

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Bounty Land Claim of Patrick Carnes BLWt2266-300 VA
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[The federal application by Patrick Carnes was probably destroyed in an accidental fire in 1800. The following is from the [bounty-land papers of the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I certify that Captain Patrick Carnes served as an Officer in Lt. Colo. Lee's Legion from May 1778 until the Army was disbanded in 1783, at which time he had the Rank of Captain & that he has always been credited at the War Office to the Quota of the State of Virginia.

[Maj. Joseph Eggleston]

Ma: Lee's Legion

Del'd Maj Eggleston 7th Jan'y. 1784

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maj. Eggleston". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

NOTES:

According to Patrick O'Kelley (*Nothing but Blood and Slaughter*, Vol. 3. Booklocker.com, 2005), Carnes commanded an infantry company in Lee's Legion. At a skirmish at Georgetown SC on 24-25 Jan 1781, he captured the Loyalist commander, Lt. Col. George Campbell.

The federal file includes a copy of the last will and testament of Benjamin Smith Carnes, Planter, of St. Paul's Parish in Colleton District SC bequeathing to cousin Maria Lance negroes Daphney, Peggy, and Tom; to cousin Jane W. Frazer his books, manuscript, and desk; and to "dearest cousin Eliza Smith Frazer" in trust most of the other property, with the request that she give to Caroline Frazer a female slave and to William Frazer a male slave when they became old enough to marry. The certification of the copy states that Benjamin Smith Carnes died in September 1812 in Charleston SC and was the only surviving child of Capt. Patrick Carnes, who died leaving a widow and two children. The other child, Patrick Carnes, Jr., died unmarried about four years before Benjamin.

On 23 Sep 1839 Elizabeth S. Frazier of Bordentown NJ assigned power of attorney to establish her claim to bounty land for the services of her uncle, Patrick Carnes, who served as Captain of the Virginia line of the Army of the Revolution until the end of the war.