

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Michael Carey S40039

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Virginia SS

At a court held for the County of Harrison on the 20 day of October 1818 & 43<sup>d</sup> year of the Commonwealth Present John Reynolds Thos. Haymond William A Rogers & Peter Lynch Es'qs Justices before the court aforesaid personally appeared Michael Cary and being duly sworn 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 Michael Cary entered the service of the united States in the Year 1778 in the company Commanded by Capt. Beatis [sic: William Beatty, Jr., BLWt644-300] of the 7<sup>th</sup> Maryland Regiment of regulars commanded by Colo. [John] Gunby for the Term of three years or during the war. That he continued in said Corps or in the Service of the untied States until the close of the war when he was discharged from service at Annapolis in the year 178 [sic] that he was at the battle of Camden [probably Battle of Hobkirk Hill, 25 Apr 1781], Hanging Rock [see endnote], Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781] & Cowpens [17 Jan 1781] that he has no other evidence in his power of his said services and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support that he is 61 years of age.

Virginia towit

At a court held for the County of Harrison on the 22<sup>d</sup> day of June AD 1820 & 44<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth (being a Court of record established by an act of the General assembly of this Commonwealth) Personally appeared before the court afores'd Michael Cary aged 64 years resident of Harrison County Va who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows that he enlisted in the year 1778 in the 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Regular commanded by Col. Gunby in Capt. Beaty company Maryland line. – Original Declaration was made 20<sup>th</sup> October 1818. – pension certificate is Numbered 11.319 and he s'd. Michael also took the following oath viz "I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighteen 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 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighteen 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 hereunto annexed & by me subscribed. viz I have no property except bedding & clothes. My household furniture is worth \$15. Debts due me \$5.

Michael Carey

And the said Michael doth further declare as follows towit "I am by occupation a farmer. my ability to labour dayly decreases – I have in family four viz myself my wife 61 years my Daughters Nancy 19 years peggy 16 years of age I suppose they could (the children) support themselves.

Michael Carey

NOTES:

No Maryland Continental troops are known to have been at the Battle of Hanging Rock SC on 6 Aug 780 or at the skirmish there on 30 July 1780.

A letter dated 12 Aug 1890 from S. A. Henderson of the State Journal of Parkersburg WV to the Pension Office reads in part as follows: "My object in writing these lines is to obtain information concerning one M. W. Cary or Carey, or Michael Cary or Carey. He and his father came to this country

before the Revolution and joined the American forces and they served through the War, that is M Cary fought till the close of the war and his father was killed during the war.”