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Pension Application of Benjamin Carter S46541

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For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an act, entitled "an act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved the 15th of May 1828 I Benjamin Carter of Camden in the State of South Carolina, do hereby declare that I was an officer in the continental line of the Army of the Revolution, and served as such to the end of the war, at which period I was a Captain in the No. Carolina line.

And I also declare, that I afterwards received certificates (commonly called commutation certificates) for a sum equal to the amount of five years full pay; which sum was offered by the resolve of Congress, to which I was entitled under the resolve of the 21st of October, 1780.

Witness his hand this 28th day of October in the year of our Lord 1828. [signed] Ben Carter

NOTE: The following item was published in the Charleston Courier on 26 Jan 1830:

Extract of a letter from Camden, dated 23d inst.

"On Thursday, we consigned to his silent tomb, full of years and of honors, Capt. BENJ. CARTER, in the 75th year of his age—the last of the old soldiers of Camden. He was truly a patriot, and soldier of the revolutionary war. He fought in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and Germantown [4 Oct 1777, where he was wounded—he wintered with the American army at Valley Forge [1777-78]—was at GATES' defeat near Camden [Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780]— and was among the patriots that harassed Lord CORNWALLIS, and compelled him, after many skirmishes, to retreat through North Carolina. He fought at the battles of Hobkirk-hill [Hobkirk Hill near Camden, 25 Apr 1781] and the Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781]—was at the taking of Fort Mott [12 May 1781], and joined the knot of officers who united under an oak tree near McCord's Ferry, and swore that they would be revenged on the British for hanging Col. HAYNE [Isaac Hayne, hanged 4 Aug 1781]. He was brave and active throughout the whole of the revolution, for he served occasionally under Gen. SUMTER and Gen. MARION, and wound up his useful life by many benevolent acts."