

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Isaac Carter S8147

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State of Mississippi, County of Pike: SS

On this 17th day of June in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Board of County Police in and for the County of Pike aforesaid now in session Isaac Carter a resident of said County of Pike and State of Mississippi as aforesaid Aged about sixty-nine years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Provisions made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States on the 5th day of February in the year 1777 with Colonel Hogan [sic, James Hogun] of the 7th Regiment of the North Carolina line of Regular Soldiers under the following named officers. General Francis Nash, Colonel Hogun, (Major's name not recollected) Captain John Welch [John Walsh] Lieutenant Robert Green [could be Greer] and Ensign James Pearl and served under the same officers from the time of Enlistment until after the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and Germantown [October 4, 1777], continued with the above named officers until the winter after my Enlistment and was placed under Captain Robert Fenner who was commanded by Colonel Sylvanus Harney[?]¹ of the 3rd Regiment of Continentals and remained at (Valley Forge then so called) on the Schuylkill [River] in the State of Pennsylvania where the Army remained all the winter of 1777 and in the Spring of '78 when the Army Commenced a march in pursuit of the enemy to a place called Monmouth [June 28, 1778] in New Jersey where the British Army halted and another General engagement ensued from whence the British Army retreated to New York and was pursued by the American Army some small distance until they took shipping for New York then was passing to and fro through the State of New Jersey during the summer of '78 and was marched to head quarters to a place then called Morristown where the American Army in part wintered. And another part wintered at a place called then called Paramus afterwards in the Spring of '79 was marched to the State of New York to a place called West Point where the American Army remained during the summer in which time General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] strengthened his Army by raising volunteers and marched against a Fort of the British at Stony Point [July 16, 1779] where he proved Victorious and in the fall of that year was marched from West Point to South Carolina and was marching in towards Charleston through the most part of the winter until my time of service expired having served fifteen days after my term of enlistment before I received a discharge from Colonel Harney which was at a place called Lockhart's Folly about thirty miles South East of Wilmington North Carolina I then remained a short time in Cumberland County North Carolina my birthplace and about the first of July 1781 he entered the service again for the term of twelve months in the above mentioned place as a

1 Heitman lists a "Selby Harney" in the 2nd Regt. of the NC Line.

Balloted Soldier of North Carolina under the command of Captain Dennis Porterfield rendezvoused at Fayetteville then marched to Hillsboro, Salisbury, Guilford North Carolina thence to Charlotte thence to Camden thence crossing Wateree [River] and thence Congaree [River] at McCord's Ferry where the Company joined General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] on or about the first of September '81. There marched on to the Eutaw Springs where General Greene met with the British Army and a warm engagement [Battle of Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781] ensued where I was wounded in my left arm and afterwards we marched through South Carolina to Bacon's Bridge near Charleston where I was discharged but at this time do not recollect the officer's names who signed the discharge. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency of any State.

Interrogatories propounded by the Court

Int 1 Where and in what year were you Born

Ans: In Cumberland County North Carolina and according to the best information ever received by me from my friends I was Born in the year 1764

Int 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

A.: I never had an exact Record of my age but was informed by my friends who professed to be acquainted with my birth and who said they had Children near my age and whose ages were Recorded this being the only Channel through which I Could obtain any thing like a correct knowledge of my age

Int 3 Where were you living when Called into service, where have you lived since and where do you now live?

A When Called into Service I was living in Cumberland County North Carolina and remained there nearly three years after the Close of the War, then moved to South Carolina Orangeburg District and lived there until the spring of 1811 the[n] moved to the State of Mississippi (then a Territory) Pike County where I now live-

Int 4th How were you Called into Service were you drafted, or were You a Substitute, and if a Substitute for whom

A.: For the first three years I enlisted under Col Hogun, the last twelve months Service I was what was called a Ballotted Substitute in North Carolina, the Militia of that State then being classed in the Number of twelve in a class who had one of each class to enter the service or to Hire a Substitute, and I entered the service as a Substitute for one of the Class

Int 4 State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the General Circumstances of your Services

A.: The first General that I became acquainted with was by the name of Francis Nash who severely Wounded by a Cannon Ball at Germantown and died in a few days after, afterwards Col Hogun under whom I first enlisted as I was informed took the Command of General and was placed in Philadelphia and when the North Carolina Troops passed through that place he took command of them and marched on with them and I was one of his Guards during my stay in the service during the second term of service I was with General Greene who commanded at the battle of Eutaw Springs and General Marion [Francis Marion] and his troops of horse Joined General Green at the same time that Captain Dennis Porterfield Joined him with whom I was at the same time General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] Cols Washington [William Washington] and Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] were in the Continental Army with the said General Greene

Int Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it Given and what has become of it

Ans: I Rec'd a discharge for my first Term of Service Col Sylvanus Harney and I also rec'd an


Honourable discharge For my second time of Service but at this time do not recollect by whom it was signed but was discharged at Bacon's Bridge with about one hundred others including officers and privates but our discharges were placed in the hands of Some of the officers and retained until we came to Wilmington North Carolina to prevent our dispersing through the Country and save us From falling into the hand of the Tories And the last discharge that I Rec'd was given me at Wilmington by Sergeant Jonathan Jones who was orderly sergeant of Capt Porterfield

State the names of persons to who you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your Character for veracity and their belief of your Services as a Soldier of the Revolution

I can Refer to my Neighbor Jas Y McNabb and the Reverend Joseph Raybourn and to many others who can and will testify to my Character veracity Probity &c

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the 17th day of June 1833

S/ Isaac Carter

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Isaac Carter". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured paper.

S/ Geo. G. McNabb Clerk

We Joseph Raybourn a Clergyman and Jas Y McNabb Residing in Pike County and State of Mississippi do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Isaac Carter who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be sixty nine years of age and that he is reputed and believed in the neighbourhood where he resides to have been a Soldier of the revolution and that we concur in that opinion Sworn and subscribed to in open Court this 17th day of June 1833

S/ Geo G McNabb Clerk

S/ Joseph Raybourn, Clergyman

S/ Jas Y McNabb

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina Continental line.]

[Note: The documents transcribed above are the only documents of substance in this file notwithstanding that it contains so many pages. All of the other documents reflect either inquiries as to the service of this veteran or responses thereto.]