

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Carothers (Carrothers) S2416

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State of Tennessee Bedford County

On this 9th Day of February 1833 Personally appeared in open Court now sitting for said County before the Worshipful Samuel Phillips, William McClure and John B Armstrong Esquires gentlemen justices of the peace appointed a Quorum to hold said Court – Robert Carrithers Senior a resident of said County aged eighty-two years eleven months and twenty-six days who after being sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated (to wit) That he entered the service of the United States as a drafted Soldier in the County of Mecklenburg and State of North Carolina sometime he thinks in the month of June ^{about the first} in the year 1780 and was placed in a company commanded by Captain John Brumfield who was attached to a Regiment under the command of Colonel Robert Erwin¹ and was marched to General Sumter's head Quarters – and thence on to what was called Hanging Rock in the State of South Carolina where he says they had an engagement with the British and Tories sometime in July but the precise day he does not recollect, and a small engagement on the following morning at the flat Rock. He states that he remained in Service under the aforesaid Officers until his term of three months expired when he was dismissed and returned home; and was ordered out immediately again about the time the British was in Charlotte in Mecklenburg County, as a militia man his Captain he thinks perhaps was Porter but is not certain and his Colonel was Robert Erwin, and he thinks General Lock [sic, Locke?] was along – and was marched to Salisbury in Roan [sic, Rowan] County North Carolina and thence up the country and across the back to Charlotte crossing Curdle Creek and Rocky River and after Serving two months he was dismissed. – Deponent says that afterwards he joined Colonel Davys [sic, William Richardson Davie's] Regiment of mounted Gunmen; in order to suppress the Tories who were numerous and frequently committing depredations on the property of the Whigs, but from old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively to the precise length of this last mentioned tower [tour] of duty it being performed at different periods of two or three weeks at a time; but to the best of his recollection he served not less than three months, making in all a term

¹ See document below, this officer clearly signed his name "Robert Irwin."

of Service of not less than eight months for which he claims a pension – and that he has no documentary evidence whatever, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify as to his Service, Except what he can prove by the oath of James Wilson,² And declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in the United States.

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Interrogatories by the Court

Int. 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in Lancaster County in the State of Pennsylvania on the 14th day of February in the year 1750 agreeable to what my parents informed me.

Int. 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. I have no Record of my age whatever

Int. 3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. I was a Citizen of Mecklenburg County in the State of North Carolina all the time I was in service and after the close of the war, when I removed, in the year 1791 to Davidson County Tennessee where I resided for six years, and from there I removed to Williamson County where I resided until the first day of January 1831 when I removed to Bedford County Tennessee where I now reside.

Int. 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans. I was a drafted soldier my first to towers and my last tower I was a volunteer

Int. 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. I did not form any acquaintance with any Regular Officers, that was with the troops where I served, nor do I recollect the names or numbers of any Regiment whatever, and believe I [have] given as near the general circumstances of my Service as I am able to do at this advanced age of my life

Int. 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. I never did receive a written discharge only dismissed from Service or mustered out of the Service

Int. 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

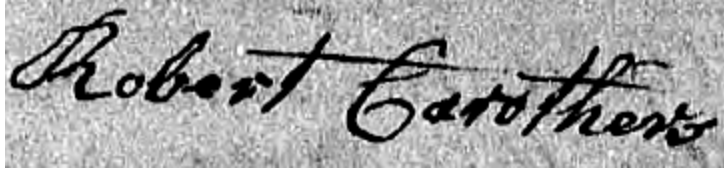
Ans. I have not lived a sufficient length of time in my present neighborhood and not being able to travel about much I have not formed an acquaintance with many persons, and have not formed an acquaintance with any clergyman, I am acquainted with Samuel Haggard, Abraham Mayfield, William Meek and John & Marion James Watsau

and I hereby relinquish all claim to a pension or annuity except the present. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jas McKisick, Clk

S/ Robert Carothers

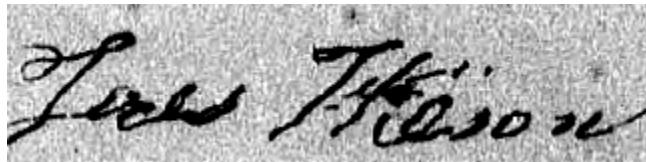
² [James Wilson S3565](#)



State of Tennessee

On this 9th Day of February 1833 personally appeared in open Court James Wilson Senior a resident of Bedford County in the State aforesaid; aged seventy-six years; who after being duly sworn according to law, depose and saith that he was himself a Soldier in the Revolutionary war; where and when he knew Robert Carrothers who was then a private Soldier in Captain Brumfield's Company and that said Carrothers was in the battle of the Hanging Rock, in South Carolina between the British and the Americans – and that he has been acquainted with the said Robert Carrothers who subscribed and was qualified to the foregoing declaration; both in the State of North Carolina and Tennessee, that he always supported a good moral character and that he never heard his veracity questioned by any person whatever. Sworn to and subscribed the day and date aforesaid.

S/ Jas Wilson



[William Meek and John F Marion gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina } These may Certify that ye Bearer hereof, Robert Carrithers
Meklenburgh County } Has lived in ^{this} County in or about fourteen years, past
And that in ye same Neighbourhood Where i live, and
Always Beheaved himself as an honest man, And During the Late Ware
With Britain, he was always, A Ready Zelious, Active friend to ye American
Cause, And often Carred arms in ye Defense of our Common Rights, and
is intitled to ye Benifits of a good Citizen, Where Ever his Lott may Cast
Certified by me this 27th day of Jan^y 1786

S/ Robt Irwin, Col. 1st B. M. M. &

To All to Whom these may Come, Be it
Known that we approve of ye above Testimonial and
Belives ye above Robert Carrithers to merit ye same
as witness our Hands,

S/ Hez Alexander J. P.
S/ J. Mc. Alexander, JP
S/ John Neely

State of N. Carolina These may Certify that J. Beamer Son of Robert Carithers
 Mehlenburgh County Has lived in this County in an about fourteen years past
 And that in y. same Neighbourhood where, it live, and
 Always Behaved himself as an honest man, and During y. Late War
 With Britain, he Was always, Active, zealous, Active, friend of American
 Cause, and often Carried arms in y. Defence of our Common Rights, and
 is intitled to y. Benefits of a good Citizen, Where ever his Lots may be Call'd
 Certify, My me this 27th Day of Jan'y 1786 Robt. Jemmy Col. 1st Regt. m. m. &

All to whom these may come, We do
 Know that we approve of y. above Testimonial, and
 Belives y. above Robert Carithers, to merit y. same
 as Witness our Hands, &c.

Alex. Alexander J. P.
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 John & Co.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for eight months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]