

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Hugh Carter R1745

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[Capitalization partly corrected.]

State of Tennessee }
County of Greene [sic: Green] } on This First day of may 1834 personally appeared before Isaac Justis an acting Justice of the peace Hugh Carter a resident of the County of Green and State of Tennessee aged eighty three years who being first duly sworn acording to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the bennefit of the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832
That he entered the service in the Spring of the year of 1777 as a volenteer under the following named officers and served as herein stated in the Town of Winchester Frederick County State of Virginia where he then resided as near as he can recolect under Capt Peter Babb and Lieut Aaron Mercer as a privet soldier to go to Fourt Pitt [sic: Fort Pitt at present Pittsburgh] in the State of Pensylvania a distance of 200 miles and marched to said Fourt Pitt and was received into service of the U. S. for a three months tower and there continued his time out and some over in consequence of being put on a fattigue party to boat up and down the Mounengahale [sic: Monongahela] River to procure provisions for the Arnery a distance of 60 miles from Speers Mills in all the time these towers was neare five months and one third and was discharged by the proper officers There was afterwards another tower as a spie or scouting party for a tower of three months in a large companey Volenteered under Capt Gilkison [possibly Samuel Gilkerson or Samuel Gilkeson] in the year 1777 as near as he can recollect and understood Col'n. Homes [sic: Joseph Holmes] was to be the commander from Fredrick County state of Virginia where he then resided to go to Stantown [sic: Staunton] in said State Agusta [sic: Augusta] County a distance of one hundred miles wher it was reported the Brittish army was to pass through but when he marched to the place as above stated it was not the case and was therefore sooner discharge the time in going and [two illegible words] there near two thirds of a month and in the several towers served he beleives wold exceed six months and it appears not to be in the power of the deponent to produce positive evidence of all the facts accept by his own oath as those that served with him is not living near him or may be dead for what he knows
The Interrogatories being put as is prescribed by the afore said Department the An.s. I was born in Chester County State of Pensylvania in the year 1751, I have my age recorded in my Bible. 3^d. when I entered the service I lived in Fredrick County State of Virginia After the Revolutionary War I removed to the Territory of North Coralina now Tennessee Greene County where I have lived ever since except eight years in Blount County Tennessee but now a resident in Greene County the names of the regular officers in fourt Pitt has gon from my recolection and the Militia officers might be Nighswanger and Homes Colns Capts Babb and Gilkesan Merser lieut the 6th Ans. I beleve I was discharged but cannot recollect the officers name nor what has become of it but believe it to be lost

I hereby relinquish 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 [several illegible lines]

[signed] Hugh Carter

War Department Pension office
September 7th 1835

Hugh Carter an applicant for a pension under the act of June 7th 1832 whos declaration is on file in said office wishes heare in to explain the services set fourth in his said declaration tho your humble applicant is very frail in body and weak in mind and has not any possible oppertunity of establishing the fact by any other person then his own oath as he knows of. it is put in his declaration that part of his time of servis he was boating on the Monongahala River he does aver that the time hearin specified is as neare as

he can recollect from the laps of time and the frailty of body and mind That he inroled as a privet soldier in the militia under Capt Babb as specified in his declaration to go to Fourt Pitt That the time preparing and marching unitl he arived at Fourt Pitt was one month and a third of a month then serving three months as a guard at the Fourt before discharged and when his time was out he being absent on the river aboating as afore said under a serjent or or proper officer as he declares was for provisions for the Armeey That he the said Hugh Carter was in the services of the United States and not in the employ of no individual nor for himself but when he returned being informed his three months was out he returned home making another laps of time of one month making in the whole time of that tower five months and one third of a month

the next year Vollenteared under Capt Gilkeson as a spie and scouting party he beleves for three months in the Militia as set fourth in the Declaration as it was reported that the Brittish Armeey was to march through the country and was to be at Stantown which we started on to Stantown but did not reach there until we heard the Brittish armeey was not to be there for such a time which we returned in about twenty days or two thirds of a month but continued in service and as a spie and guard to the country some weeks probably a month, then started under the command of the Capt aforesaid and Col. Homes and marched to Stantown the time the report was that the Brittish Armeey was to be there and served out the balance of the time he vollenteered for and aganst he returned home was about one and a third months making in the two last tower spoke of and the time spent as a spie and guard for that section of country three months as well as he recollects, theare being a part of the time of servitude which was not put in the declaration and which was not so distinkly recollected at the drawing of said declaration but has sence come to my recollection the date and year specified in the declaration of the servitudes herein specified was the same year. in the time of the several towers and services performed wold make over six months now your humble petitioner hopes that he may have the allowance for the weakness of minde that pertanith to old adge and that this explanation of the genraral circumstances of servitude as well as the boating on the Monnongahale River will be fully understood and received as a suficient explanation and if so your petitioner requests that this statement as well as the subjoining affidevit be made a suplement to the above mentioned declaration

[The Pension Office rejected Carter's claim because he did not serve at least six months in a military capacity.]

Congress of the United States
In the House of Representatives
March 1, 1836

On motion of Mr Carter,

Resolved, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, be instructed to enquire into the expediency of extending the provisions of the act of Congress of the 7th June, 1832, to Hugh Carter, Sen'r. of Greene County, Tennessee, for Revolutionary Services.

NOTE: Thomas Babb stated that he had seen Hugh Carter enlist into the company of Capt. Babb with his brother, Joseph Babb, and that Carter served at Fort Pitt with another brother, Seth Babb (pension application W327). Seth Babb also certified Carter's declaration.