

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Carter R1752

Lydia Carter

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State of South Carolina Edgefield District

On the first day of November in the year of our Lord 1832, personally appeared in open Court before me Richard Gantt one of the judges of the State, now sitting in and for the District aforesaid Charles Carter Senior, a resident of the County and State aforesaid, age seventy years on the __ January last past 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 the seventh day of June 1832. That in the summer of 17__ he was called out at various times in short tours of duty in opposition to the Tories. In the first tour of service he went under the command of Captain Joseph Sharpe who commanded a militia company attached to the Regiment of Colonel Locke [Francis Locke], in pursuit of General Briant [sic, probably a reference to Colonel Samuel Bryan] then at the head of a body of Tories. They went in pursuit for several days but being unable to overtake the enemy, he returned to Salisbury and was discharged on furlough by Colonel Locke.

The Deponent further states that in October 17__ at the Town of Halifax North Carolina he attached himself to the Continental service under the command of Captain Davis [probably Capt. John Daves of the 3rd NC Regiment] with whom he remained for some short time – Major Hogg [Thomas Hogg] was also in command from whom he received occasionally furloughs for short periods. From this place he was sent under the command of Lieutenant Abner Lamb who marched to Georgetown in South Carolina, where he was placed under the command of Major Eggleton – After remaining at this place for four or five weeks, he made application to Major Eggleton for leave to join the main Army under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], then stationed on James Island near the city of Charleston. Having obtained leave he marched to James Island & reported himself to Colonel Lightly [possibly an erroneous reference to Colonel Archibald Lytle], who attached him to an infantry company from North Carolina, commanded by Robert Raiford Captain, and Jas. Campaine [probably a reference to Lt. James Campen] as Lieutenant. The Sergeant Major was called James Bynum. He would also state that General Gest [probably Mordecai Gist], Colonel Carter & Captain Carter were among the officers on the Island at the time. From the time he joined the Continental service at Halifax to the date of his discharge was to the best of his recollection about eleven months. This deponent feels well assured that if the different periods of actual service rendered by him in short expeditions after the Tories to his term in the Continental Army were added together they would amount to at least one year or more. He has no written or documentary evidence on which to rely for the verification *of this declaration and must rely upon his own statement and the estimation of his*

neighbors for the last 40 years as to the truth of his statements and the general opinion of his having been a revolutionary soldier. From the fact of his removal to this state shortly after the termination of the war, he is not¹ able to produce a living witness to testify to his services –

Sworn to before

S/ Richard Gantt, presiding Judge

S/ Charles Carter, X his mark

[Thomas Scurry Sr., and Daniel Rogers gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Charles Carter by way of amendment to his declaration made on the first day of November last, before the Honorable Richard Gantt the Presiding Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, then sitting for the District of Edgefield submits the following –

South Carolina Edgefield District: Personally appeared before me Allen B Anderson a justice of the Peace for the District & State aforesaid Charles Carter, who being duly sworn, Deposeth & saith, that by reason of old age and lapse of time, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of the service, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades, to wit, under Captain Sharp in excursions against the Tories for 8 to 10 days, as a private, I also served as one of a guard under Job Cole, a Sergeant, to conduct some prisoners to Salisbury in North Carolina, in which service I was employed from 8 to 10 days: He also served two weeks under Captain Joseph Sharp in Salisbury as a private where his company was stationed. This deponent is unable to be more particular more definite as to the time for which he served in the Continental service than what is stated in his declaration aforesaid but he is willing to qualify as he here does upon memory, that the time was 11 months or thereabouts and for the foregoing services he asked for a pension.

Sworn to ninth April 1833 before me

S/ A. B. Addison, QU

S/ Charles Carter, theX his mark

[Jonas W. Coleman, a clergyman and neighbor of Charles Carter, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[Larkin Griffin & William Mays Senior gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

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To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina. This Petition of the subscribed Charles Carter humbly & respectfully sheweth to your Honorable Body his needy condition and hopes that the just claims which he has for Revolutionary services when once presented for your consideration will induce you to grant him a pension. He is now old & infirm having to labor with his own hands for the support of himself, his wife & two daughters which United with his superannuated age numbering seventy-eight years he hopes will incline you to expand the means provided by an act of the Legislature for the relief of the soldiers of the Revolution. He has lately applied to the General Government for a pension but for the want of necessary living evidence to substantiate his Revolutionary services he has been denied his application, all his fellow soldiers so far as he can ascertain from a late correspondence having departed this life. The same insufficiency of proof may operate against him in his present petition but he trust that justice will be done him. He now proceeds to state

¹ The text in italics appears in the Ancestry.com version of this document and is missing from the digital image is posted on Fold3.com.]

that he was enlisted in the service in North Carolina under Captain Sharp sometime in the year 1781 or 82 and was frequently engaged in scouting parties in pursuit of the Tories and made a trip to Salisbury with some prisoners and was also in service under Captain Reed at Frohawk's [sic, Frohock's Mill] old field about the first of October the same year as well as he can recollect. Your petitioner entered the Continental service under Captain Daves, the Battalion and Regiment to which he was attached were commanded by Major Hogg and Colonel Bull and were stationed at Halifax North Carolina. The troops remained at Halifax until about the first of March following when they were marched into South Carolina under the command of Lieutenant Lamb, after scouring the country through which they passed, the troops were at length stationed at Georgetown South Carolina. After remaining at Georgetown some time your petitioner with three others applied for permission to join General Green at James Island, which permission was granted them. Your petitioner with his brother soldiers then repaired immediately to General Greens Army and became attached to a company commanded by Captain Robert Raiford and Lieutenant Campain of the North Carolina Light infantry at which place we remained until the close of the war when we were discharged by Major Bynum and then returned home about the first of September. I have thus so singly stated my services to the consideration of your Honorable Body and hope that you will grant the prayer of your petitioner.

South Carolina Edgefield District November 18th 1840

S/ Charles Carter, X his mark

S/ Thos. Scurry

[Note: p 40: the Clerk of the SC House of Representatives certified that the above is a true copy as taken from the originals in his office. His certificate is dated Nov. 24th, 1852]

[p 7: on April 25, 1853 in Edgefield District South Carolina, Lidia,, 85, filed for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Charles Carter who applied for a pension during his lifetime but which application was rejected for some defect. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[pp 11 & 13: affidavits dated February 10, 1855, given in Edgefield District SC that Charles Carter was reputed among the residents there to be a soldier of the revolution; that he married Lydia Scurry in Newberry District in 1776, 7 or 8; John Kinksey, 83, testifies that he often heard Carter and Drewry Hearn discuss their service in the revolution; that Drewry Hearn was his (Kinksey's) step father; Henry L. Wright, Judge of Edgefield court stated that he knew from Mary Coleman, 75, that Charles Carter married Lydia Scurry as aforesaid.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts² relating to Charles Carter
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 1104A
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[Note: This file contains an image of the original application the veteran made to the South Carolina legislature in 1840 as transcribed above]

² 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.

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South Carolina Edgefield District } Personally came before me Charles Carter and being Sworn
Saith that the services set forth in the foregoing petition is Just and true to the best of his
recollection.

Sworn to before me

this 18th of November 1840

S/ [illegible] Davenport JQ

S/ Charles Carter, X his mark

[Note: The veteran was placed on the South Carolina pension list in May 1842 at the rate of \$60
per annum. There is no indication that he ever received any other than the 1st installment of this
pension.]