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Pension Application of James Carr S32157

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State of Indiana } Ss Johnson Probate Court
Johnson County } February Term A.D. 1833

On this 11th day of February in the year 1833 personally appeared before the Honorable Israel Watts Probate Judge (now in Sessions within and for said County of Jhonson and State aforesaid James Carr a resident in the said County of Johnson aged seventy five years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June Seventh 1832

That he entered the Service of the United States in the year 1776 on or about the last of May or the first of June in s'd year by volunteering for the term of six months under the following named officers (towit) Capt Robert Jackson who was the highest in command & Lieut John Jackson and the other officers names not recollected at this time this Declarant says the company to which he belonged was sometimes called minute men he also says he was sworn when he entered the service that he served the term of six months which ended on or about the first of December in the s'd year beforementioned that at the expiration of s'd term of service he received a written or Regular discharge signed by Capt Robert Jackson which discharge he has long since lost as he expected to receive no benefit from it he says he received his discharge at a place called Esquire Stewarts farm in the State of Virginia in Barclay [sic: Berkeley] County in s'd state that he lived in Barclay County in s'd state when he entered into the service of the United States and marched from s'd place to another place called the Warm Springs which was about twenty miles from his s'd place of residence & from thence he marched to a place called Martinsburgh [sic: Martinsburg] he says he was pretty constantly on the scout in and through the different neighborhoods he says he thinks the principle object of his services during s'd term of service was to keep the Tories in subjection but he says he does not know that that was the only object in view

That he entered the service of the United States again in the year 1777 by enlistment under the command of Capt George Scott for the term of three months in the month of January in s'd year of 1777. the Lieut name was Robert Jackson & the Ensigns name was James Campbell if his recollection serves him right he says he thinks he marched to a place called Phiadelphia and from thence to a place called Germantown and there they remained untill they drew arms which belonged to the United States he says if his recollection serves him right the Captains went back to Philadelphia and drew their arms for them and when he came back with the s'd arms they marched on to a place called Morristown near to a place called Sommerset [sic: Somerset NJ] and he says the Company was billeted out as it was then called in different houses in those two Towns it being cold weather at that time he says they were mustered every day or nearly so while they continued there and from thence they marched to a place called Quibbletown [now in New Market NJ] & from thence to a place called Sterling buildings he says he was engaged in different scouts & had a number of skermishes with the British he says he was in [illegible word] at the Light Infantry the same place & on the first day of March they had an engagement with the s'd British army at a place called Piscataway which was the most severe of any at that place two of our men were killed and seven were wounded & three died that were wounded afterwards & this Declarant says at that place he received a discharge signed by Capt. George Scott and he then went home after having served his term of service out which was three months at that time he says the different terms of service which he rendered in the Revolutionary war when added together makes nine months in all

This Declarant says he has no Record of his age he says his father had his age set down in a Bible but it was lost in crossing some large water he also says he has lost his discharged & can not produce them

This Declarant says he was born in Ireland in or about the year 1756 that he sailed over the ocean and landed in America at a place called Newcastle in the State of Delaware & lived there with his father about five years and from thence he removed into the State of Virginia in Barclay County in s'd State & remained there a number of years (the precise number not recollect at this time) & from there he removed into the State of Pennsylvania and from thence he removed back into the State of Virginia in Harday [sic: Hardy] County & remained there about fourteen years & from thence he removed into Henry County in the State of Kentucky & remained there about twenty four years and from thence he removed into the State of Indiana into Scott County and remained there about eleven years and from thence he removed into Johnson County in s'd State of Indiana where he now lives and has since lived in Franklin Township

That his Declaration above details the manner in which he was called into the service the answer to the fifth and sixth inquiries are contained in his declaration above so far as this Declarant can recollect at this time

That he is known to George King Alexander Adams David King Jesse Carr and Alx McCaslin who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services and that he has no documentary evidence thereof

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 any State or Territory [signed] James Carr

State of Indiana }

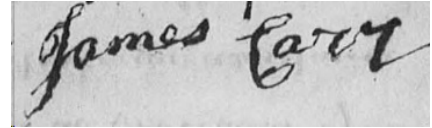
Johnson County } Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for said county, James Carr, who being duly sworn deposed and saith that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively to the precise length of his service, in the war of the Revolution, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods below, and in the following grades: During the year 1776 he served six months as a private. During the year 1777 he served three months as a private. and for such service he claims a pension.

That at the time of his service aforesaid, and as the same is narrated in the accompanying declaration, there was no colonel or other field officer belonging to or commanding the body of men to which this deponent belonged; but that the same was a separate company, of 63 men in number, commanded only by company officers. This deponent is not positive, but it rather seems to him, that the company to which he belonged, was attached to what was then termed "the Catanian Regiment." The name of the commandant of which is not recollected. that at the Piscataway skermishes in his declaration mentioned he recollects that James Campbell, afterwards a judge of the Barkley county court in the state of Virginia, was wounded in the left arm, and afterwards received a pension [Virginia pension application, VAS60]. this declarant during his services aforesaid became slightly acquainted with Colonels Johnson & Hollinsworth regular officers as well as with some others of inferior rank. That the company to which this declarant belonged at the time of rendering the services in his declaration mentioned was called "The Hornet Company" or "Virginia hornets." That many of the important particulars and events, which occurred at the period of his service, have, by reason of the great length of years been forgotten: or recollected but imperfectly – Such facts however as are narrated are true to the best of his recollection. & further he saith not. [signed 6 Nov 1833] James Carr

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Johnson County } Before the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for said county personally came James Carr revolutionary pensioner of the United States who being sworn saith that he is subject to occasional attacks of a species of palsy by which when so affected he is unable to write his name or do other similar acts. That by reason thereof he has been under the necessity frequently and especially at the signing of the power of attorney authorizing Fab. M. Finch to receive his pension for him from the Agent

for paying pensions at Corydon State of Indiana in November of the year 1834 to make his mark or otherwise to receive assistance in signing his name. as in the instance aforesaid, where in the act of signing, the pen was held in deponent's hand and directed by said H. M. Finch; That at the signing of other papers, towit his said deponents application for a pension, and his certificate of Identity taken at Corydon in January 1834 this deponent was enabled to sign his name with his own hand and without assistance That By reason of the premises the differance in the appearance of his signature to his said declaration and the power of attorney aforesaid is to be accounted for. & further saith not

A rectangular inset showing a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature reads "James Carr". The ink is dark and the background is light-colored paper.