

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Lewis Carlton R1692 Elizabeth Carlton NC VA  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 9 June 2018.

The State of North Carolina }  
County of Burke }

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sess: Jany Term 1853.

On this day 21<sup>st</sup> Jany A.D. 1853 personally appeared before the Court afores'd. Thomas Carlton son of Lewis Carlton a resident of s'd County aged sixty five years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the Act of Congress passed 4<sup>th</sup> July 1836, entitled an act granting pensions to certain widows of Revolutionary Soldiers – that this declarant the afores'd. Thomas Carlton in the behalf of himself and the other Heirs of the afores'd Lewis Carlton states as follows.

That his Father the said Lewis Carlton was a Private Soldier in the War of the Revolution, that he resided in the County of Albemarle and State of Virginia that he enlisted for the term of three years and faithfully served during that time – that the service rendered by him during his enlistment was in the States of Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania – Deponent is unable to give full particulars of his Fathers services and is enabled to speak of them only from what he remembers to have heard him say, that it was about the year 1776 that he enlisted, that soon after his enlistment he marched from the State of Virginia to Maryland – that he was engaged in several small skirmishes with the enemy the particulars of which he does not remember – that he often heard him speak of being in the battle at Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] in which battle his Father received a wound, a large ball having entered the side of breast almost causing his death – that the only officers that he remembers to have heard his Father speak of as commanding the Forces in which he served during his term of enlistment were one Tolivar [probably spelled Taliaferro], Davis, and Dalton and Gen'l. Stephenson [possibly Major David Stephenson BLWt2057-400] – that according to the best of his recollection Lewis Carlton served in the 6<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment – that his service in this Regiment commenced as Deponent believes in 1777 and terminated in 1781 and continued 3 years as already stated.

That soon after the expiration of this service on his return to Virginia finding that his Family had removed to North Carolina he set out for this state and settled in Wilkes County N.C. – that on his way to Wilkes County at Salem N.C. he met with Col. Cleaveland [sic: Benjamin Cleveland] who was just from the Battle at Ramsours Mills [20 Jun 1780] and amongst the prisoners in his charge was one Thomas Carlton whose release he obtained by shewing Cleaveland his discharge and satisfying him that he had served his Country in the northern section of the Union that the said Thomas Carlton who was a Tory at the battle of Ramsours was an Uncle to Deponent and Brother to Lewis Carlton Deponents Father. – That his Father the said Lewis Carlton, married one Elizabeth Eve in the early part of the year 1781 in what is now Wilkes County NC

That after his marriage and not a great while there after he performed a tour of three months service in the N.C. Militia – that he was commissary Capt Wm Lenoir [William Lenoir S7137] who raised a Company in Wilkes County NC and marched towards Hillsboro [Hillsborough] for the purpose of joining Gen'l. [Nathanael] Greene but from some cause unknown to Deponent he did not join Greens Army – this tour according to Deponents recollection was the same spring his Father was married to wit the spring of the year 1781.

Deponent further swears that the said Lewis Carlton was born Sept 12<sup>th</sup> 1758.

That he died on the 13<sup>th</sup> March 1827.

That Lewis Carlton and Elizabeth Eve were married the 18<sup>th</sup> Jany 1781.

That Elizabeth Carlton Widow of Lewis Carlton and Mother of this Deponent died the 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 1839 leaving surviving Polly Laxton Elizabeth Hagler Nancy Pearson Wm Carlton Milly Tucker and this Deponent Thomas Carlton who are the only surviving Children of the said Lewis and Elizabeth

Carlton

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court date above

[signed] Tom Carleton

State of North Carolina }  
County of Caldwell }

Be it known that on the 3<sup>d</sup> day of Nov. AD 1852 before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County afores'd personally appeared Henry Sumpter of said County aged 85 years who being first duly sworn according to law declares that from his earliest recollection he was acquainted with Lewis Carlton who is represented in the foregoing Declaration to have been a Soldier in the War of the Revolution. Deponent states that he was born in the County of Albemarle in the State of Virginia and that his Father removed to where Deponent now resides the year preceding the Battle at Kinggs Mountain [7 Oct 1780] this Deponent states he was old enough to remember, and does remember previous to his leaving Virginia that one John Tolivar [possibly John Taliaferro] Isaac Davis [S15799] and David Dalton were engaged in getting men to enlist in the service during the War of the Revolution – that he frequently heard person Curse Tolivar for trying to prevail on their sons to enlist – that he recollects of John Sumpter Wm Ripitoe [possibly William Rippetoe (Reppetoe) W2697] Thomas Isbell [W7862] Myer Green George Dowell [S32222] and the said Lewis Carlton enlisting and going off as Deponent believes for the purpose of joining the Army, that he remembers distinctly that on Carltons return from the Service as he alledged, some years after he first knew him in Virginia he remained one night at his Fathers in this County (then Burke) and that he showed his Father and the Family a Gun shot wound which he rec'd on the breast as he stated in the Battle at Brandy Wine which happened some years before that time and soon after he left where we lived in Virginia.

Deponent states that he does not of his own knowledge know how long the said Lewis Carlton served in the War of the Revolution nor does he know the Regiment in which he served nor the names of his Officers under whom he served nor does he know certainly of his own personal knowledge that he served at all but his recollection of the circumstances stated by Deponent are clear and distinct. He also states that he lived within 12 miles of the s'd Lewis Carlton from the close of the War untill the said Carlton died that he repeatedly heard him allude to his services in said war and that he was regarded by the community in which he lived to have been a soldier of the Revolution. Deponent states that from his knowledge of the character of said Carlton he being a man of high morality standing and unquestionable veracity he would have placed evry confidence in any statement he would have made as to his services, and knowing the statement made by himself (this Deponent) to be true and the circumstances to have occurred as herein set forth, he is satisfied and believes that the said Lewis Carlton performed important services in defence of his Country in the “days that tried mens souls”

Further the Deponent saith not

Sworn to & Subscribed before me the day and year above written

R. B. Bogle J.P.

Henry hisXmark Sumpter

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

These are to certify that Lewis Carlton Formerly a Soldier in the sixth Virginia Reg't. has duly & Faithfully served the term of Three years for which he was Enlisted. In consequence of which and at his own Request he is hereby discharged From any Farther service In the army of the United States & permitted to Return to his home free and unmolested he having Received his Bounty pay and cloathing and Deficiencies of pay & Cloathing in full of all Allowances and provisions made by the congress for their Troops his Receipt for which is on the Back hereof. Given under my hand at philidelphia this 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Feb'y 1780.

Christian Febiger/ Colo. Comd't. 2<sup>nd</sup> V.

A Copy/ J Pendleton

Philidelphia Feb'y 1<sup>st</sup> 1780.

I Do hereby Acknowledge to have Rec'd from the united states all my Bounty pay & Cloathing & Deficiencies of pay & Cloathing due me whilst in the service in full.

Lewis Carlton

a Copy/ J Pendleton

[The file also includes an illegible copy of the following, which is transcribed from a clear copy in the federal pension file.]

Sir. please to let James Lewis have the right of my Land agreeable to my discharge produced you and oblige sir yours.

Lewis Carlton 14<sup>th</sup> Ap'l 1784

Teste Livingston Isbell/ Col. Meriweather.

NOTES:

According to the court certification of the federal application, Thomas Carleton was "a man of high respectability – a Minister of the Gospel and a worthy Pious and exemplary Christian."

The file includes a family record copied from a book purchased by Levi Laxton at a sale of the estate of Lewis Carlton and transcribed below. Laxton stated that the date of birth of the oldest child, Ambrose Carlton, was recorded in the book as 31 Dec 1781, and that he had seen the scar on Lewis Carlton's breast.

The claim for a pension was denied for lack of proof of the widow's death, the fact that she remained a widow, and the names and number of surviving children.

Lewis Carlton son of John Carlton & Elizabeth his Wife was born September the 12<sup>th</sup> 1758

Elizabeth Eve daughter of Joseph Eve and Mary his wife was born the 26<sup>th</sup> day of Febry 1762.

Lewis Carlton and Elizabeth Eve was married the 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 1781.

A true Register of the ages of my children/ signed Lewis Carlton

Here follows the ages of Ambrose, Mary, Thomas, John, Lewis, David, Howard, Elizabeth, Nancy, William and Milly Carlton all of whom are represented to be the children of Lewis & Elizabeth Carlton