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Pension Application of James Carter R1743

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State of Ohio } Ss.

Clermont County }
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On this 6th day of May 1833, personally appeared before the Hon. John M. Goodenow President Judge of the ninth Judicial circuit of Ohio and Robert Haines, Israel Whataker and John Emery associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Clermont. – James Carter a resident of Wayne Township, Clermont County Ohio aged seventy seven 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 provisions made by 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.

I was born in Chester County, Pennsylvania in February 1756 as appears by a record of my age which as I verily believe has been copied correctly from my fathers family bible. When I was about nine years old my father moved with myself and the rest of his family to the neighbourhood of Winchester in Frederick County Virginia where I had my place of residence when the hereinafter mention service was performed.

In the fall of the year, soon after harvest, in (as near as I can recollect but of this I am not certain) the year 1777 I was drafted as a militia man (in said county of Fredrick) and I entered the service of the United States under the command of Captain Henry Nisewanger, Lieutenant Henry Catlett and John Barnes was ensign. Left Winchester in the fall and marched to Pittsburgh. Two other companies started out with ours, from Winchester. one commanded by Captain Thomas Buck and the other commanded by Captain Reeder. Marched out Braddocks old road and got to Pittsburgh where we staid three or four days and then started down by water in batteax to Wheeling to relieve the fort there. I do not remember whether Gel Hand [Gen. Edward Hand] or Mcgrath was commanding officer of the fort at Wheeling. We got to Wheeling and found the town burning [early Sep 1777]. When we got down the Indians fled and we relieved the people in the fort. A good many militia had gathered into the fort at Wheeling. The three companies of Cpts. Nisewanger, Buck and Reeder staid in Wheeling several days and then marched by Braddocks road to Winchester. The companies were discharged on their returning after having served on this tour of duty not less than three months. I was taken sick on Laurel hill on my return and laid there at the house of one Foster until I got better, and got home about the middle of winter

The next tour of duty I seved principally under the command of Captain John Bell in Col Dark [William Darke's] regiment. I was drafted in said County of Fredrick and marched from Winchester under the command of an officer whose name I do not remember. we crossed the Shenandoah at Linckers ferry, from there we marched to Fredricksburgh [sic: Fredericksburg], from there to the Bowling Green – from there to Pamunky [sic: Pamunkey] River, then to the drinking spring [3 mi above Williamsburg] where we joined head quarters. The troops there were commanded by Gel LaFayette, Ge'l Muhlenburgh [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] was also there. From the drinking springs we marched through the country in different places not remembered. The British troops were generally not far from us, in pursuit of us. We were all the time in Virginia, at one time we were in Albemarle County and we marched through different Counties East of the blue ridge the name of which are not remembered. at the end of three months I was discharged, having served not less than three months I entered upon this tour of duty in the spring (the month is not remembered) of the year 1781. I had a written discharge. I do not remember what officer signed it. I took no care of any of my discharges and lost them all in two or three years. [Benjamin] Combs was 1st Lieutenant in this tour of duty.

After my return from this tour of duty I staid at home about three days and hired as a substitute for a quaker by I think Holmes who had money placed in his hand for that purpose. I did not make any bargain with the quaker. I do not know who he was but money had been placed in Col Holmes' hands for the purpose of providing substitute for such persons as were drafted and would not march. I started from Winchester above and on the way fell in with one or two others who were hired in the same way and marched with them to head quarters. Col Holms had given me a paper authorizing me to draw provisions on the road till I came to head quarters. We joined head quarters about four miles after we crossed Pamunkey River. There I entered Captain John Bells Company in Col Darks regiment. Gels LaFayette and Muhlenburgh were at head quarters with a number of troops under their command. From Pomonkey river we marched along through the country until we came to albemarle barracks but our march was not in a direct line from near the Pomonkey to near the last named place. We were pursued by the British until we were joined by Gel Wayne near albermarle Barracks [sic: Anthony Wayne joined Lafayette at Brock's Bridge on North Anna River near Monrovia on 10 Jun 1781, not at Albemarle Barracks near Charlottesville], where the British left the pursuit of us and marched slowly to Little York. While on this march we were twice drawn out in the line of battle but no engagement took place. The British went to Little York [arrived Yorktown 1 Aug] and we went to Williamsburg after we had been there nearly a week Ge'l Washington came [15 Sep] and reviewed us. A few days after the review we started for Little York and there joined the main American Army under the command of Gel Washington. After we joined the army, we went to entrenching all places that were exposed to the shot of the enemy. The British kept up a Cannonading on us and while we we entrenching every now and then a man was killed. one man was killed a rod or two from me. I staid at Little York five days and five nights and my time expired and relief came and I returned home, having received a discharged signed by an officer by I do not remember by whom. This tour of duty was performed in 1781. My whole service in the war of the Revolution was not less than nine months. I knew Gels Wayne and Hand or McGeart Muhlenburgh, LaFayette Wahington, [Daniel] Morgan, and Cols. Holms and Dark and McGill. I saw a great many other officers, and but cannot remember their names with sufficient distinctness to state them. For each of the above tours of duty I received a discharge but I do not know by whom they were given nor what has become of them. I lost them two or three years after the war. And have never seen either of them since thinking them of no value I care nothing about them. I never received a commission in the service in the war of the Revolution In each of the before mentioned tours of duty I served as a private. John Thomas, Lilan Jordan, Alexander F Morrisson, Abraham Chaplin know me in my present neighbourhood and can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my service as a soldier of the revolution.

I lived in said County of Fredrick until about twenty five years ago when I moved to Warren County Ohio. and from there about about ten years ago I moved to the piece of land on which I have ever since continued to reside & now reside in Clermont County Ohio. I have no documentary evidence of my service and I know of no person whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my service I did not know that the testimony of a minister was required or recommeded by the department and as I lived fifteen miles from the place where the court sits it would be inconvenient for me to procure the testimony of a minister. None that I know of lives nearer to me than ten miles. There are others that live in nearer to me – but they belong to a denomination different from the one to which I belong and I know but little about them.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. James hisXmark Carter

NOTE: On 4 Nov 1843 Elleanor Carter, age 68 on the next 28 Nov, applied for a pension stating that she married James Carter in September 1826, and he died on 6 June 1841. Her son, Joshua Carter, 28, certified the claim. The claim was denied because the marriage did not occur before 1794.