

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John F. Carr S3118

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State of Tennessee }

Maury County }

On this 13th day of September 1832 personally appeared before the court of pleas and quarter sessions of the county of Maury and state of Tennessee John F. Carr a resident of Cedar creek in the county of Maury & state of Tennessee, aforesaid, aged sixty seven years on the 12th day of November last, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was pressed into the service of the United States about the latter end of the year 1780 as well as he now recollects with his waggon and team, to move prisoners from Albermarle [sic: Albemarle] barracks to Fredericktown [Frederick] in Maryland, and was there discharged which trip took six or eight weeks to perform, was again pressed in the latter part of the winter or early part of the spring to go to Philadelphia for public stores, that is, kettles, sugar, coffee, medicine, &c, which trip took about six Weeks to perform. on his return was kept to hall [haul] for the army two weeks longer, that he entered the service or army of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. To wit, the brigade to which he was attached was commanded by Gen. Lafayette, Col. Reuben Lindsay of Albemarle County Va. commanded the regiment, and his Capt. was Isaac Davis, and lieutenant Brightberry Brown. his Capt. Isaac Davis getting sick, he was commanded by John Burke Capt, until after his discharge at Jamestown. He entered the service some time in the month of April 1781, as a drafted militiaman, (it having come to his turn to serve a tour) Marched from Albemarle county through Louisa county, and Richmond, was stationed some time fourteen miles below Richmond at Mobbins hills [sic: Malvern Hill]. marched from there by hotwater where they had a small skirmish with the enemy [Battle of Hot Water Plantation, 6 mi NW of Williamsburg, 26 Jun], from thence on to Jamestown where they had a battle he thinks in Aug'st. [sic: Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul], in which engagement he was wounded in the right knee slightly by a bayonet, in a few days afterwards he was discharged, and immediately substituted again in the place of Walter Carr – they were then marched on to the siege of Yorktown, where he continued until after the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] and that he lived in Albemarle county in the State of Virginia near Charlottesville [sic: Charlottesville] at the time he entered the service, that he was acquainted with Gen. Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens], Gen. Matthews of Augusta county Va. [probably Col. Sampson Mathews] and Gen. [Anthony] Wayne who acted a distinguished part in the battle at Jamestown after substituting at Jamestown he was placed under Capt. Mazack[?] whom he continued under until discharged at Yorktown.

that he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim 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.

Sworn and subscribed to the day and year aforesaid. [signed] John F Carr

State of Tennessee }

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions June Term 1833

Maury County }

This day being the 11th day of June 1833 personally appeared in open Court John F. Carr a resident of said County of Maury and State of Tennessee, aged sixty eight years on the 12th day of November last, who after being first duly sworn, doth on his oath make the following amended declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed on the 7th of

June 1832 granting pensions to the soldiers of the Revolutionary army – viz – He states that, in his former declaration he stated that he entered the army as a drafted malitiaman some time in the month of April 1781, but did not state the precise day of the said month of April 1781 he did enter the service. Upon revising his recollection he now states that he returned from Philadelphia with his waggon about the last of March 1781 and during the first week in April 1781 he entered the service and continued to serve as stated in his former declaration until the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown and on the next day – being the 18th of October 1781 – the corps of militia to which he belonged were discharged and returned home, making his service six months and a few days – he would say ten or fifteen days and six months. He thinks himself entitled therefore to a pension for six months and 10 or 15 days service.

[signed] John F Carr