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Pension Application of John Carter S39285

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State of Virginia }

Bedford County Sct }

On the 26th day of April 1830 Personally appeared before the Court of Bedford County (the same being a Court of record) John Carter resident in the said County aged 72 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 1st of May 1820. That he the said John Carter enlisted for the term of two years some time in the year 1779 [sic] (the precise time he cannot now recollect) in the County of Buckingham in the State of Virginia in the Company Commanded by Captain Talers[?] in the Regiment Commanded by Col. Scott [Charles Scott, promoted to Brigadier General 1 Apr 1777] in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental Establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps till the close of the Revolutionary War, he having been marched from the County of Buckingham to the Town of Williamsburg in the said State where the Corps to which he belonged was divided a part of them were sent to the north and the other part remained to guard the Sea Board. That he was engaged in a skirmish with the British at or near the Borough of Norfolk in the said State & several other skirmishes with the enemy at Guins [sic: Gwynn] Island That his officers were so frequently changed after he left Williamsburg that he cannot now recollect them. & that he continued to serve as a soldier on the Continental Establishment until the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged from the service at Yorktown in the State of Virginia after the Capture of Cornwallice [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781] That he has lost or mislaid his discharge so that he cannot now find it. That he does not know of any person now living by whom he could prove his services except Williamson Burnett [pension application W3383] who served with him at the Seige of York and his sister Priscilla Burnett who saw him when he enlisted. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present. That his name is not on the Roll of any State except Virginia and that the reason of his not making earlier application for a pension is that he did not know of the existence of the law granting pensions to the indigent soldiers of the revolution until a few months past. That his occupation is that of a farmer but from the diseases incident to old age and from the fracture of his thigh by a fall from a house he is now unable to follow his occupation for support. That he has living with him a wife aged about 62 years and a single daughter aged about 28 years. That he was a resident Citizen of the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift sale or in any wise disposed of his property since that time in order to bring himself within the provisions of the Act of Congress aforesaid. That he needs the assistance of his country for support 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. 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 the act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and 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 to wit. one Sow & Eight Pigs worth about \$6 a Cow and Yearling worth \$10. That since the 18th day of March 1818 the following changes have taken place in my property viz

Property owned in 1818 & not now owned by him	Names of the persons to whom disposed of	Time of Sale	Amount of money or description of property rec'd in return
One negro woman & her child	Thomas Phelps	in the year of 1823	Sold to discharge a debt of \$200 to Sam'l Claytor \$300 to Basil Baker & other small debts & Thos Phelps \$50

John Carter

Bedford County Towit. This day Priscilla Burnett personally appeared before me Lewis Wingfield a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and made oath. That she is the Sister of John Carter who is claiming a pension from the United States and that she was raised in the County of Buckingham and State of Virginia and that she knows of John Carter's starting as a soldier in the Revolutionary War equiped with a knapsack as a soldier and it caused his parents and family much distress for fear he would not survive the war and that he did not return to his father's until the Revolutionary war was ended he had been absent for several years but don't recollect the precise time. Given under my hand this 26 February 1830

Lewis Wingfield

NOTE: On 20 April 1830 Thomas Phelps made a statement that includes the following: "That about the year 1823 the said John Carter was indebted to Samuel Claytor &c in about the sum of Two hundred dollars for goods purchased of them to Basil Baker the sum of Three Hundred dollars as security for one Green B. Lewellen (who became insolvent after the execution of the bond). To this affiant in the sum of about \$50 and to sundry other persons who this affiant does not now recollect to secure which debts the said John Carter gave a deed of Trust on the following property – a negro woman by the name of Jane about 18 years of age & her child Anderson about 2 years of age also a small negro child by the name of Eliza at the breast not more than four or 5 weeks old. That some time thereafter Lawson Carter a son of said John Carter assumed the debts for which the above property was conveyed to the respective creditors, upon condition that the same should be transfered to him which was done, and the said affiant verily believes that the said John Carter is not at this time worth over Twenty dollars."