

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew Carson S8173

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State of North Carolina Iredell County:

On this 22nd day of August 1832 Personally Appeared in Open Court before the Worshipful County Court for the County of Iredell now sitting Andrew Carson a resident of said County and State aforesaid aged Seventy 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 June 7th 1832.

That he served in the Revolution. That he entered the service of the United States and served under the following named officers, as herein stated. The first campaign he served under Captain Joseph Dixon [Joseph Dickson] Lieutenant Carr (or Kerr) Ensign Erwin. He does not recollect the year but it was late in the fall, recollects the snow was immensely [?]<sup>1</sup> plenty (it was cold familiarly [called] the Snow Campaign) went out to Ninety Six (now called Cambridge) South Carolina under the command of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], his son James Rutherford was aid to his Father, William Lee Davidson was Adjutant, was engaged with the Tories at Ninety Six South Carolina was gone three months and returned was discharged at Sherrill's Ford on Catawba [River] was discharged by Captain Dixon, discharge is lost.

The next Campaign was against the Cherokee Indians under the command of Captain David Caldwell. The same General, Adjutant & aid as before, started in or about the month of August 1776 lay six weeks at Cathies Fort [Cathey's Fort] on Catawba [River], we did therefore the Army to collect, marched against the Cherokee Indians had a battle with & defeated them on Juniper River, entered & destroyed some of their Towns, do not recollect the names, was on this tour three months, was discharged at Cathey's Fort by Captain Caldwell this discharge is lost.

The next campaign was under Captain Caldwell & General Rutherford were stationed at Purisburgh [Purrysburg] on the Savannah River remained there some time say 4 or 8 weeks. We were then moved up the River to a place in those days called the Two Sisters [ferry]. We [were] on the South Carolina [side] and the British on the Georgia side of the River. We were employed in watching the British, who again moved up. We also moved & after marching three days were informed that the British had gone back. We then retraced our steps, went back to Two Sisters & subsequently to Purrysburg. We lay alternately at these two places for some 4 or 5 months, during the latter part of this campaign we had a battle with the British at Briar Creek [March 3, 1779], in this affair he lost two good horses this tour was for five months & was in the fall &

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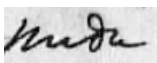
winter 1778-9 -- he staid about six months owing to relief not coming in time was discharged personally by General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] & General Rutherford and is lost; they also gave him certificates to draw for support on the public stores on his way home, from this time until the Shallow Ford Battle (with the Tories) he was engaged in several small Tours of days & weeks at a time not recollected, was always ready & went at a moments notice, only one month he recollects he was out with Captain John Read, we went to Congaree [River] where we joined Captain or Colonel Wade Hampton were discharged by Captain Read which discharge is lost, he again recollects a tour of duty under Captain D. Caldwell after the Tories & Foraging, which discharge is for fifty-two days and enclosed marked No.1. Also he was on a tour of duty for six weeks after the Tory Bryant [Samuel Bryan] we followed him down to Pedee [River] under Colonel & Major Lewis, we came up with him at Colston's [Colson's Mill, July 21, 1780] where we defeated him, was discharged but does not recollect by whom it is lost. Also he was on a tour of duty under General Davidson & discharged by Michael Asbury <sup>2</sup>Lieutenant, the discharge is enclosed No. 2 -- is for 4 weeks & two days -- he was also on a tour of Duty of thirty-one days after the Tory Bryant and was discharged by Captain John Graham which discharge is enclosed No. 3. He was at all times on the alert & considered a minute man with a good Horse & arms always ready, he was informed of the [indecipherable word, could be "marching" or "marshalling"] of the Tories a short time previous to the Shallow Ford Battle [October 14, 1780], he mounted his horse about sun set and rode 62 miles to the Head Quarters of General Davidson where he arrived about sun rise next morning who immediately gave him a command of 52 men with which he returned & after maneuvering for a couple of weeks we came upon the Main body of the Tories near the Shallow Ford on the Yadkin [River], where after an obstinate engagement we routed them in this engagement Captain Francis [Henry Francis] of the Whig side was killed. There was not any officers higher than captains each one commanded his own man, from this time which was in the latter part of March [?]<sup>3</sup> he was constantly out more or less until the battle of Guilford where he arrived the day after the Battle, he saw Colonel Washington [William Washington], Colonel Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] & Major or Colonel Hamilton from the time I got to the men from General Davidson to the end of the war I was always on the alert & [indecipherable word]<sup>4</sup> pay as a Ranger sometimes Commanding a company of volunteers at other times a volunteer myself and under the command of others -- he had forgot to tell in the proper place that in 1776 in May he joined Colonel Moban [sic, Robert Mebane?] at Norfolk and marched with him to Halifax Virginia was discharged after one months service. The Colonel was going on to Charleston but did not get on he thinks till the Battle. Answers to the Queries as put by the Department through the court

Query 1 Answer. Was born in the County of Rowan North Carolina in 1756 -- March 1. 2nd I had a family record as kept by my Father it is lost. 3rd I was living on Catawba when I entered into service in that part of Rowan (now ~~called~~ Iredell) have since lived on Armstrong [?] Creek in said County and do now live there. 4th Was at all times and under every circumstance a volunteer. 5th The Officers he recollects our Lincoln, Marion, Rutherford, Nash (or Ashe) & many others as heretofore described he was mostly engaged in what was called the partisan service & very little with the Regulars as the Tories of North Carolina were sufficient to keep the

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<sup>2</sup> This officer clearly signed the enclosed discharge "Elsburry."

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Whigs engaged. 6th I had discharges from every Officer he served under but they are all lost except the 3 enclosed. The commission he got from General Davidson is also lost, and himself nearly worn out.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency of any state or Territory.  
Sworn & subscribed this day & year aforesaid.

S/ Andrew Carson



[p 23: Joseph Sharpe and Hugh Andrews gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The said Joseph Sharpe<sup>5</sup> further states that he was out in the Cherokee Campaign with Andrew Carson and he believes the statement of his services therein as here made it is true & correct

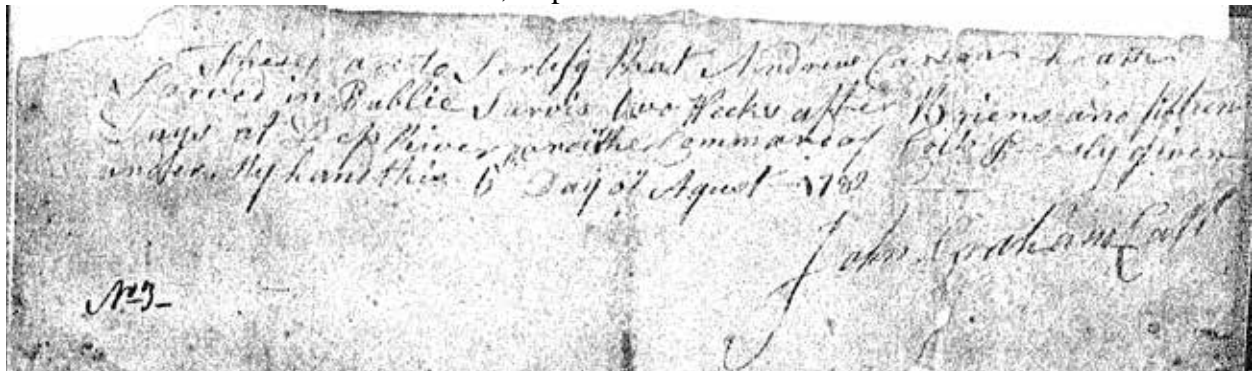
S/ Joseph Sharpe



[p 13]

These are to Sertify that Andrew Carson hath  
Sarved in Public Sarvis two Weeks after Briens and fifteen  
Days at Dep River under the Command of Colls Peasly given  
under My hand this 5<sup>th</sup> Day of Agust 1782

S/ John Graham, Capt.



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This is to Certify that Andrew Carson Hath Serv'd fiftey two  
days in my Company in which Servis by General order given  
under my Hand march ye 23d 1781

S/ D. Caldwell, Capt.

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<sup>5</sup> [Joseph Sharpe S7482](#)

This is to Certify that Andrew Carson hath served fifty five  
Days in my Company in actual Service by General Order given  
under my Hand March ye. 29<sup>th</sup> 1781  
M-  
Genl Davidson Capt

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This may certify that Andrew Carson hath  
Served in the public Service four weeks  
and two days under command of Genl.  
Davidson. Given under my hand this 28<sup>th</sup>  
day of February 1782

S/ Mich<sup>l</sup> Elsburry, Lieut.

This may certify that Andrew Carson hath  
served in the public Service four weeks  
and two days under command of Genl  
Davidson. Given under my hand this 28<sup>th</sup>  
day of February 1782  
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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months in the North Carolina militia.]