

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of William Carr S39288

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State of Tennessee }
Knox County } July Session 1823.

On this ninth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty three, personally appeared in open court: the court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Knox and State aforesaid (being a court of Record) William Carr 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 provition made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820. That the said William Carr, enlisted for the term of three years on the first day of March 1776 in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain William McGuire in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Morgan [probably Haynes Morgan] in the line of the state of Virginia on the continental establishment; that he continued to serve in said corps and those herein after mentioned, until after the declaration of peace between his Britanic Majesty and these United States of America, when he was discharged from said service by Colonel Green in the city of Charlston [sic: Charleston] in the state of South Carolina. But before he received his discharge, he was transfered from Regiment to Regiment and was in the several engagements herein after mentioned. 1st He was transfered from captain McGuire's company and the Regiment of Colonel Morgan into the company commanded by Charles Ewel [sic: Charles Ewell, pension application W9432] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel [George] Gibson under whose command he remained until he joined the main army under the command of General Washington, stationed at Germantown, at which place he was in a skirmish with the enemy [possibly Battle of Germantown, 4 Oct 1777], from thence he was marched to Ashley's hill and the Vally forge [sic: Valley Forge] at each of which places he fought in a skirmish [see endnote] From thence he was marched to Monmouth at which place he met and encountered the enemy [28 Jun 1778]. He then was detached from under the command of General Washington to the command of General Waine [sic: Anthony Wayne of the Pennsylvania Continental Line]. He was in the battle at Trenton [26 Dec 1776] and Stoney point [sic: Stony Point NY, 16 Jul 1779], after which he was transfered into the command of General [Israel] Putnam, under whose command he remained until he joined the main army at Middle Brok [sic: Middlebrook NJ], from thence he was marched to Philadelphia, from which place he returned to Middle Brook by the way of Petersburg [sic: Petersburg VA]. At Middle Brook he reenlisted during the war in the company commanded by Captain Charles Ewel in the Regement commanded by Colonel [John] Green then stationed at cherraw hill [sic: Cheraw Hills SC, Jan 1781], after which he fought at the battle of Gilford [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781] and ninety six [Siege of Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781]. He was then transfered into the company of Captain [John] Anderson and the Regement of Colonel Green; thence to Hew-taw Springs [sic: Eutaw Springs SC, probably about the time of the battle there on 8 Sep 1781] and thence to Charlston in South Carolina at which place he remained stationed until he received his discharge from Colonel Green. He further state he has no other evidence in his power, of his said service having lost his discharge, together with other valuables in attempting to cross the river catawba in the state of Virginia [sic: NC or SC], into which he was unfortunately thrown, and escaped but with his life. And in pursuance of the act of the 1st of 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.

Item. . 1 st	1 little old horse beast. . .	\$10.00
" 2 ^d	1 cow and calf.	10.00
" 3 ^d	1 small pot.	1.00
" 4 th	3 knives and forks.50
" 5 th	1 earthen dish.25
" 6 th	1 earthen crock.	<u>.25</u>
		\$22.00

He further states, that he was of the occupation, of a well and ditch digger, but owing to his blindness he is no longer enabled to work; he cannot even walk without a guide. He states that he has been twice married and had several children; his second wife and two of his children reside with him, the eldest aged about twenty two years, a girl; but, who since she has attained the age of maturity contributes but little to his support, the other a small girl, between the age of nine and ten years; the name of the eldest is Eliza of the youngest is Rebecka. He also further states, that, for the last three mounths he has received a small allowance from the County court of Knox, by which he has been enabled to procure some of the courser necessaties of life. And if that allowance, as small as it is, be withheld, he must be, beholden to the benevolent hand of charity for his bread and water. William hisXmark Carr

I Richard Slight of the county of Knox and State of Tennessee a revolutionary soldier, in the company commanded by Captain Tolburt [probably Samuel Tolbert], in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Stuvant [possibly Walter Stewart], and of the second regiment of the first Brigade of Pennsylvania Regulars, Commanded by General Wain, do hereby certify that I was personally acquainted with William Carr, this declarent, at the time he was in the service, in the Revolutionary War, of the United States of America – and that he fought in the battle at Stoney point against the common enemy. July 11th day 1823
Richard hisXmark Slight

NOTES:

Ashley Hill is at Old Dorchester SC, so Carr was probably there in late 1781 rather than at the time suggested. There was no skirmish at Valley Forge PA.
A document in the file states that Carr died on 5 Nov 1824.