

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Cart S8139

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State of South Carolina City of Charleston

On this fifth day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before me Thomas Lee district Judge of the United States for South Carolina John Cart aged Seventy-one years in December who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832. The following is a statement in Mr. Cart's own words. "The first Service I was in was with the North Carolina Army -- under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] & General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] of the South Carolina Army against the Cherokee Indians.

The 2nd was a Volunteer in a Company of light Horse commanded by Captain Robert Maybin [sic, Robert Mebane] to keep the Tories in order in the lower part of North Carolina who were about to rise to assist General Clinton [Sir Henry Clinton] then expected, and who did arrive & land at the place now called Smithfield before he came against Charleston.

3rd I was in Service at the time that Provost's Army [sic, Augustine Prevost's Army] came against Charleston.

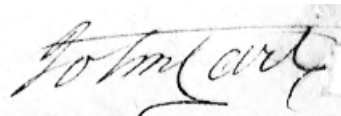
4th I was at the Siege of Savannah

5th I was under arms and assisted to defend Charleston until it fell to Sir H. Clinton

6th I was a volunteer in Horry's Regiment of State Troops (Cavalry) under General Marion [Frances Marion] -- I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ John Cart



S/ Thomas E., District Judge US SC

[Christian Hanckel, a clergyman, Wm H. Gibbes, David Cardoza and Jacob Sass gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The image shows a document with several handwritten signatures and lines of text in cursive script. At the top, the name 'T. J. Case' is written. Below it, 'David N. Cardozo' is written and underlined. Further down, 'Ch. W. H. H. H.' is written. The bottom line of text reads 'Rector of St. Paul's Church' and 'Nadelifebrough, Charleston'.

South Carolina City of Charleston: John Cart being duly sworn deposes that he served under General Rutherford in North Carolina at the least two weeks and afterwards under Captain who was afterwards Colonel Mebane two months at least either in May or June 1776, he then to wit in the year 1777 went to South Carolina Charleston and continued in the Service till the fall of Charleston in 1780 -- he afterwards served for three months in Colonel Horry's Regiment of State Troops at least three months. Deponent cannot swear with precision to particular dates. Sworn to before me this 27 April 1833

S/ Thomas Lee

S/ John Cart, a Private

#### Supplemental affidavit of John Cart

To the 1st Interrogatory of the War Department Deponent answered That he was born 4th of December 1761 at Sunbury South Carolina.

To the 2<sup>nd</sup>. He has a Record which is in his possession.

To the 3rd. He was living in Charlotte North Carolina when he entered the services & that he has lived since the Revolutionary War in Charleston South Carolina.

To the 4th. He was called into service in North Carolina & South Carolina by the authority of the States respectively --

To the 5th. His answer to this Interrogatory is contained in his declaration & supplement affidavit but he will repeat it again more specifically thus, His first Tour of Duty was under General Rutherford of North Carolina in an Expedition against the Cherokee Indians in the year 1776 which lasted for at least one month -- the next was against the Tories in the Low country under Colonel Mebane which lasted about six weeks. He then returned to South Carolina & joined the True Blues a volunteer Company which continued in service until Charleston fell -- that he served against Prevost at least one month; at the siege of Charleston at least three months; that as soon as he could get away without extreme risk, he went out & joined General Marion and was in actual service in the cavalry under Colonel Peter Horry at least two months. That by reason of his advanced age and having no memorandum or record to refer to, he cannot be more particular.

To the 6th. That he never received a Discharge nor never bore a Commission.

To the seventh. That he is well-known to the citizens of Charleston & refers particularly to the Judges of the Circuit Court of the United States for this District.

S/ John Cart

Sworn to before us in open Court this 27th of September 1833

S/ Thomas Lee

State of South Carolina District of Charleston: On this 27th day of April 1838 personally appeared before the undersigned, Mr. Joseph Righton<sup>1</sup> a revolutionary pensioner a resident of Charleston aged 76 years who being duly sworn according to law, Deposeth. That, he is personally acquainted with Mr. John Cart, a revolutionary soldier and in reference to his claim for an increase of his pension, Saith, he knew the said John Cart to be a revolutionary soldier during the War of the revolution, and to have served as such in the South Carolina Militia (in a Corps called the "true blues" as this Deponent believes) under arms for a period of two years, That, is to say from the year 1777 to the fall of the City in 1780, for Deponent saith that, for twelve months previous to the fall of the said City the members of the volunteer Corps were almost incessantly on duty. Saith, said Company of true blues (was commanded at that period here alluded to by Captain Matthews, & by Lieutenants Greenwood & William & Stephen Lee, & saith that at the time of said Surrender, said Cart was taken prisoner under arms, and saith, he has no doubt of his being so a prisoner for eleven months, saith, he has head the affidavit of Cart bearing date 19th March 1838, and in reference to the other services therein set forth he has heard of the same and believes them to be true, and saith said Cart there is an excellent character in Charleston and saith, he is in feeble health, and in poor circumstances.

S/ Jos. Righton

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jos. Righton". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat stylized.

Sworn to before me & subscribed the day and year above written and I also certify the Credibility of the affiant

S/ P. Cantwell, NP

State of South Carolina District of Charleston

Personally appeared before me Mr. John Cart of said City, aged Seventy-six years, who being first duly sworn according to law Doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to be entitled to the provisions of the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832. That he this Deponent early in the year 1776 was a private volunteer soldier, in the War of the Revolution, and served as such in said war for more than two years, That, is to say, he joined Captain Jacks's Corps of the North Carolina militia, and was with it, in the Army under General Rutherford of North Carolina in the expedition against the Cherokees. After this, he Deponent, joined a Company of Horse under Captain Mebane who were ordered to repress the Tories in said State of North Carolina. These two expeditions took up four months. Deponent returned to Charleston & early in 1777 joined a Corps, called the True Blues, commanded by Captain J R Matthews, & Lieutenants Greenwood & William and Stephen Lee, and continued to serve in this Corps, until the fall of Charleston, a period of nine months, being then taken a prisoner under arms, Deponent remained a prisoner to the British eleven months. Deponent then joined Colonel Horry's Regiment of horse of Marion's Brigade South Carolina Militia, and served therein five months,

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<sup>1</sup> [Joseph Righton W22074](#)

those showing twenty-nine months service as aforesaid. Deponent saith, That, he about the month of October 1833, applied for a pension, But that, owing to the negligence of the agent employed to prepare his papers or some other cause, the Commissioner of pensions a judge him to receive only the sum of \$29.66 per annum instead of full pay as this Deponent believes he is justly entitled to, His Certificate for said pension bears date the 16th October 1833, is numbered 16949, is signed by Lewis Cass Secretary of War, and George W. Crump acting Commissioner of pensions, in is recorded in book 6 page 64, by W. Rice Clerk, Deponent therefore now humbly hopes the honorable the secretary of War, and the Commissioner of pensions, will take his case into consideration, for the purpose of giving him an increase of his present pension, and also to remember the great difficulty of procuring direct proof I reason, that, ever since his first application several of his fellow soldiers, and contemporaries, among whom were those who then gave testimony in his behalf have died, Deponent saith he has received no aid from Congress on account of said services, other than that the above mentioned, and he hereby renounces all title and claim to a from any act of Congress for said above mentioned services, other than that he may be entitled to, by this application, Deponent further saith he is in very feeble health and in limited circumstances.

[Attested by P. Cantwell, NP]

S/ John Cart

State of South Carolina, District of Charleston: Personally appeared before me Patrick Cantwell notary public and QU for said District, Mr. William Purse,<sup>2</sup> a resident of Charleston aged 76 years, and a revolutionary soldier who being first duly sworn according to law, Doth on his oath make the following declaration. That, he knows and is acquainted with John Cart, a resident of the City of Charleston, the affiant above named, that, he knew him during the War of the Revolution to the serving under arms in said War against the British, but cannot call to his remembrance how long he served, or in what Corps. Deponent saith that he has read the affidavit of said Cart, as above, and from his knowledge of him and his respectable character for truth, and or other reasons, he this Deponent believes the same to be true in every respect. Sworn to before me the 10th of August 1838.

S/ Wm Purse

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Wm Purse', written in dark ink on a light background.

[Attested by Patrick Cantwell and Thomas Lee]

[fn p. 17: petition signed by newer citizens of Charleston in support of the reputation and worthiness of the applicant. The signatories include: Alfred Huger, Joseph Johnson, Joshua M. Toomer, William Laval, Samuel Burgess, Thomas Lee (US Federal District Judge of South Carolina), H. L. Pinckney (Mayor of Charleston), John Strokecker, David Alexander, JR Pringle, Robert Little, Robert M. Hayne.]

I Jacob Sass<sup>3</sup> a revolutionary soldier do hereby solemnly swear that I knew John Cart the Petitioner in this Case during the Revolution, that he was a revolutionary Soldier and I believe that his statement contained in his Petition is perfectly true.

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<sup>2</sup> [William Purse S18171](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Jacob Sass S21956](#)

Sworn to before me in open court this ninth of October 1832  
S/ Thomas Lee

S/ Jacob Sass

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jacob Sass". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized and slanted.

[Veteran was pensioned initially at the rate of \$29.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for service in the South Carolina militia. His pension was subsequently increased to \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831.]