

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Carper S37825

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Virginia

At a Court of Quarterly Sessions held for Montgomery County at the Court house on the 1st day of November 1830

On this first day of November 1830 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the county of Montgomery aforesaid, John Carper resident in said county, aged seventy three years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the last of May 1820. that he the said John Carper enlisted for the term of one year in the fall of the year 1780, in the state of Virginia, in the company commanded by Captain Samuel Gilkman in Regiment commanded by Colo [Richard] Campbell (who fell at the Utau springs [sic: Battle of Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781], in the line of the State of Virginia on continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said corps (which after the death of Colo Campbell was commanded by Colo House) until sometime in the year 1782, he was discharged from the service in Salisbury in the state of South [sic: North] Carolina; That although from his present recollection he enlisted to serve only one year, yet he was continued in the service near three years, and that he was in the battles of the Utau springs and Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781]; And in pursuance of the act of May 1st 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any other manner disposed of my property, or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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 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 Schedule of the whole estate of John Carper real and personal. Lands none,

horses 5 Head worth	\$150:00
Horned cattle 13 Head \$72: Hogs about 20 head \$20. .	92:00
Sheep 25 head.....	25:00
	\$267:00

John hisXmark Carper

My family consists of myself and an aged wife. I lived upon rented land at Willis [now in Floyd County], on the 18th of March 1818, I owned no land and rather less of personal property than I now own. what property I did then own, was of the same character of that specified in my foregoing schedule, and at no point of time since the 18th of March 1818 was I owner of more property than that which I now own, and I have used it from time to time only in a common family way; Sworn to and subscribed on the first day of November 1830 before the court aforesaid. John hisXmark Carper

I do Hereby Certify that John Carper was a drafted Soldier for three months and that him and me where messmates in the army to the north, and when he returned to his native County {Frederick} in Virginia} he again inlisted in the army sometime in the year 80, and did not return for twentytwo months at least and so far as I know was a good soldier he is now poor and lives on Rented Land

Given under my hand this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October 1830          Jabob hisXmark Anderson  
[Jacob Anderson, pension application R184]

I do hereby certify that John Carper served with me as a private soldier in Capt. Oldham's company and in colonel Hawe's regiment, until the battle of the Eutaw Springs, after that battle Colo. Hawe's & colo. Campbell regiment which were both much cut up in the battle & were consolidated, then the regiment was placed under the command of Maj'r. [Smith] Snead

I know personally that John Carper served under all those officers, that he served all the year 81 a part of the year 80 & a part of 82 and how much longer I do not know He was a good soldier, always in his place, is now poor lives on Rented Land and is now a worthy respectable man  
Given under my hand this 20th day of october 1830 [signed] Samuel Caddall

NOTES:

Carper may not have noted his militia service because only service in the Continental Army counted under the acts of 1818 and 1820.

A Treasury-Department document states that the administrator of Carper's estate received the final pension payment up to the date of his death on 18 Feb 1841.