

[Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters](#)

Pension Application of John Carr S39274

VA

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Virginia Prince William County to wit;

On this 18th day of May 1818 before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the General Court in the state afores'd. personally appeared John Carr aged 61 years resident in the County of Fairfax in the s'd. state being one of the Countys in my Judicial Circuit 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 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 Carr enlisted in the County of Prince William in the state of Virginia in the year 1777 in the Company commanded by Capt. Thos. Ewell [Thomas Winder Ewell BLWt2497-300] of the Virginia Troops afterwards State regiment Commanded by Colonel George Gibson [BLWt1985-500] Reg't: that he cont'd. to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States until the 1780 when he was discharged from service in the state of New Jersey and; that he was in the Battles of Stony point [16 Jul 1779] and Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] and many others and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support, and that he has produced evidence now in his power of his said services.

Personally appeared before me one of the Justices for Prince William Charles Ewell Sr [W9432] & made oath that John Carr Inlisted in Capt. Thos Ewell Company which was annexed to Geoge Gibsons R.d. [regiment?] & joined the Main Army in Pensilvania in 1777 & faithfully served for three years against the Common Enemy & then Inlisted for the warr in his Compay & was then Duly Discharged Given undr my hand 18 My 1818

James Deneale

County of Prince William S.S.

On the 2^d. day of May 1831 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the County of Prince William in the State of Virginia John Carr resident in said County, aged seventy two years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order [page torn] the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st. may 1820, that he the said John Carr enlisted for the term of three years on the [blank] day of November in the year 1776 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Thomas W. Ewell in the Regiment commanded by Colonel George Gibson in the line of the state of Virginia, also enlisted for and during the Revolutionary war on the [blank] day of December in the year 1779 in the state of New Jersey in the Company commanded by Captain Thomas W. Ewell in the Regiment commanded by Colonel George Gibson on the continental establishment, that in his first enlistment he continued to serve in the said Corps until 1779 when he was discharged from the service in the state of New Jersey, and in his last enlistment he continued to serve in the said Corps until 1783 when he was discharged from the service in the state of Virginia, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that his name is not on the Roll of any state, and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension. "In the year 1820 he made application to the Department of war but it was rejected on the ground of the Regiment to which he was attached not being then considered on the Continental establishment" [see endnote] and in pursuance of the act of the 1st. May 1820 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 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 person 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 vizt.

Two Beds, two Bedsteads and furniture (excepted under the law)
one safe and Cupboard \$1.25
Two Tables, and one pair shovel and Tongs 1.50
Six Plates two Pewter Dishes and one set Knives & forks 2.00
[page torn]ewter spoons, one Iron Pot & hooks. 1.00
one Grubing & one hilling Hoe 1.00
One axe and a pair of wedges. 1.00
One foot adze75
\$9.50

my occupation so far as I am able to pursue it is principally confined to the business of farming in which I am able to do but very little from my advanced age & consequent debility. I have no family living with me or any on whom I can rely for support. Since 18th March 1818 no changes have taken place in my property.

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Carr, John, Jr.]

Prince William County Court March 1st 1784

Ordered that it be Certified that Hugh Davis [S10136] Inlisted and Served three years in the Continental Line for this Commonwealth as a Sergeant and had his Discharge which is lost proved by the Testimony of George Purcell the officer who Inlisted him [undeciphered] Robert Graham Clk

A Copy Teste T Williams CCourt

I do Certify that John Carr Senior & John Carr [illegible] Both Inlisted under Colo Thos W. Ewell as Soldiers in the 1st Sate Regiment of Virginia that John Carr Senior Died In the Service & his Son John Carr Served the Terme of Three years. Given under my hand & seal this 4th Nov'r 1811.

Chs Ewell who was/ at the time of their Inlistment a Lieutenant in the Company

A Copy Teste J Williams Ct. Cur.

I Do Certify that John Carr Jun'r Inlisted in the First Virginia State Regiment as a Soldier for three years and served During that time.

Chas Ewell formerly/ Capt in s'd Reg't
Jan'y 6th 1812

It does not appear by the books in this office that any Military land bounty warrant or warrants have iss'd to Hugh Davis, John Carr, sen'r. & John Carr jr for services performed by them in the revolutionary war with Great Britain.

John Davenport Chf Clk

Land Off./ May 24 1813

I sign the within instrument of writing back to Mr Hugh Davis to dispose of it as he thinks proper before these undersignd witnesses.

George Reece



NOTES:

A note in the file reads "Rejected/ Not Continental Establishment." Correspondence in the file indicates that Carr was soon reinstated in 1831 or by an act of Congress in 1847. According to E. M.

Sanchez-Saavedra (*A Guide to Virginia Military Organizations in the American Revolution, 1774-1787*. Westminster MD: Heritage Books, 2007), the 1st Regiment, Virginia State Line, was raised in Dec 1776 and was part of the Continental Line from late 1777 until late 1779.

On 2 July 1950 a pension agent in Cloverdale MO inquired about money due to the John Carr's heirs in Virginia. Most of the letter is unrelated to Carr and includes the following: "I hope you will give me the information (asked in my letter of April last) in regard to Zeno T. Hamilton who was when last heard from in General Scotts army at Vera Cruz destined for the invasion of Mexico! his friends here feel a deep solicitude for his fate which seem shrouded in mystery he left home in Missouri intending to visit Ohio Indiana and Illinois! and some man saw him in Veracruz and he informed our informant that he had volunteered in the army of the united States. and he may perhaps sleep the everlasting sleep of death in a foreign clime! or he may yet be led captive by some wary indian Chief, or his scalp may be a badge of distinction attached to the person of some daring brave to win his bronzed [illegible word]. the rolls of your office might throw some light upon his dark fate...."