

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Carr S32159

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[The handwriting is so poor that this transcription should be used with more than usual caution.]

State of Tennessee }                      March Term of the Circuit Court of the State and County aforesaid  
Sumner County     }

Be it remembered that upon the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March AD 1833 appeared in open court Thomas Stewart Esq'r. Judge & presiding James Carr a citizen and resident of the state of Alabama and county of Franklin aged sixty nine years on the 6<sup>th</sup> October next. The record of my age being lost who being first duly sworn he makes the following declaration in order to obtain the Benefit of the act of congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

He entered into the service of the united states under the following officers and served as herein stated. He was born in the county of Craven state of South Carolina [sic: North Carolina] and resided in Washington County Virginia upon the frontiers of that state the indians in the year of 1776 made war upon the whites and became so very troublesome that we had in the month of may of that year to build forts for the protection of the settlements & there remain stationed about which time Colo Arter Campbell [sic: Arthur Campbell] sent Capt Isaac Bledsoe to our relief with authority for him to organize a company. The fort that I was stationed in was called Houlston's Fort [sic: Houston Fort on Big Mocassin Creek in present Scott County]. About the 1<sup>st</sup> of October in the same year I enlisted by permission of my farther as a private under Leut. John Williams & was marched to the Long Island of Holston [at present Kingsport TN] and was attached to Capt Isaac Bledsoe's Company and was stationed at the Long Islands during the winter & there done service till the 1<sup>st</sup> of Apr'l. 1777 at which time I was discharged. The fort was commanded by Maj. Anthoney Bledsoe [sic: Anthony Bledsoe]. the Company by Capt Isaac Bledsoe and Leut. Williams the inferior officers not recollected. The time of my actual service was six months. In the year 1777 on my return to Washington County my former residence I found Capt George Addams [sic: George Adams] station there with authority to keep up his company as a guard to the settlements on tending the grounds and making a support. In the month of April 1777 I volunteered as a private & attached myself to Capt Addams Company and I continued to serve in s'd Company untill the 1<sup>st</sup> August 1777 – my time of service at least three months my officers Capt Addams & Leut Frazer [sic: John Frazier] I was regularly discharged

In the month of Sept 1778 I volunteered and attached myself to Capt Geo Maxfields [George Maxfield's] Company as a guard to the frontiers of Clinch I continued to do service in s'd Company untill March 1779 – my time of service at least five months and was discharged – Some time in the month of June 1781 [probably 1780] there were orders issued for a guard to go on to Kentucky to protect the whites from indian hostilities I volunteered and attached my self to Capt John Snawdies [sic: John Snoddy's] Company we marched from Washington County to whittes station [sic: Whitley's Station in Lincoln County] Kentucky and continued to do service till we were march back to Washington Cty Virginia and were dismissed in October in 1781 [sic] – I receivd no written discharge my time of service four months. In the latter part of the year 1781 [sic: 1780] to wit Dec'r there was a horse company ordered ag'st the old Cherokee Towns upon the Tennessee River under the Command of Colo Arter Campbell about the time he was to start with his force he was apprehensive that he was not strong enough to overcome the indians and destroy the towns he sent an express to Capt Alexander Barnet [sic: Alexander Barnett] to raise a company and come on to his assistance I volenteered in Washington Cty. County and attached myself to Capt Barnets Company as a private in the month of December 1781. we over took Colo Campbell & force in the Cherokee nation at a Town called Choatee [sic: Chota] on the approach of our force the indians had abandoned their towns. we were ordered and did scouer the country in pursuit of the indians we

had a great many skirmishes but no general engagement – there were some indians killed and a number taken prisoners their towns also destroyed we likewise destroyed Hywassee [sic: Hiwasee] one of our Captains to wit Capt James Elliott was killed. my time of service was two months I never volunteered for any particular length of time but served as herein stated & never received any written discharge but was discharged verbally by my Captains My services in the indian wars as above detailed were twenty months. I lived in Washington County to which County I moved in 1775 till 1784 I then moved to Tennessee Sumner County and raised one crop then moved to Kentucky & there remained about five years. then Back to Tennessee Sumner & remained one year Then moved Back to Kentucky about six years. Then moved Back to Sumner Ten. & remained about four years then moved Back To Kentucky & remained two or three years. Then moved Back to Tennessee Smith County & remained some years – and about the year 1820 I moved to Alabama Franklin County & have resided there since.

& hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension or annuity except the present and that I know of no one that I can with any convenience get except Elisha Oglesby [pension application S1866] and John Carr whose testimony I can procure to prove my service & I have no documentary evidence of my service & I declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year aforesaid

The reason why I have thus applied in this state to make out my declaration is that in the state of Alabama where I reside I could find no one by whom I could prove my service & having resided much in this county at an early period and having positive proof of my service in this County is the cause why I have applied here. There is no Clergyman who I can here procure here to prove that I am reputed to be a soldier in the neighbourhood in which I reside to wit Alabama and being advised that the clergy man's certificate is only required to supply the want of positive proof it is not obtained. I am now in Tennessee Sumner County and intend to reside here & not return to Alabama

James hisXmark Carr

#### NOTES:

Richard Carr, aged 67 in Sep 1833, certified the service of his brother, James Carr.

On 26 Mar 1839 James Carr applied to have his pension transferred to Illinois, having moved from Maury County TN to Franklin County IL about five months previously. On 28 Aug 1839 he gave the following reasons for moving: "his Children was living in Illinois and his wife was a Cripple and he was old and [illegible word] and wished to be with his Children.

A document in the file states that James Carr died on 25 Aug 1840.