

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Philip Carnes S3117

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State of Tennessee McNairy County: SS : On this the 18th day of November in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Judge of our Circuit Court now sitting Philip Carnes a resident of McNairy County and State of Tennessee aged seventy two 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 the 7th 1832. That he was born in Rowan County State of North Carolina on the 24th day of December in the year of our Lord 1761. Here I continued to reside before the Revolutionary War until the year 1781 when he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer soldier for the term of three months under Captain Peter Fost [Peter Foss], Major Robert Gillaspie [sic, Robert Gillespie]. When the said volunteer Company was made up we marched to Salisbury where we joined Colonel Barringer's [sic, Major George Henry Barrier's] Regiment for the purpose of marching to the State of South Carolina, but after we joined his Regiment my Captain together with Major Gillaspie was ordered to remain in Salisbury which we did during the time I volunteered for we were stationed here for the purpose of guarding some British prisoners which was sent there for safekeeping and to take care of the magazine which was then located at that place. I remained here until my term of three months had expired when I was discharged having received a written discharge signed by my Captain but the same is now lost or destroyed.

A few weeks after I was discharged at Salisbury I again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer soldier in the year 1781, the day & month not now recollected under Captain John Lop [sic, John Lopp] and in the mounted Infantry so soon as we got ready to march we went directly on in the direction of Wilmington where we intended to join the American Army but when we arrived within 16 miles of that place we met some troops from Virginia as I understood they informed us that the British and their shipping had left that neighborhood and that our services would not be required there. So we turned about and marched back to Salisbury in Rowan County there I was discharged I served in this Tour six weeks or 45 days for these services I received a written discharge signed by Captain Lop but it is now lost or destroyed –

In the fall of the year 1782 I again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer Horseman in Rowan County North Carolina under Captain Frederick Smith after the company was organized we joined another company in the same County commanded by Captain Coal [sic, Cole?], then both companies marched through Rowan, Montgomery, Randolph and more Counties for the purpose of dispersing and keeping down the Tories, which would every opportunity raise and do some mischief to the citizens while on this expedition we had two or three skirmishes killed some Tories and took some prisoners, from the great length of time, old

age and the consequent loss of memory I am now unable to say how long I served in this Tour but am positive I served not less than two months for which services I claim a Pension. I did not receive any discharge for these services do not know why I did not, and do not believe any of the company. I was dismissed from the service in Rowan County North Carolina in the latter part of the year 1781 – my age was recorded in a large family Bible which my father owned at his death, from this Bible I took down my age which is now on record at one of my children's in North Carolina where they reside. After the revolutionary war I continued to live in Rowan County until the year 1828 [sic, 1818?] when I moved to the State of Alabama and lived there 10 or 11 years then I moved to McNairy County Tennessee where I now reside – I am well acquainted with Benjamin Sells of my present neighborhood and have been acquainted with him for 14 years. I am also acquainted with Clinton L. Moore of the same neighborhood they can testify as to my character for veracity and good behavior and their belief and the neighborhood' belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution – And he further states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services – I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Given under my hand

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Philip Carnes, X his mark

S/ Maclin Cross, Clerk

[Benjamin Sells and Clinton L Moore gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$24.58 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for six months service as a private in the infantry and 3 1/2 months service as a private in the cavalry in the North Carolina militia.]