

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Carrigan S8177

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State of North Carolina and County of Cabarrus formerly a part of Mecklenburg

On this 15th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of quarter sessions now sitting the same being a Court of Record William Carrigan a resident of the State of North Carolina and County of Cabarrus aged 72 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 entered a volunteer in the Army of the United States Militia in the year I am not certain 1776 or 1777 under the Command of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] in Colonel Adam Alexander's Regiment in Captain James Barns Company a campaign against the Cherokee Indians three months again in 1778 I went volunteer under General Rutherford in Colonel Locke's Regiment Captain Houston's company a campaign of five months we marched near Charleston then was taken to Purrysburg on Savannah River and laid there that winter till discharged; again in May 1780 I went volunteer to a battle at Ramsours [Ramsour's Mill] against the Tories I there joined General Rutherford in Colonel George Alexander's Regiment in Captain Givens Company and were marched to Salisbury from thence down the Yadkin River to Colsons ferry where was a body of Tories collected Colonel Davidson went forward and dispersed them the Colonel was wounded recrossed the River and went down on the East side to the Chawraw [sic, Cheraws?] and crossed back and went on and joined General Gates above Camdon [Camden] after some time was marched to the disgraceful battle at the Gum Swamp was there defeated 16 August our Army then in broken state the General Colonel and Major all taken prisoners I then fell under General Davidson and continued with him until February 1781 the General was then killed at the time the British Army crossed the Catawba River at that time I was ten months in service.

In the month of July same year I again went volunteer in pursuit of the British Army to Wilmington General Rutherford came to us above Fayetteville and took command after being a prisoner I was in Colonel Smith's Regiment of horse and in Captain Penny's Company we went to Wilmington and was dismissed in October 1781 in all 21 months. I have had written discharges but can produce none. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed this 15th of October 1832.<sup>1</sup>

S/ William Carrigan

S/ James G Spears, Clerk

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<sup>1</sup> This sentence uncorrected reads: "he hereby relinquish every Claim to a pinsion or annuity Except the present and decleares that his name is not on pension role of the agency of any state."

I Abraham Alexander doth Certify upon oath that he was a soldier with William Carrigan in the five months service and in General Gates Campaign and at the Wilmington Campaign as he has before stated.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid  
 S/ James G Spears, Clerk S/ A. Alexander<sup>2</sup>

[John Robinson, a clergyman gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$70 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 21 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

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Larry Hayer offered the following additional information:

Period	Duration of Service	Rank	Names of General and Field Officers under whom he served	
1776 or 1777	3 mos.	Pvt.	James Barr	Adam Alexander
1778	5 mos.		[James] Houston	Locke
May 1780	10 mos.		Givens	George Alexander
July 1781	Oct. 1781		Penny	Smith

5. In what battles engaged? Ramsours, Gum Spring  
 6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? North Carolina

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	Years.	Months.	Days.		
1776 or 1777		3		Pvt.	Capt Barr, Col Alexander, Gen. Pattonford
1778		5			Capt Houston, Col Locke
May 1780		10			Capt Givens, Col Alexander
July 1781		3			Col Davidson, Gen Gates, Col Smith.

5. In what battles was he engaged? *Ransours, Gum Spring*

6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? *North Carolina*

Larry Hayer notes: William Carrigan's tombstone (Coddle Creek ARP Church) shows born September 26 1760 and died November 24 1844. Captain James Barr married William's sister Margaret. Captain James Houston married another sister, Isabel.

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