

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

**Pension Application of William Carr
R1719**

Elizabeth (widow)

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[Original spelling and punctuation retained]

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State of Georgia
County of Hall

On this 25th day of August eighteen hundred and thirty two personally appeared before me Joseph Dunagan one of the Justices of the Inferior Court in and for said County William Carr a Resident of the State of Georgia County of Hall aged eighty eight on the seventh day of May next who being first duly sworn according to law, doth by his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions 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. To wit. That he entered the Service of the United [States] as a volunteer about the first of August in the year 1776 as a first Lieutenant under the command of Col. Neal [Thomas Neel]¹ – by whom he was commissioned first Lieutenant who commanded with Col Watson [Samuel Watson], his captain was William Byers General Williamson had the command at that time That he did not quit the service untill the war was ended But when one touer of service was over he immediately entered into an other

The first Battle he was in was on the 19th day of September in the year 1776 with the Cherokee Indians at a place called the Black Hole he was then a first Lieutenant commanded by Cols Neal and Watson under Gls [Generals] Rutherford and Williamson still commanded by Byers as Captain The next battle he was in was at Sulivans Island and in the vicinity of Charleston when he served a three month touer while Charleston was besieged by the British[.] when he returned from this touer he was skirmishing throu the Country in the state of South Carolina and afterwards Returned to Charleston and served another touer of three or four months he was at the Battle of Stono in the summer of 1780 [Stono Ferry was June 20, 1779] Commanded by Col Watson a Captain Smith was then commanding the Company in which he served (Captain Byers having withdrawn from the Service) at which time and place Capt Smith was killed from that time he succeeded Capt Smith by sen[i]ority and was commissioned Captain by Col Bratton [William Bratton] , he believes but he is not certain which commission went out of his possession by the following occurrence to wit that he had just taken his commission from some other papers and laid it on a table at which Instant a part of the enemy belonging to Cornwallace [Cornwallis] made a sudden charge and he fled and Left his commission on the table and the enemy got it as was witnessed By his family he served in the Capacity of Captain the remainder of the War which he thinks was about the space of three or four years The next battle was at Blackstocks on Tiger [Tyger] River (dont recollect the date) [Nov. 20, 1780] at which time he was commanded by GI Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] and Col. Hill [William Hill] where Sumpter was wounded through the shoulder he was at a Battle at a place called the Fish dam ford [Nov. 9, 1780] on the Broad River which he believes was a little before the Battle at Blackstocks where Sumpter commanded also The next Battle he was in was at a little town called Granby [May 15, 1781] where was a British and Tory Fort Cols. Bratton and Moffett [John Moffett] had then the Command The next Battle was at Col Thompsons on Santee River with a variety other skirmishes to wit one at Wrights Bluff another at a place called the Quarterhouse another at Philips's and one at Black River and an other at a place called the Big Grade all the later fighting and skirmishing was under Cols. Bratton and Moffett about the years 1780 and 1781. he resided in york district within State of South Carolina when he entered the service, from which he marched across Seneca and Tugaloo Rivers to where the Battle was

¹ In 1776, Col. Thomas Neel (or Neal, Neil, Neill) commanded the militia of York District, SC. Neel was killed at the Battle of Stono Ferry in 1779.

fought with the Cherokees at Black Hole where he stayed for a time with his Wounded Brother with the North Carolina Troops this place is now on [sic] Rabow [Rabun?] county in the State of Georgia thence he returned back to York District in South Carolina to his own home wher[e] he stayed only five days till he was ordered to march to Charleston
deponent states that his residence was in york all the time of the war Where the British & Tories done him much injury in that they took from him five head of horse Brutes[?] at one time killed all his Cattle of every description burned up all his fencing and Barne and destroyed all his Grain
deponent further states that he was born in the State of Virginia in Augusta County says he was born on the 7th day of May in the year 1744 and has not the record now of his age in his possession It being Carried by some of his children to the State of Tennessee he says that he moved from york district to Jackson County now Hall County where he has resided ever since except [sic] two or three years he has resided in deKalb County in the State of Georgia; deponent further states that he served several Touers at a Town Called Orangeburg in South Carolina which was a frequent place of Rondevous
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Joseph Dunagan, J.I.C.

William Carr
his mark

[fn p. 8]
Georgia
Hall County

Personally appeared before me John Hames Senr.² who being duly sworn saith that he was in the Revolutionary War with William Carr the applicant in the foregoing Declaration who was called Capt. Carr but cannot say whether he was commissioned or not. that he was in an engagement with said Carr at Blackstocks on Tiger River in South Carolina and was with said Carr in two or three other engagements at some Forts which Forts he cannot recollect the names of & frequently heard of said Applicant in the War after they parted

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 22nd August 1832

John Nichols J.I.C

John Hames
his mark

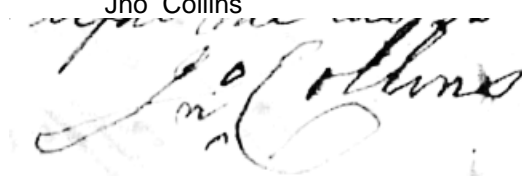
Georgia
Hall County

Personally appeared before me John Collins³ who being duly sworn saith that he was personally acquainted with the applicant in the foregoing Declaration William Carr in the Revolutionary War who he thinks was at the time he knew him a first Lieutenant . deponent became acquainted with the applicant in the year 1776 in the Cherokee Nation under the command of Colo. Neal and Colo Watson deponent frequently saw applicant during the War at other times & places

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 22nd day of August 1832

John Nichols J.I.C

Jno Collins



Amendment to William Carrs declaration

State of Georgia
Hall County

² [John Hames S16409](#)

³ [John Collins W6735](#)

Personally appeared before me the undersigned Justice of the Inferior Court in and for said County William Carr who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his Service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the Periods mentioned below and in the following grades. in the month of August 1776 I volunteered under Colo Neal from whom I received a brevett Lieutenant's commision and was attached to a company of militia commanded by Capt. William Byers and was marched to a place in what was then the Cherokee nation called the Black hole at which place we had a battle with the Indians, in which engagement I had a brother badly wounded and was permitted by Colo. Neal to remain with him until he could be removed home, during the time I remained at this place I was under the command of Genl. Rutherford who had the command of the North Carolina troops at that place. Genl. Williamson & Colo. Watson were with us in the above engagement. My term of service which was six months having expired I took my brother home. After remaining at home five or six days I was called out some time in February 1777 by Colo. Watson to join his regiment & march to Charleston after being there some short time we had a skirmish with the British near Sullivan's Island in which there was but little done though we prevented them from landing, at the expiration of my term of Service which was three months I returned home[.] Genl. Williamson was with the army at Charleston in the above named tour – After remaining at home a short time I was called out again in the year 1777 by Colo. Watson and Capt. Byers and marched to Charleston again where we had an other slight skirmish with the British. this was also a three months term at the expiration of which I returned home, And shortly after was called out again by Colo. Bratton & Capt. Thompson and marched to Orangeburg in South Carolina where be rendezvoused three months and returned home, Colo. Bratton learning shortly after getting home that the British & tories had embodied near Orangeburg called me out again and marched us to that place where we remained three months more and then returned home.

After remaining at home ten or fifteen days I was called out again by Colo. Bratton & Capt Thompson and marched to a place called the Fish dam ford on Broad River South Carolina where we had an engagement with the British & tories but owing to their superiority of numbers were compelled to retreat.⁴ We then continued skirmishing through the country until our term service which was three months expired.

I was shortly after called out again by Colo. Bratton & Capt. Daniel Smith and marched to Fort Granby held by the British and tories and attacked the fort but were repulsed. We then marched to the house of one Colo. Thompson near the Fort which house the enemy had taken possession of and occupied as a Fort which we attacked but were not able to dislodge them. though we succeeded in taking sixty prisoners who were coming in with provisions. We then marched down the River to a Fort at Rights {Wrights} Bluff, and attacked the enemy at that place but could not succeed in driving them. My term of service which was three months having expired I returned home, during the whole of the foregoing term of service I acted as a first Lieutenant.

Some time in the summer of 1780 [probably 1779] I was called out by Colo. Watson and Capt. Daniel Smith and marched to Charleston and from thence to Stono at which place we found the enemy and the American army fighting We went into the engagement and in a few minutes Capt. Daniel Smith was shot down and taken off the field. I then took command of the company and immediately after the battle was given a brevett Captains commission (I think) by Colo. Bratton, We then marched home again having served a term of six months. In a short time I was called out again by Colo Hill to join Genl Sumpters army and after skirmishing through the country some time we marched to one Blackstocks where we were overtaken by a party of the enemy and attacked in which engagement we defeated them with considerable loss. Genl Sumpter was shot through the shoulder in this engagement. having served a tour of three months I returned home.

Shortly after Colo Bratton divided his regiment into four divisions and ordered me to take my company and scour the Country well and not leave one enemy on that side [of] the Catawba in compliance with which I turned out with my Company and reconoutered through the County for six months and succeeded in obeying the command

And I further swear that during the time in which the foregoing services were performed: I was not engaged in any civil position .

⁴ Possibly the Battle of Fish Dam Ford Nov. 9, 1780

I have no record of my age it having been taken by a son of mine to the State of Tennessee in a family Bible many years since.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of August 1833

Joseph Dunagan J.I.C.

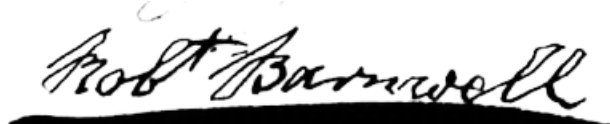
William Carr
his mark

Georgia
Hall County

This day personally came before me Robert Barnwell⁵ who being duly sworn saith on oath That he was acquainted with William Carr the applicant in the foregoing declaration in time of the Revolutionary war and served a Touer of three months service with him as a militia man at Orangeburg Court House in South Carolina under Gl. Sumpter and John Moffett commanded as Colonel
Sworn to and subscribed this third day of Sept. 1832

Joseph Dunagan J.I.C.

Robert Barnwell



Georgia
Hall County

This day personally appeared before me John Hamilton⁶ who first being duly sworn saith on oath that he was acquainted with Wm Carr the applicant in the forgoing declaration during some part of the time during the revolutionary war he was acquainted with him while he (Carr) acted as a Lieutenant he thinks under a Capt Barnett he likewise knew him when he (Carr) Commanded as Captain he having risan[?] by Seniority from Lieutenant to Captain he cannot know precisely how long he served as Captain But presumes he served in that Cappacity the remainder of the war. From the time he knew him in that capacity which was for about the Space of nine[?] or ten months which he thinks was about the year 1781

Sworn to and subscribed this 4th day of Sept. 1832

Joseph Dunagan J.I.C.

John Hamilton
his mark

[Notes added by Will Graves: the veteran married October 1792 in York District, SC, Elizabeth Denton; he died September 1835 in Benton County, Alabama; she died September 16, 1839; there are children referred to in the file but the only ones named are Margaret, born May 2, 1793 and Hugh, born April 27, 1797.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$320 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for 2 years service as a lieutenant in the SC militia. This file bears the "R" designation because the veteran's widow or her heirs initiated an application but evidently did not complete it.]

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⁵ [Robert Barnwell S31540](#)

⁶ [John Hamilton S37981](#)

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁷ relating to William Smith AA4
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 1079
Transcribed by Will Graves 6/8/19

[Note: although all of the facts do not match perfectly with the claims set forth above, I believe the following information probably relates to the above veteran.]

[p 2]

No. 160 Book I [?]

Mr. William Car [sic] his Account of Sundries for military use,

Charged	£463
Deduct less	64
[old South Carolina] Currency	<u>£372</u>
Stg. [Sterling]	£53.2.10 1/4

Ex^d. W. G. [Examined by William Galvan]

J. M^c. A. G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

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	£	S	d
State of South Carolina Debtor to William Car for personal Services done under Captain Jacob Barnet ⁸ 210 days at £1 per day ⁹	210.0	0	0
Under Captain Thomson 27 days	27.0	0	0
[indecipherable word] and Breakfast for 14 men and forrige [sic] for their horses 1 night	14.0	0	0
60 days under Captain Thomson at £2.5 per day ¹⁰	135.0	0	0
Under Lieutenant Smith ¹¹ 50 days	<u>50.0</u>	0	0
Sworn to 9 th May 83			
S/ Wm Tate			
Total	436.0	0	0

July 8, 1781 [last digit unclear]

Received of William Carr provision for 14 men and forrige [sic] for 14 horses belonging under Colonel Hill's Regiment of Dragoons commanded by Captain Stevenson

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The within 50 days is not inserted in Smith's Pay Bill through neglect, but I am confident I received a voucher for it.

S/ Wm Tate C A



⁷ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

⁸ Jacob Barnett

⁹ This would be pay rate of a private in the light dragoons for 1 day

¹⁰ Lieutenant's pay rate in the light dragoons

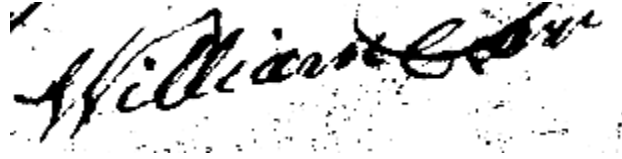
¹¹ probably Daniel Smith

Deduct Sundries charged not being vouched

£436
64
£372

Received the 4 September 1784 full Satisfaction for the within Account in Indent No. 160 book I for £53.2.10 ¹/₄ Sterling in virtue of an Order

S/ William Carr

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William Carr", written in dark ink on a light background.