

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of David Carter S16335

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State of Georgia } S.S.
County of Franklin }

On this eleventh day of October in the year Eighteen Hundred and thirty two personally appeared before the Superior Court for the County & State aforesaid now sitting David Carter a resident of Capt. Royston's District in the County and state aforesaid aged Seventy three 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 7 1832. That he entered the service of the United States in the Militia of the State of North Carolina as a volunteer in Surrey [sic: Surry] County under Capt Martin in the Spring of 1778 was kept out scouting after the Tories under Capt Martin & Major Lewis and served four months in this kind of duty And again entered the main army of General [Griffith] Rutherford at Peedee [sic: Pee Dee River], below Salisbury North Carolina in June 1779 and was under Capt Bostwick [sic: Absalom Bostick] in the Company and after being about a month under him was shifted to a rifle Company (does not recollect the Captains name as the Capt & Lieut both went home a few days afterwards) was marched under Rutherford to Camden South Carolina, & was in the Battle there under Gen'l. Gates [Horatio Gates, 16 Aug 1780], and the army was defeated at Camden and deponent was taken prisoner & carried to Charleston S.C. & was detained at Charleston & in the Prison ships eleven months & four days, & was then carried to Jamestown Virginia, where he was exchanged in August 1781, altogether he was a prisoner as before stated Eleven months and four days. After being exchanged as aforesaid he returned home after a service of Fifteen months in this last campaign

And in Wilkes County North Carolina, and about 1st November 1781, he again entered the army under Capt. Johnson as a substitute (does not recollect the name of the person for whom he substituted) was marched by Capt. Johnson & Col [Elijah] Isaacs down to Randolph County & to other places after Col. Fannig [sic: David Fanning] and other Tories & had several skirmishes with the Tories, was out in this Service three months & was dismissed by Capt Johnson

In addition to the above & before said service He entered the service in Redstone in Virginia, under Capt Owens, and was sent to guard the frontier against the Shawnee Indians, was stationed at Capt Owens house on Monongehela river [sic: Monongahela River, probably in present Monongalia County WV]; Served three months & was discharged by Capt Owens And again entered for one month & served against said Indians under Lieutenant Lewis at Dunkards station. this service was in the fall of year 1774, that is the first three months, the last month was in June 1775.

Served altogether Two years and two months as aforesaid

1. Was born in East New Jersey in the year 1758 left there with his parents when very young & was raised in Virginia.
2. Does not know whether there is any record of his age.
3. When first called into service he lived on Monongahela on the frontier of Virginia, from there he removed to North Carolina Surrey County in 1777. Since the war he has lived in Pendleton District South Carolina until the fall of 1825 when he removed to his present residence & has remained there ever since
4. Served as a volunteer, except three months he was a substitute & the last month he served in Virginia he was drafted.
5. Recollects Genl. Gates, Genl Smallwood [William Smallwood of MD] & Genl De Kalb who was killed at Camden
6. Received several Discharges but they are lost, one from Capt Owens one from Capt Bostwick & one from Capt Johnson. does not recollect others
7. Is known to Henry Parks of the County first aforesaid who saw him in service after the Tories. Is also known to Wilbur A. McMillin and to Samuel Hymer a preacher of the Gospel who resides in his neighborhood & who can all testify to his character for veracity & to their belief of his

having been a Soldier of the Revolution

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, only that he now receives a pension of Sixty Dollars from the State of South Carolina, under a similar statement to the above. David hisXmark Carter

State of Georgia } SS
County of Franklin }

On this 22nd day of July in the year eighteen Hundred and thirty three, personally appeared before me, Benjamin Stonecypher an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County David Carter who has heretofore subscribed and sworn to the original Declaration to which this is attached and who being again duly Sworn on oath saith That by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his services. But according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades, viz

For four months in 1778 he served as a private under Capt Martin & Col. Cleveland

For three months in 1780 he served as private partly under Capt Bostwick partly rifle Co. was under Gen. Rutherford, does not recollect the Colonel's name

For Eleven months and 4 days from August 1780 till August 1781 he was a prisoner to the British & was kept in the Prison ships "Concord," "King George" and "Fidelity" at Charleston, he served this time as a private.

For one month in Nov'r 1781 he served as a private under Capt Johnson & Col Isaacs

For two months in Dec'r 1781 & Jan'y 1782 he served under Capt Beverly & Col Isaacs as a private horseman.

For three month in 1774 he served as a private under Capt Owens & Col Morgan }

For one month in 1775 he served as a private under Lieut Lewis & Col Morgan }

This service was against the Shawanee Indians }

Served altogether for fourteen months as a private, and Eleven months as a prisoner of War he served with an embodied Corps called into service by competent authority, that he was during the time either in the field or in Garrison, and for the time during which the service was performed he was not employed in any civil pursuit. and for such service he claims a pension.

He has understood that his pension in South Carolina is discontinued by some late Act.

He knows of no person now in life whose testimony he is able to procure to prove his Services, other than the proof attached to his original Declaration, to which he refers for particular of Service David hisXmark Carter