

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Carman R1703

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State of Kentucky Casey County & Court

On this 16th day of May 1842 personally appeared in Open Court before the Judge of the Casey Circuit Court now sitting John Carman a resident of the State of Kentucky Casey County aged 80 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the seventh 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. About the first of January 1772 [sic] he volunteered in Captain Cole's company of the County of Caswell State of North Carolina which Company was attached to Major Thomas Harrison Battalion and which Battalion was commanded by Colonel Archibald Murphy some three or four weeks after he had entered the service as aforesaid the company of Captain Coles and Battalion of Harrison was transferred to the Regiment of Colonel William Moore volunteers which was attached to General Morgan Brigade of Light infantry and on the 15th day of March 1782 he was in the battle of Guilford between Greene & Lord Cornwallis but long after this battle say about the last of March or first of April the Company of Captain Cole to which he belonged was discharged from Service and he returned home having been absent about three months. He again about the last of August 1782 volunteered in Captain Adam Sanders Company of volunteers for the aforesaid County of Caswell State of North Carolina in the service of the United States. He does not recollect the Major's name that commanded the Battalion but the Regiment was commanded by William Moore whilst he was on this term of duty he was in several engagements with the British which was commanded by Lord Rawdon in the lower part of North Carolina. The Regiment to which he belonged was ordered to pursue a Tory Colonel of Fannin [sic, David Fanning] who had captured the Governor of North Carolina and took him prisoner and while in pursuit of him he was in an engagement with the British and Tories some short time after this ^{about the first of January 1783} the Regiment to which he belonged was discharged from further service he then returned home being absent from home about four months, during the whole of the time he was in Service he does not believe he was out of the State of North Carolina if he was he did not know it But was marched to different places in said State. He states he was born in the State of North Carolina on the 24th day of ^{September} [indecipherable word] 1762 that he has no record of his age he was living in the State of North Carolina County of Caswell when he entered the service of the United States & lived there until

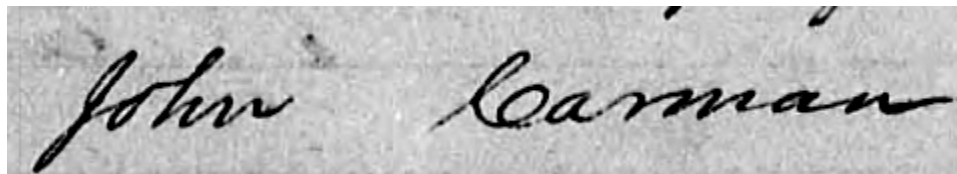
the close of the Revolutionary War he then removed to the State of Kentucky to the County of Casey where he now lives. He states he volunteered in the Service of the United States that he was not drafted nor was he a substitute ^{that he never received any discharge}. He recollects of seeing Generals Greene, Butler & Easton [sic, Eaton]. He thinks he has a recollection of Colonel Washington & Lee. He states that Thomas Jones Solomon Mulichn [?] lives in that neighborhood to whom he is well known who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his Services as a Soldier of the revolution.

He has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Carman

A black and white photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature reads "John Carman" and is written on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

[Jesse C. Portman, a clergyman, Thomas E. Jones & Solomon Mullican [?] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky County of Casey: SS

On this 15th day of April A.D. 1851, personally appeared before me, the Presiding Justice of the County Court for the County and State aforesaid, John Carman aged ninety years, who being first sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he entered the service as a volunteer in the war of the Revolution under Captain __ Cole, Major Thomas Harris and Colonel Archibald Murphy; marched into Virginia, crossed Dan River at Boyd's-ferry, and crossed Banister River, halted and waited for reinforcements: after the reinforcement of the Army he was attached to Morgan's Light Infantry in a Regiment commanded by Colonel William Moore: then followed the British on the route toward Hillsboro; halted before reaching Hillsboro; turned to the right and crossed Haw River; proceeded on and crossed the Caney Fork of the Haw River; then marched to Guilford Court House and was attached to General Butler's Brigade: fall in the battle at Guilford. After the battle he with the Army retired to the Iron works on Haw River: discharged at this place sometime after, but he does not recollect the exact time of his discharge. In June of the same year he volunteered to guard the magazine under the command of Captain Adam Saunders, and Colonel William Moore was discharged after serving as guard for the term of about six weeks. In August of the same year he volunteered in a company commanded by Captain Adam Saunders, in a Regiment commanded by Colonel William Moore: marched to Blewford's Bridge on Cape Fear River 12 miles from Wilmington: continued at the Great White Marsh near the bridge for some weeks: crossed the White Marsh towards Wilmington: joined shortly after by General Rutherford with fifteen hundred men: marched to Cape Fear River just above the British Fort at Blewford's Bridge: continued here till he was discharged in December A.D. 1781. He further states that he resided in Caswell County North Carolina when he entered the service, and that he started on the first campaign in February A.D. 1781. He believes that the whole term of his service amounted

to eight months, or more. He further declares that he received a certificate of discharge when he left the service on Haw River, and another certificate of discharge at the close of his last campaign, and that these certificates of discharge have been lost.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the Agency of any State.

S/ John Carman, X his mark

[John Humphrey and Jesse Portman, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavits.]

[S. A. Butt, a clergyman, also gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky Casey County

On this 27th day of April 1853 personally appeared before me, John Humphrey, a Justice of the Peace, in and for the County and State aforesaid, John Carmen, who first being duly sworn according to law, doth upon his oath state, that he will be ninety-one years old is he lives to October 1853, that he entered the Army of the Revolution sometime in the month of January (day not recollected) in the year 1781, that he volunteered, in the County of Caswell & State of North Carolina, in the company of Captain Cole, under Major Thomas Harrison; commanded by Colonel Archy Murphy, who being quite old, Colonel William Moore took his place, under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], as chief commander. He further states that they were pursued by the British, and retreated across Dan River, crossing at Boyd's Ferry, and thence across Baninster River [Banister River], where they remained until General Greene received reinforcements from Virginia; then they returned to North Carolina, when as light Infantry they were put under the command of General Morgan; that they pursued the British to Guilford C. H. North Carolina, and that he was present at that Battle, and continued in service until about the first of April in the same year 1781.

He further states that he again volunteered in the following July, or first of August, of the same year, 1781, under Captain Adam Saunders, who being sent home on some business, they were put under Captain Spill Coleman [sic, Spillsby Coleman], under Colonel William Moore, under the command of General Butler as head commander, and served as light horse during the Campaign. He says he knows it must have been as early as July or first of August, as when they were pursuing the British, they fed their horses on roaster ears, which were quite soft; that they continued in service until sometime in the month of December 1781, just a few days before Christmas. He further states that both these tours were in the militia service, the first tour, he thinks lacked a few days of three months, the last tour at least four months, he thinks considerably more. He further states that he was in but two skirmishes during that Campaign, and after the last battle they lay on the North Bank of the Cape Fear River, North Carolina at Bluford's Bridge on said River 12 miles from Wilmington, when the British commander, Lord Rawdon, was stationed at the time. He further states he was honorably discharged at the close of each campaign, the last time on one Friday morning, but not thinking his discharges of any value, he lost both long since. He further states, that no one, to the best of his knowledge, came to Kentucky who knew him while in service, or by whom he could prove his services; and that he will name over some of the men in his company from Caswell County North Carolina. In the 1st tour, one Leonard Parker, James Bradley, William Slade, and Jacob Thrash. In the 2nd Tour, one Felty Thrash, Jacob Thrash (same as in the first tour), John Davis & the aforesaid James Bradley, and Hal Willis who was in both campaigns. Also one James Patterson. He further states that although he has made to previous applications, he never has received a Pension yet. He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the act of Congress of the

United States passed and approved the seventh day of June 1832, or any other act, and acts by which he may be entitled.

S/ John Carmen, X his makr