

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ambrose Carlton S32160

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State of Indiana County of Lawrence: SS

On this 14th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before John H Ross, President Judge, Joseph Athon & Pleasant Paget Associate Judges the Circuit Court of said County of Lawrence now sitting, Ambrose Carlton a resident of said County of Lawrence and State of Indiana aged sixty-nine 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. About the first of March 1780 he entered the service in the County of Wilkes in the State of North Carolina (of which County and State he was then a resident under Captain James Henderson and Lieutenant Reynolds. The Regiment to which he belonged was commanded by Colonel Brandon [Lt. Col. James Brandon]. The Brigade to which he belonged was commanded by General Caswell [Richard Caswell], that he marched with the troops towards Charleston in the State of South Carolina when they arrived at or near to Georgetown near Santee River in the State of South Carolina the Army halted and remained in that section of Country until the surrender [May 12, 1780] of Charleston to the British forces, the Army then marched up the Country to Camden, at Camden the Militia that he was with, under the command of General Caswell separated from the regulars who were under the command of Colonel Bluford [sic, Abraham Buford], the next day after the two divisions separated Colonel Bluford was defeated near Camden [Battle of the Waxhaws or Buford's Defeat, May 29, 1780], the Militia then marched to Fayetteville in the State of North Carolina and from thence up the Country to their respective places of residents. That he was discharged from service about the last of May of the same year.

That during the summer and fall of 1780 while a resident of the County and State aforesaid he was in service as a volunteer at five different times under Captains Rees [James Reese] & Captain Beverly [John Beverly], was commanded by Colonel Lewis [perhaps Lt. Col. Joel Lewis] General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] was the Comder [sic, Commander] of these volunteers, was part of the time in Company with Colonel Henry Lee of the Light dragoons, and about the 15th of January, 1781, was called out under Captain Rees and afterwards mounted and marched down to Alamance Creek not far from Hillsboro in North Carolina and was in the battle at Piles defeat,<sup>1</sup> after which battle, the troops were marched up the Country to their respective

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<sup>1</sup> Sic, Pyle's Defeat. February 25, 1781 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/pyles.htm>

homes, that under this last engagement he was in service about seven weeks.

That from the first of June 1782 the first of May 1781, the Country was in a general state of agitation that the particular periods at which the five above named tours was performed cannot now be recollected by him but he is of the opinion and fully believes that he served at least seven months from the first of June 1782 the first of May 1781.

That about the first of June 1781 while a resident of the State and County aforesaid, he took the place of one Jacob Brown as substitute for said Brown, under Captain Alexander Gordon was appointed and served as ~~first~~ Sergeant in said Gordon's Company, the Regiment to which he belonged was commanded by Colonel Malmedy; after marching to Salisbury in North Carolina the troops remained there some time, afterwards; marched through Charlottsville [sic, Charlotte] in North Carolina and Camden in South Carolina below Camden, on the fourth of August 1781, that he enlisted, in the Georgia State Legion of light dragoons, went to Augusta in Georgia, the Company officers under which he served, were Captain James Stalions [sic, James Stallions?], first Lieutenant James Harvey, second Lieutenant James Blount, that he was appointed orderly Sergeant of said Company, and served as such until discharged, the troops were commanded by Colonel James Jackson, that he was in a battle at Midway under the command of Colonel Jackson, were defeated and put to flight, was in a battle at a saw mill eight miles above Savannah where he had his horse shot, was on duty at an outpost when the Creek Indians attacked General Wayne and arrived at the battle ground at daybreak the Indians were defeated, pursuit, and 110 of their pack horses fell into the hands of the American troops. This battle was near Savannah in Georgia, that he was in a battle at Little Ogeechee [River] near Savannah, and was discharged from that service on the 18th of March 1782 at Savannah, afterwards while a resident of Wilkes County, in the State of North Carolina, two or three years after the war, that he sent his discharge by Captain David Witherspoon to get the 200 acres of Land, which the terms of his enlistment entitled him to. Witherspoon stated to him that he left the discharge with Captain Stallions then a resident of Georgia, and the same Captain under whom he served, and that he has never heard of it since. That he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service.

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 the agency of any State in the United States

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Ambroe Carlton



[Abner Davis, a clergyman, and William Erwin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p. 19: there is an affidavit dated September 21, 1833 indicating that the veteran died December 23, 1832.]

[Note: There is evidence in the file that the veteran died survived by his widow to whom he had been married at least 40 years; her name might have been Jane Carlton.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$104.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for one year two months 18 days service as a Sergeant and nine months and 12 days service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]