

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Walter Carson S32165

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State of Indiana, Jennings County} SS

On this 13th day of May 1833 personally appeared in open Court before Chapman Denslow Judge of the Probate Court now sitting Walter Carson a resident of the County aforesaid, aged Seventy-five 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 as a volunteer under Captain William McClelland and Lieutenant David Jourdan and Regiment commanded by Colonel David Kenedy in the month of July or August in the year 1776 at the County of York in the State of Pennsylvania, that he marched thence through the town of York to Lancaster, thence to Philadelphia, thence up the Delaware to Trenton New Jersey thence to Princeton, thence to New Brunswick, thence to Amboy, thence to Bergen, thence to Kingsbridge; after continuing at this last place for some time that he returned to Amboy where he was discharged, after continuing in service according to the best of his recollection three months. He received a written discharge which is lost.

That he again entered the service of the United States at the County of York aforesaid about the first of December in the year 1777, by draft – that he marched thence to Lancaster, thence to the Fox Chase near the Delaware River, thence to the Valley Forge, between which two last places he was in a skirmish with the British, thence across the Schuylkill to the White Marsh, where he joined the Army under the immediate command of General Washington, and where he was in another skirmish with the British, thence back to the Valley Forge where he was discharged – that in this last tour of duty he was under the command of Captain David Wilson in a Regiment commanded by Colonel John Andrews, he received a written discharge (which is lost) after continuing in service three months.

That in the fall of the year 1779 he removed his residence from York County Pennsylvania to Camden District in the State of South Carolina, that in the year 1780, He again entered the service of the United States at Ramsour's Mills in the State of North Carolina under the command of General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] – that he marched thence back to Camden District S. C. where he was appointed by his company, with the approbation of Colonel Andrew Neel who commanded the Regiment, a Captain, and that he served as Captain of his company during the whole remainder of his present tour of duty – that he continued in said Camden district during marching & countermarching in pursuit of Tories until his discharge – that during which time he was in many battles and skirmishes with British & Tories some [of] which were as follows, to wit, a Battle [July 12, 1780] with Captain Hook [sic, Christian Huck]¹

¹ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_williamsons_plantation.html

of the British and Colonel Floyd [sic, Captain Abraham Floyd of the loyalist Rocky Mount Regiment] of the Tories at a place near Col. Bratton's [sic, near William Bratton's plantation in what is now Union County, SC] – another at Rocky mount[July 30, 1780],² another at Hanging Rock [August 6, 1780],³ another at Camden ferry on the Wateree River [August 15, 1780],⁴ another at Sumter's defeat [Fishing Creek, August 18, 1780],⁵ another at Boyerley's ferry or Byerly's [Brierley's Ferry, November 18, 1780],⁶ another at Blackstocks [November 29, 1780]⁷ on Taggart or Tyger River where General Sumter received a wound which caused the close of the campaign – near Christmas in the year of aforesaid, that he was in service during this last tour of duty in which he served as Captain about six months according to the best of his recollection – he received no Commission as Captain because, as he believes, the Governor of South Carolina was at that time a prisoner in Charlestown⁸ – That the whole time that he was in service of the United States amounted to about 12 months according to the best of his recollection, to wit, six months as a private & six months as a Captain – That he has no documentary evidence & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, except that of John Carson whose affidavit is herewith forwarded.

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 agency of any State.

S/ Walter Carson



Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid..

S. John Walker, Clk of Probate Court

[John B. New, a clergyman, and William Sanford, Sheriff of said County, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Answers to questions⁹ propounded by the Court under the direction of the War Department

1st I was born in the County of York in the State of Pennsylvania in the year 1758

2nd I have a transcript of the record kept by my father at home

3rd When I was called into service the two first times I was living in York County Pennsylvania, where I was born: the last time I was called into service I was living in Camden District SCI

² https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_rocky_mount.html

³ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hanging_rock.html

⁴ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_wateree_ferry.html

⁵ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_fishing_creek.html

⁶ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/SC_Revolutionary_War_Known_Battles_Skirmishes.htm

⁷ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_blackstocks.html

⁸ Sic, Gov. John Rutledge was not a prisoner in Charleston. He fled SC before Charleston fell on May 12, 1780 and served in exile until the British evacuated Charleston in December 1782.

⁹ The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

moved thence to Rutherford County N C I now live in Jennings County, Indiana

4th By draft & voluntary enlistment as stated in the declaration

5th During my two first tours of duty I was acquainted with Colonel Hartley, General Wayne, Colonel Hamilton & General Washington.

6th I received a written discharge from my two first tours of duty both of which are lost – I received no Commission under General Sumter & I believe no company officer did, in that Corps --

7th I am known to Colonel William C. Bramwell, Judge Joseph Cowell & Colonel John Vawter & Mr. James Green

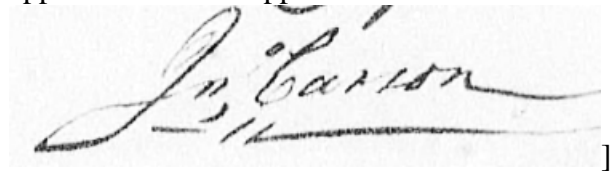
State of Indiana, Jennings County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in & for the County aforesaid Walter Carson who being duly sworn deposed & saith, that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades, to wit, For four months I served as a private and for five & a half months I served as a Captain, and for such service I claim a pension.

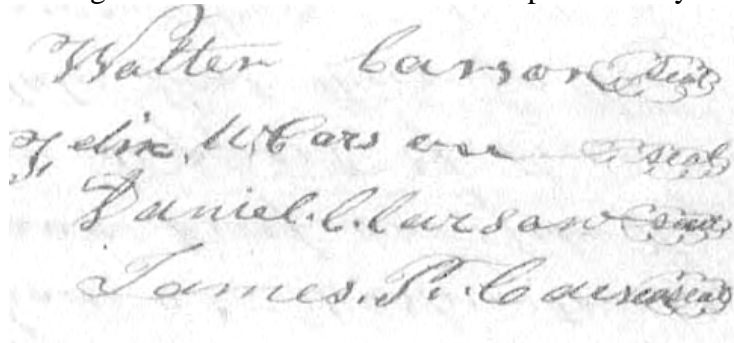
Sworn to before me this 23rd day of July 1833.

S/ Patrick Hudson, JP

[p 24: On August 26, 1833, in Rutherford County, NC, "Genl. John Carson," aged 68, states that he was well aware of the terms of service of Captain Walter Carson in both Pennsylvania and South Carolina during the Revolutionary War. The relation, if any, between the affiant and the applicant does not appear.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Carson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The name is written in a fluid, connected style typical of the early 19th century.

[p 15: On March 6, 1852, in Jennings County Indiana, Walter Carson, 60, Felix W Carson, 58, Daniel C Carson, 55, James P Carson, 51, and Louisa A. Graham, 48, filed an affidavit stating they are the children of Walter Carson Senior, deceased, a revolutionary war pensioner for his service in Pennsylvania and North Carolina; that their father died in Jennings County Indiana March 3, 1834 leaving the following children living as his heirs: William Carson, Mary Mitchell, Walter Carson, Felix W Carson, Daniel C Carson, James P Carson & Louisa A. Graham of home William Carson and Mary Mitchell have since died; that they filed this affidavit as a claim seeking whatever arrears or increases in pension may be due them.

A collection of four handwritten signatures in cursive script, stacked vertically. From top to bottom, they read: "Walter Carson", "Felix W Carson", "Daniel C Carson", and "James P Carson". Each signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Where is Louisa's signature?]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$123.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 4 months service as a private in the Pennsylvania militia and 5 1/2 months service as a Captain in the South Carolina militia.]

[facts in file: Veteran died in Jennings County, March 3, 1834 survived by the following children: William Carson, Mary Mitchell, Walter, Felix W., Daniel C., James P. Carson and Louisa A. Graham.]