

[Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Samuel Carter S1505

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State of Tennessee } County Court at September Sessions 1832

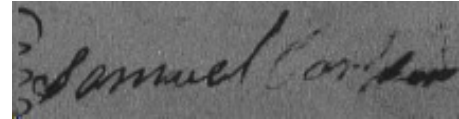
Monroe County Sct. }

On this 21st day of September 1832 personally appeared in Open Court in the Court of pleas and quarter sessions of Monroe County now sitting, Samuel Carter Senior a resident of the said County & State aged Seventy eight years 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 June 7th 1832.

That immediately after the Capture of the Army of General Burgoyne's Army they were marched to the Barracks built of Ivy Creek seven miles from Charlottesville in Albemarle County Virginia [sic: captured at Saratoga NY on 17 Oct 1777, but not brought to Albemarle Barracks until Jan 1779] declarant then resided in that County and was included in the Classification of the Militia of said County who together with the Militia of Amherst Cumberland and Orange Counties were to guard said prisoners by turns of one months service at a turn as well as he recollects, that during the period of the keeping said prisoners declarant served four or five tours of duty on that service in the Company Commanded by Captain John Martin [S30563], Lieutenant Nathaniel Garland, ensign's name forgotten Orderly Sergeants name Jacob Pharis under Command of Colonel Fountain [sic: William Fontaine [W7319]. About the 1st day of November 1778 [sic] as well as he now recollects he left Albemarle County Virginia & removed to Fairfield District South Carolina soon after settling there, he was called on by draft as he beleives, and went into service in the company commanded by Captain Robert Frost, Lieutenant John Mayfield other officers names forgotten, under Colonel David Hopkins and Major Bond [Moses Bond SC676] and marched to the Congaree River four miles below Granby where we remained several days waiting for Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene]. from there we crossed the River and marched down it to a place called Sailors; remained there several days thence to Mideray Swamp and united with General Green's forces and marched under him to Eutaws where we fought the British [Battle of Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781] and after a bloody fight of near half the day General Greene ordered a retreat, and we marched up the Country, and at a place called Perdell's [sic: Burdell's Plantation] 7 miles from the battle ground, declarant was honorably discharged, having served about two months as he beleives – Soon after declarant returned home the Tories killed Major Bond and Lieutenant Mayfield, and the Company to which declarant belonged elected him their Lieutenant in room of Mayfield. Soon after Colonel Richard Wynee [sic: Richard Winn SCX2] ordered declarant and other officers to raise Companies and keep them ready at a minuets warning and to suppress the Tories, and keep them in order and reconoiter the country and keep all in order, in this service declarant served two tours of about two months each for which he received Certificates or discharges – about the first of August 1781 [sic: probably after the Battle of Eutaw Springs] declarant was called on according to his turn, and marched in command of a Company to South Edisto and joined the command of General [William] Henderson where we were employed in suppressing the Tories and outliers and keeping in check Colonel Cunningham [William "Bloody Bill" Cunningham] a Tory leader who had a force of about three hundred as was then understood; and were ravageing the Country about South Edisto River, in this service and beating the swamps and scouring the country we were employed about two months, and were again discharged by General Henderson, and declarant on his way home heard most gladly the news of the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Little York [19 Oct 1781]. Declarant had his House burnt in Rutherford County North Carolina where he removed some years after the war and all his papers, discharges and nearly all his effects were burnt & destroyed. He has no documentary or other evidence of his aforesaid services nor does he know of any person by whom he can now prove his said services or any part thereof. He removed from Fairfield District South Carolina to Rutherford County North Carolina in 1795 or 1796 and lived there untill 1810 he removed to

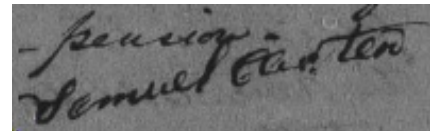
Haywood County North Carolina, remained there untill 1813 and then removed to Sevier County Tennessee, then into Blount, and then into Monroe County Tennessee where he has resided several years past and now lives.

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.



State of Tennessee Sct.

On this 18th day of June 1833 personally appeared before me the undersigned, a Justice of the peace duly commissioned & sworn in & for Monroe County Samuel Carter Senior the above applicant for a pension, who being duly sworn, deposed and saith, that, by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. For, four Tours of one month each, I served as a private guarding prisoners as first mentioned in my original declaration: For two months I served as a private under Captain Frost as mentioned in said declaration. For two tours of duty of two months each I served as a Lieutenant, in the suppression of the Tories under orders of Colonel Wynee, as mentioned in said declaration. For two months I served as a Lieutenant and Commander of the Company, under Command of General Henderson on the South Edisto Campaign, against Col. Cunningham & his Tory followers, as stated in said declaration, and for such service I claim a pension.



[The following from [South Carolina Audited Accounts](#) may pertain to this soldier.]

State of South Carolina Dr To Samuel Carter

			S	d
May 20 1781	To 31 days duty @ 10 Shill's pr day	£15	10	0
August the 15 1781	To 31 days duty @ 10 Shill's pr day	15	10	0
June the 1 1782	To 31 days duty @ 10 Shills pr day	<u>15</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>
August the 10 1782	To 31 days duty as Lieut @ 40 Shillings pr day	£46	10	—
	less 21 days @ [the rest undeciphered]	<u>62</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		£108	10	0

S. Carolina } I do Certify that the Above mentioned duty Amounting to 124 days were
 Camden Dist } performed by s'd Sam'l Carter
 D. Hopkins Lt. Colo. Comm[andan]t



Samuel Carter,

for 93 days duty as private in 1781 & 1782 alternately, & 31 days as Lieut. the whole charg'd

Curr[enc]y £108.10.

deduct Over[?] }

charge as Lieut } 7.15.
 £100.15.
 Sterling 14. 7.10
Fourteen pounds Seven Shillings & Ten pence [undeciphered word] Sterling.
 Ex[amine]d [undeciphered signature]

So. Carolina }
Camden Dist } Appear'd Samuel Carter & after being duly Sworn decla[edge of page]
 That the within Acc't of One hundred & Eight pounds Ten Shillings former
Currency is Justly due him from this State and that he has Never Receiv'd Any part Thereof
Sworn To Before me this 14th day of May 1784 [signed] D. Hopkins JP[?]
£108.10.0 former Currency
Rec'd 29 Oct 1785 full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent N204 Lib'y[?]

Samuel Carter

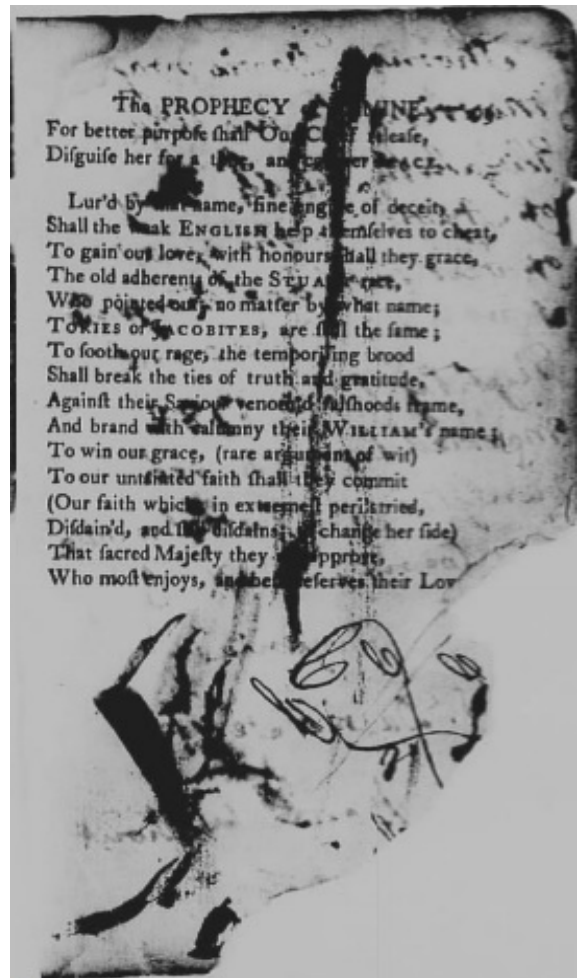
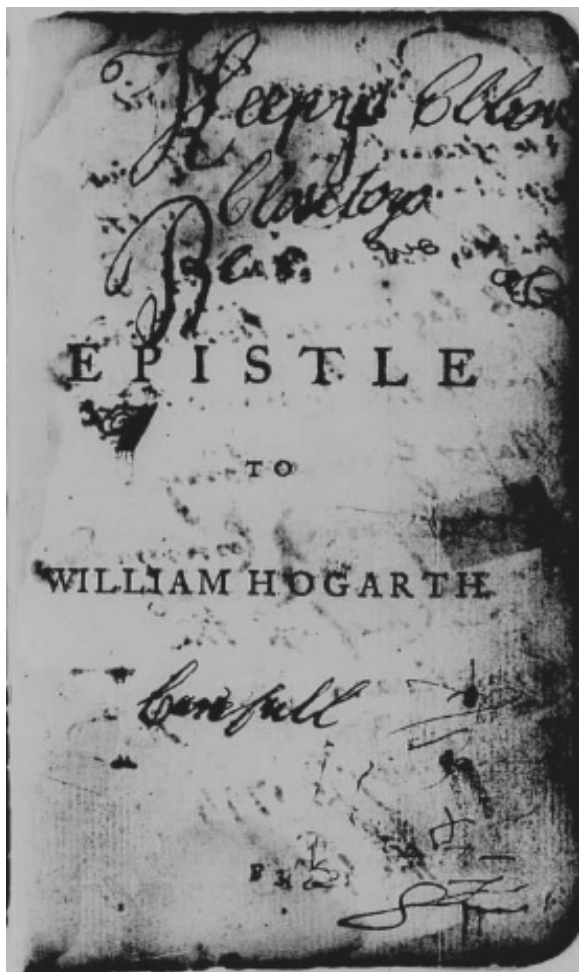
NOTES:

Compare the above Thomas Davis with Thomas Davis VAS3309, who was a corporal in Armand's Legion and whose signiature was similar.

On 25 Sep 1821 Thomas Davis applied to have his pension transferred to Ohio, having moved to Green County.

Daniel and Nancy Wilson stated that in the book used as a family record Thomas Davis "in his own proper hand writing... made entries of the period he left London (England) the distance of time they were crossing the ocean," and other events.

On 3 April 1847 Jacob Davis, 53, of Madison County KY, stated that his father, Thomas Davis, while living in Kentucky, gave him "a book (consisting of rhyming poetry) saying Jacob take this book and keep it it has your own your Brothers and your Sisters ages set down in it, Or words equivalent thereto," and that the book fell into the hands of David Hull, from whom he recovered it in the previous fall. He stated that he then brought it to Ohio in March to aid his mother in obtaining her pension, and that the two pages shown and two pages transcribed below are from that book. Part of the text is missing at places marked [*].



Thomas Davis was Married to his Wife Elizabeth on the 14th Day of April in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty two 1782 married by a Church minister in Charlotesaville [Charlottesville?] town in Old Virginia

[*] David sent [?]

[*] Book Without

[*]

Thomas Davis Serjeant in Capt. Uriah Springers Company of Rifle men And the 3^d Sub Legion yallow [?]inding Major Gen'l. antony Waynn Commander in Chief of the Amarian Army January 25th 1794 in the Wilderness

On 21 Feb 1850 Jacob Davis, 60, stated that his mother, Elizabeth Davis, died on 7 April 1849 leaving the following children: John Davis, Jacob Davis, and Nancy Wilson. He stated that his mother may also have been survived by the following sisters and brother: Elizabeth Wilson, Catherine Croy, and Richard Davis.