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Pension Application of Joseph Carter S30321

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State of Ky. Washington County & circuit

On this day being the 13<sup>th</sup> of Nov. 1832 personally appeared in open court Joseph Carter a resident citizen of Washington Co. Ky aged 72 years and upon his oath made the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1832 that he enlisted on 27<sup>th</sup> August 1777 as a private soldier in the war of the Revolution for the period of three years in the 15<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment, afterwards was transfered to 11<sup>th</sup> Virginia R't afterwards was transfered to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Va. Regt commanded by Col. Russel [sic: William Russell], and was attached to the Brigade commanded by Genl [William] Woodford. He first joined the main army at Valley Forge [winter 1777-78] after he had been taken to Allexandria [sic: Alexandria] and inoculated for the small Pox. From the Valey Forge he was marched to the South and was in and at the siege of Charlestown, when it was captured in 1780 [12 May 1780]. Genl [Benjamin] Lincoln was our commander in chief at Charlestown he was detained in captivity until the month of September 1781 when he was exchanged and landed from the British vessels in Sept. 1781 at Old Jamestown in Va. he was marched then to Williamsburg and there the said Carter was discharged having served out his time of enlistment. His discharge he has not He thinks it was sent either to Richmond or the Federal City in order to obtain his bounty land as his name is found at Washington upon the books shewing that he was entitled and had received his bounty land, or his assignee received it for him. He annexes to this declaration the testimony of Jno. Cox taken in 1830 in the State of Virginia also R. D. Carter of the same state in support of his claim. These affidavits were taken in 1830 under a belief that this applicant was entitled to the benefit of the then existing pension laws. These persons if alive reside in Northumberland County Va and not within the reach of the power of this court He has no witness in this State by whom he can prove his service He referes to records of the war office

He is not upon the pension roll of any state and hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension except the present one now profered

Signed Joseph Carter

[The following are among the [Revolutionary Bounty Warrant files in the Library of Virginia](#):]

I do Certify that Joseph Carter a Soldier in Colo. Russells Regiment of the Virg'a line has served the full term of three years for which he was Inlisted and is now hereby Discharged from the Service and that he has received his pay in continental Currency up to the first day of [illegible] one thousand seven hundred & seventy nine since which he has only received two Dollars specie from the Commissary as prisoners rations

Given under my hand in Wmsburg this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 1781

Wm Johnston Capt. Com't. [William Johnston, Captain Commandant]

D. Stephenson Major [David Stephenson]

Sen'r. Officers present Virginia

[Copy certified by Auditor's Office in Richmond, 13 May 1783.]

[The following may actually pertain to a different Joseph Carter (W6893), who served under Javan Miller (BLWt1871-200).]

February 3 1785

Sir Please to Pay the Arrearages of My Pay to Mr Javan Miller & his Receipt shall be my Discharge  
To Cap'tn. Charles Jones

Joseph hisXmark Carter

NOTES:

Carter was denied a pension under the act of 1828, which provided only for soldiers who enlisted for and served until the end of the war.

On 8 Dec 1830 Rawleigh D. Carter stated that he had often heard his father, John Carter, say that his brother, Joseph Carter, "joined the army of the United States in the War of the Revolution at a very early age perhaps about Fifteen years old and that he ran away from school for that purpose & that the said Joseph Carter continued in the army during the War and that he has often heard his Father say that his brother Joseph did not return Home untill after the Siege of Yorktown in this State" [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781].

The file contains a receipt signed by Joseph Carter, Jr. for the final pension payment to Joseph Carter up to the date of his death, 20 Aug 1846.

The file contains a 30 July 1855 letter to a pension agent from James Carter of Boonville MO inquiring about a pension for his father, Joseph Carter, evidently a different Joseph Carter from the above. James Carter stated, "I had Captain stephenson's certificate for his services for one year ending on the first day of July 1776 as a private soldier also a Captain's commission by Thomas Jefferson dated 1779..." "Captain stephenson" may refer to John Stevenson of the 8<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment. A Joseph Carter was commissioned on 4 Aug 1779 as Captain of the Frederick County Militia.