

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Silas Carter R1758

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State of Georgia Washington County: On this first day of July 1833 personally appeared in open Court Silas Carter a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged eighty 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. I entered the service of the United States in the militia as a drafted man about the year 1779 under the command of General Williamson [Andrew Williamson Colonel Hammond [either Leroy or Samuel Hammond] Captain Pope I entered the Service in Lexington District South Carolina for three months. I marched from Lexington district to Orangeburg district from thence through Edgefield district South Carolina and was stationed on Savannah River opposite of Augusta and was at the siege of Augusta and in or about the year 1780 I was drafted for a three months tour and hired a Substitute to serve in my place, I entered the service as a volunteer about the year 1782 or 1783 under the command of Captain Godfrey Tryer [?] and Colonel Beard in the light Horse troop and marched against the British down on the Congaree River South Carolina and served a tour of four months, was not in any regular Battle during this term of service peace being declared the Troops were disbanded and I received a discharge but the time has been so long that I have lost it many years ago. I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present. I declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any State Agency.

Interrogatory 1st Where and in what year were you born

Answer. I was born in Orange County North Carolina in the year 1752

Interrogatory 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it

Answer. There is a record of my age in a Bible which I gave to my oldest son in South Carolina

Interrogatory 3rd Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live

Answer. I lived in Lexington District South Carolina when I entered the Service. I removed from South Carolina to Onslow County North Carolina about the year 1784 and lived there until

the year 1818. I removed to the state of Georgia Washington County where I now reside
Interrogatory 4th. How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were
you a Substitute and if a Substitute for whom

Answer. I was drafted and served a tour of 3 months. I was drafted the 2nd time and hired a
Substitute. I afterwards volunteered under Colonel beard and Captain Godfrey Fryer
5 Interrogatory. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where
you served such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general
circumstances of your Service

Answer. I recollect a Captain Moore who commanded a company of regulars do not recollect
the Regiment to which he belonged, I do [not] recollect the Continental or militia regiments as
for the general circumstances I can say no more than I did in the statement of my service

Interrogatory 6 Did you ever receive a discharge from the Service and if so by whom was it
given

An I received a discharge from Captain Godfrey Fryer

Interrogatory State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood
who can testify as to your character for veracity and good behavior and their belief of your
services as revolutionary Soldier

Anr. Jordan Smith and Reuben Whitfield all persons who know me in my neighborhood since I
have been in this State and can testify to my character as a good citizen and a man of veracity
and good behavior. I know of no person living who can testify to my Services in the
revolutionary war.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid before us

S/ Bryant Oquin, JIC

S/ Samuel Robison, JIC

S/ James Boatright, JIC

S/ Silas Floyd, JIC

S/ Silas Carter

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Silas Carter". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name "S/ Silas Carter".

[William P Haynes, a clergyman, and Lewis A. Jernigan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[List of rejected claims printed in 1852 shows calls of rejection as follows: "Did not serve 6
months in person"]