

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Carter S8150

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State of North Carolina }

Rockingham County }

On this 30th August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the worshipful court of pleas & quarter sessions for the county & state aforesaid now sitting Thomas Carter a resident of Rockingham County North Carolina aged eighty six 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 act of congress passed 7th June 1832

That he was born in Maryland but was carried when a child to Fauquier county Va where he was raised, he was enrolled as a militiaman in Halifax county Va in the company of Capt James Coleman that he was in Colo. [George] Boyd's regiment when it was discharged but thinks he recd no written discharge if he did he has lost or mislaid it.

That he afterwards volunteered & joined Capt. Byrd Wall's company in Halifax county Va that he marched into Rockingham county No. Ca. [sic: formed in 1785 from Guilford County NC] & joined Gen'l Green's [sic: Nathanael Greene's] army at Troubles[?] old iron works [unclear, but probably meaning the iron works on Troublesome Creek] in the county & state aforesaid, & that he was in the memorable battle at Guifford C H [sic: Guilford Courthouse] 15th March 1781 in Colo Nath'l Cocke's [Nathaniel Cocke's] regiment; that he marched to Ramseys Mills on deep river where he was detailed to guard some British prisoners to some place in Va the name of which he does not remember on getting near home he was discharged by Colo. Nath's Cocke which discharge he has lost; that he served three months in this tour. He has no documentary evidence & knows no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

Thomas hisXmark Carter

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This 26 day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty three Thomas Carter a resident of Rockingham County state of North Carolina makes the following declaration in addition to that already made by him to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832

To Wit that he was a soldier in the war of the Revolution and served two tours as stated in his declaration one of which expired the [illegible] of November in the year 1779 and the other expired the 30th of March in the year 1781 as will more satisfactorily appear by the discharges for said services hereunto annexed that he has endeavoured to obtain the evidence of a Clergiman as to his age and the general belief in his neighbourhood as to his having been a soldier of the Revolution but he has been unable to procure such evidence as there is no clergyman living near him that he knows of nor living witness whose situation and age would enable them to have a personal knowlege of his services

Question Have you any record of your age & if so where is it

Answer. I have not I was at an early age an orphan

Quest Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, if so by whom was it given and what has become it

Answer I received two discharges one of which was given by James Coleman Captain dated November 1779 and the other was given by Byrd Wall Captain by order of Nath'l Cocke Col and dated 30th of March

1781 both of which discharges are hereto annexed, I having found the same since making my declaration
I then supposed them to have been lost Thos. hisXmark Carter

[The following two discharges are difficult to read.]

This is to Certify that Thomas Carter march'd under me from this County as a Militia Soldier for. Nov
the[?] last day – James Coleman

Halifax County Virginia – November

March 30 1781 This is to Certify that Thom's. Carter a soldier in the 2nd Virginia Redg't of Volunteers has
served his Time & is hereby discharged from[?] his next tower of three months in the militia by order of
Nath Cock Colo Byrd Wall