claims with added note 'Claim missing since 1877'; and citations concerning correspondence as follows: C. Carter May 5 & June 5, '57
Hon. J. L. McCurry Dec. 17, 1857, Feb. 25, 1858
(Letters not found in Correspondence under those dates.)

See also file B.L.Reg. 272650-55"

The missing files most likely apply to the same Mourning Carter, widow of John Carter, who applied for bounty land. Some correspondence in the file containing the application for bounty land indicates that Mourning Carter's claim for a pension was rejected for lack of proof of her husband's service.

On 20 June 1857 Charles Carter, 54, of Talladega County, youngest child of John and Mourning Carter, stated that he had no personal recollection of his father's service, but knew his father served about three years until the end of the war from "tradition, which he has Read from his mother Grand Farther Grand Mother and many other persons who spake of the Revolutionary War before the deponant Removed from the state of Virginia which was about 42 years ago." He also stated that his mother's maiden name was Mourning Bond.