

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Carson S1183

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State of Kentucky Casey County } Sct.

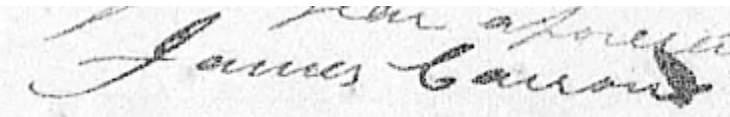
On this 21st day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable John L. Bridges, Judge of the Casey Circuit Court now sitting James Carson a resident of Casey County & State of Kentucky aged about seventy-one years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the 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. He entered the service of the United States sometime about the first of January 1781 in Captain Scott's [Arthur Scott's] company in Surry County North Carolina who marched his company on to General Davidson's [William Lee Davidson's] Headquarters on the Catawba River & there was attached to Colonel Greyham's [sic, Graham's] Regiment of North Carolina Militia served in said Regiment upon the Catawba River at various places & crossings to prevent the British from crossing the same & in guarding some prisoners taken at the Cowpens & then was discharged for three months tour of duty by Captain Arthur Scott which is herewith submitted, & while out on the said three months tour the company of Militia to which he belonged to at home elected him as Lieutenant & on his return Excepted [sic, accepted] the Commission & was qualified to the same & in September following he entered the service a second time as Lieutenant in Captain Ayres Company, in Surry County State of North Carolina, who marched on near Wilmington to General Rutherford's [Griffith Rutherford's] headquarters where we were attached to Colonel Martin's Regiment of North Carolina Militia & put under Captain David Humphreys where he continued until Honorably discharged for three months tour of duty by General Rutherford which discharge he has lost or mislaid making in all six months service, he has no documentary evidence except what is here submitted & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services.

He hereby relinquishes 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.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ James Carson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Carson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Jesse C. Portman, a clergyman, and David Humphrey gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Kentucky Casey County: Amended Declaration of James Carson

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid James Carson who being duly sworn Deposeth and saith that the several answers being made to the several Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department is correctly Answered

Answered to the 1st Interrogatory Answered in Rowan County North Carolina in the year 1761

Answer to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Interrogatory (Answer) I have no record of my age.

Answer to the 7th Interrogatory -- John Jones & Henry Winfrey.

Sworn to and subscribed the date above.

S/ James Carson

[John Jones, Senior, and Henry Winfrey gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Kentucky Casey County

Amended Declaration of James Carson

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace in and for the County & State, James Carson, who being duly sworn Deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively to the following answers to the several Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department but according to the best of his Recollection they are correctly answered, Interrogatory two and officer

Did you ever receive a Commission and If so by whom was it signed and what has become of it.

Answer, in September 1781 he was appointed by his company as before stated as Lieutenant, and was returned to the Colonel Commandant of the Militia of Surry County State of North Carolina & by him ordered to the Court Marshall [martial] of that Regiment of militia of said County & in the presence of a full Board of officers was then duly sworn in as Lieutenant & received a Certificate of my appointment & qualifications to that office, from under the hands of Colonel Martin [indecipherable word or words], Commandant of the Regiment & president of the Board of Officers under which authority he entered the service as Lieutenant which was, in the time of [several indecipherable words] Enemies within & within our own neighborhood called a full Commission for a Lieutenant under which he entered the service of the United States & served three months as Lieutenant & was Honorably Discharge as such by General Rutherford as before named which discharge is as follows verbatim

"Camp at Rocky Point James Carson a Lieutenant in David Humphries Company Colonel James Martin's Regiment having [word obscured by a fold in the paper, probably the word "successfully"] served his tour, is hereby discharged by Order of Brigadier General Rutherford: Signed by Major John Galaspy"

S/ James Carson

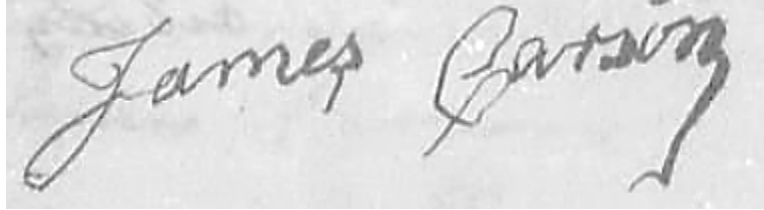
Sworn to and subscribed before me an acting Justice of the peace in and for the above County this 17th 1833

S/ Richard L. Smith

[p 27: affidavit dated June 17, 1833 given in Casey County Kentucky by Margaret Grayham, "of lawful age" in which she states that her husband served a three months tour in a militia company in which James Carson acted as a Lieutenant; Jane Carson, also of legal age, testified that James

Carson was appointed a Lieutenant in the Surry Militia in September 1781 and that she saw his discharge; and Job Clifton, of legal age, testified it was common talk in his neighborhood that James Carson was a lieutenant and after his return home he was appointed a captain.]

[p 19: On July 15, 1847 in Casey County Kentucky, James Carson filed an affidavit stating that he is the same James Carson who is a pensioner at the rate of \$50 per annum and that he has lost or mislaid his pension certificate.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Carson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The name "James" is written in a larger, more prominent hand than "Carson". The signature ends with a long, sweeping flourish that extends downwards and to the right. The entire signature is enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

[p 11: On May 5, 1853 in Casey County Kentucky Robert Carson executed a power of attorney as the son of James Carson, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$50 per annum. In this document Robert states that his father died December 8, 1851. The place of death is not stated.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 3 months and as a Lieutenant for 3 months, all in the North Carolina militia.]