

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Carson S35819

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Commonwealth of Kentucky Hardin County and Circuit: SS

On this seventh day of September 1818 before me the subscriber, Circuit Judge in and for the fifth judicial circuit of Kentucky, and sole judge of the Hardin circuit court in said District, personally appeared John Carson, aged seventy-one years resident in said circuit of Hardin, who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:"

That he the said John Carson enlisted in the State of South Carolina in May 1775 in the company of horse commanded by Captain Richard Wynn [Richard Winn], of the South Carolina troops, the said troop of horse was commanded by Colonel William Thompson [William Thomson], that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States until the last part of the year 1781, when the said troop was disbanded and he discharged from service in the State of South Carolina, that he was in the battles of Sullivan's Island [June 28, 1776], the hanging rock [August 6, 1780], Ninety Six [May 22-June 19, 1781], & Camden¹, and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support, that he has never been allowed any pension under any law of the United States and that he has no other evidence in his power of his said services –

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid

S/ Alfred Metcalf

State of Kentucky Hardin County Sct. June Term 1820

Ordered that the following Schedule be admitted to record the same having been sworn to in open Court

Schedule

District of Kentucky Hardin Circuit SS

On this 19th day of June 1820 personally appeared in open court being a Court of record for the said District and County John Carson aged seventy-six years and five months a resident of Hardin County and District aforesaid: who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows in the year 1775 in the month of May I enlisted under Captain Richard Wynn in the first Regiment of horse in the State of South

¹ could be a reference to either the Battle of Camden on August 15-16, 1780 or the Battle of Hobkirk Hill on April 25, 1781

Carolina the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Thompson. I served in that company and Regiment until the City of Charleston was taken [May 12, 1780] then General Thomas Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] took the command of the Regiment under whom I served until Cornwallis was taken which was about the year 1782 or '83. The whole of the time I served was about seven years the number of my pension certificate is 10,585 And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed viz. four head of horses six head of cattle my occupation at present is farming and I am not able to work any nor can I ride on horse back nor have I for three years past. I have a wife named Elizabeth aged sixty-nine years and unable to contribute much to my support. I have a daughter named Jane aged forty tolerable health also one other daughter Polly aged thirty-eight who is healthy.

S/ John Carson²

[The court valued the property of the veteran as being worth no more than \$150.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 7th, 1818 for 6 years service as a private in the South Carolina Continental line.]

² not the original signature of the veteran as his schedule is certified as being a true copy of documents in the office of the clerk of court