

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Giles Landon Carter R1756

Sela Carter

f17GA

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State of Tennessee, Knox County, be it known that before me Robert D. Jourdmon, an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid duly authorized by law to administer oaths, personally appeared Sela Carter and made oath in due form of law, that she is between seventy-five and eighty years old, as well as she can recollect, and that she was the only wife and now the widow of Giles Landon Carter, deceased, commonly called Landon Carter, and that she was lawfully married to said Carter in one of the years between 1800 and 1810, in Rutherford County North Carolina, by a minister of the gospel; and that her said husband Giles Landon Carter died on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of July in 1856, in the County of Roane and State of Tennessee, being nearly 100 years old, and that he was a private soldier in the revolutionary war; that he enlisted during the war and served until after peace was made, a term of five or six years, and was lawfully an honorably discharged. That he lived at the time of his entering into said service in Halifax Virginia or Halifax North Carolina, and it is not known by deponent whether he was of the Continental line or of the state troops. His discharge paper cannot now be produced because it was burnt up with other papers and effects together with their cabin many years ago in Rutherford County North Carolina. He was in the battle of Cowpens [January 17, 1781], King's Mountain [October 7, 1780], Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] &c, was wounded in one leg, a flesh wound, that General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], Colonel Wilson & Captain Morgan were his officers, or those about whom he most frequently talked-- that he traveled through the Country watered by the Catawba & Yadkin rivers that he resided after his discharge in the County of Rutherford, and the State of North Carolina and in Carter, McMinn, Knox and Roane Counties in the State of Tennessee; in which last mentioned County he died as before stated.

He frequently in his lifetime spoke of trying to get a pension, but did not know how to proceed. He one time while he lived in Knox County he rode to Knoxville, Tennessee, about 18 miles, to find a man who was prosecuting pension claims, but after hunting about town without finding the man, he became so much fatigued and disheartened, that he returned home and never revived his effort.

She makes this declaration, believing, as she has been informed, that her said husband was entitled to a pension under the act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832, and that she would be entitled after his death, under the act of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 1836 or some one of the subsequent amendments of said first mentioned act, or others, and that she is also entitled to a land warrant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 1858.

S/ R. D. Jourdmon, JP

S/ Sela Carter, X her mark

[p 6: There is in this file a certified copy of a marriage bond dated January 14, 1806, issued in Rutherford County, NC for the marriage of Miss Selah Queen to Giles Carter. Giles Carter and John Queen (both of whom signed their names with an X) were the bondsmen.]