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Pension Application of Malachi Carroll S8180

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Princess Anne County (Va.) 18th Nov'r. 1828

Honoured Sir Being under the impression that I am entitled to the benefit an Act passed on the 15th of May 1828 "An Act for the releif of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" I hereby, transmit enclosed to you, the necessary papers, my discharge I unfortunately lost, not expecting it would have been of any service to me, I was enlisted by Captain Ballard in this County but I do not recollect to what Regiment I belonged to, but I recollect that I was under the command of Colonel Woodford and went with him to Charleston South Carolina and was there untill the War terminated [see endnote]. I was 3 years and 4 months in Service and never received any compensation for my services, on my discharge I found I was entitled to some Land but never received any. I am now 70 years old and I am quite poor and can scarcely make out to support myself and family. If my statement should not be satisfactory other evidence can be produced to establish my claim – Be kind enough to address to me Princess Anne, C. House near Norfolk Virginia. I remain yours/ Respectfully/ Malachi Carroll

Before me, Jesse Morris jr., a Justice of the peace in the County of Princess Anne in the State of Virginia, personally appeared this day, Charles Smith [pension application S7559] of the County and State aforesaid, and made oath that Malachi Carrol was a Soldier in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, and was known to him to have been as such.

Witness my hand this 8th day of January 1829. Charles hisXmark Smith

Princess Ann C.H. (Va.) 2^d May 1829

Honoured Sir A poor old afflicted Soldier of the Army of the Revolution takes the liberty of addressing you. Some time in November last I addressed a Letter to the late Secretary of the Treasury accompanied with my Declaration, and agreeable to his advertisement, the testimony that was required as I thought, to support my claim. I received about the last of Dec'r. an answer from Mr. Rush requiring of me to produce testimony of one or more persons who knew that I served in the Continental Army, fortunately I found an Old Brother Soldier who was with me, part of the time in Service, his affidavit was taken and sent on, I received an answer in return from Mr. Rush in Febuary last stating the affidavit which was received merely stated that I was in the Continental Army, I was under the impression (and so was the Magistrate by whom the affidavit was taken) that was all that was required, but it appears it was not sufficient, to establish my claim. You have herewith enclosed an affidavit of a respectable old man accompanied with the Certificates of two of our most respectable men in this County to support my declaration and establish my claim. If you will be kind enough to examine my Letter with my Declaration and the testimony attached to it which is now in the Department and the testimony now sent, you will find that I am entitled to relief from the Government. And I do most possitively declare to you that I was a regular enlisted Soldier in the Continental line of the Army of Revolution and served untill the close of the War and received an honourable discharge from my Commanding Officer. If this should not be satisfactory to yourself will you have the goodness to submit my case to the President, as I am conscious he will do anything in his power to aid and assist a poor Old Soldier of the Revolution. Be pleased to write to me immediately on the receipt of this. I am very respectfully/ Your Obedient Servant
Malachi Carroll

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Princess Anne County (Va.) 2 June 1831

Sir An old Soldier of the Continental army of the Revolution takes the liberty of addressing you and

you have herewith the necessary papers in support of my claim, a part of them I received from the Treasuary Department, being a Copy of some papers which I had sent on some time since. I enlisted in the town of Portsmouth in this State and was 3 years and 6 months in the service, I enlisted for and during the War and was not discharged until the war ended. I marched from Portsmouth under the command of Col. Woodford to Charleston (S.C.) and there joined the army before that place commanded by General William Moultrie [see endnote], I was severely wounded in the action with the enemy before Charleston and was confine several months, Col. Josiah Parker [see endnote] of the american army was killed in action at the same time, the marks of my wounds is still visible

If the papers sent is not sufficient to establish my claim, will you have the goodness to inform me what is wanting. the Hon Secretary of the Treasuary informed me that as my name was not on the Rolls of the late Army, and as the record was incomplete it would be necessary for me to prove by respectable testimony that I was in service, such testimony has been produced, but it is probable the form in which it is embodied may be incorrect if so inform me. You will have the goodness to write to me on the receipt of this and address to the care of the Hon Geo. Lazall. Norfolk Va.

I remain yours/ Respectfully
Malachi Carroll

To the Honorable the Speaker and members of the House of Representatives of of the United States:

The petition of Malachi Carroll of the County of Pricess Anne and State of Virginia, most respectfully represents to your Honorable body, that in the year 1777 or '8 your petitioner regularly enlisted in the continental service of the United States, in the revolutionary war under the command of Captain Ballard, for and during the said war, that he faithfully served to the end thereof, in the capacity of a private for more than three years and was honorably discharged, upon the restoration of peace and consequent independence of the Country.

That your petitioner was wounded at the battle of Charleston, in the abdomen, visible and severely felt to this day, is now seventy seven years of age, infirm and poor and for many years has not been able to labor or, in any other way to support himself, or, even, obtain the most ordinary comforts or, necessaries of life to soothe his declining years, or soften the miseries of decrepitude, ill health or old age; That he now confidently appeals, to the justice of the representatives of his country, the independence, liberty and glory of which, he spent some of his best years, in toil and arms to obtain, for that small pittance granted him by the government, in common with others, his surviving brethren of the revolutionary continental army, by the act of Congress entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the army of the Revolution", approved the 15th of May 1828. Your petitioner further represents, to your honorable body, that he conceives himself entitled to receive the benefit bestowed by the act aforesaid, from its first operation, if, indeed, his prayer be, now, granted, which cannot, he humbly conceives, be, for a moment, doubted, and that, such are his present necessities, unless speedy relief is afforded him, from this or some other source, no substantial benefit can be afforded, as protracted legislation added to his weight of years and declining health, might and probly would, relieve the government from this just, though scanty retribution: Your petitioner, therefore, prays that his case will meet the early attention of the House of Representatives, that they will grant him the sums due for the years 1828, 1829, 1830 and 1831, in addition to what may hence forward, be allowed, should an act pass in his favor, which, if not, entirely, relieve, will greatly alleviate the poor, wretched and helpless condition of your petitioner;

Your petitioner, as in duty bound, ever prays &c.

Malachi hisXmark Carroll

Documents, A, B, C. enclosed.

N.B. Your petitioner, has made application several times, before, this, but received for answer from the late Secretary in two several letters, to obtain further proof, which as indicated, is, now, fully, furnished.

M.C.

State of Virginia, Princess Anne County Ss. (Document, A.)

This day, personally appeared, before me, one of the the Justices of the peace for the county aforesaid, Malachi Carroll, the within named petitioner and made oath on the holy Evangely of Almighty God, that he did enlist in the year 1777 or '8 as a private, during the revolutionary war, under the command of Capt. Ballard and that he served upwards of three years, under this enlistment, or until the end of the war, when he was honorably discharged at Charleston S.C. in or about the year 1781: Given under my hand and seal this 15th day of November 1831. Elzy Burroughs

State of Virginia } Ss.
County of Princess Anne }

On this 5th day of November 1832 appeared before the court of the County of Princess Anne aforesaid, Malachi Carroll, a resident of Lynhaven parish, in the County and State aforesaid, aged seventy eight years, who being first sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1777 or 1778, with Capt. Ballard and served in the (not remembered, the number) regiment of the Continental line, under the following named officers, viz't: Col. Woolford, (other field officers not recollected) Capt. Ballard &c and left the service at the end of the war, by a discharge at Charleston, South Carolina, in the year 1781. That he resided in the County of Princess Anne and State of Virginia, when he entered the service, that he was engaged in two battles, both, at Charleston, S.C. [sic] and that he marched through Virginia, from the County aforesaid to N. Carolina, through N. Carolina, and to the southern boundary of South Carolina. He hereby relinquishes every claim, whatever, to a pension, or an annuity, except the present, and he declares, that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. Malachi hisXmark Carroll

[The following are among the [rejected claims at the Library of Virginia](#):]
The affidavit of Malachi Carrol [17 Aug 1833]

This affiant being duly sworn saith that he is now in the seventy Ninth year of his age and resides in the county of Princess Anne in the state of Virginia. That he was a soldier in the Revolution. That he served six months on the Virginia Militia under Captain Harris as a substitute for his Father James Carrol. That he afterwards enlisted in the Virginia Continental Line under Captain Ballard in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Woolford; and served in the army of the Revolution Three years and six months and to the close of the Revolutionary War – was at the Siege of Charlston in South Carolina and discharged at Charleston at the end of the War; and that he is now on the Pension list of the United States
Malachi hisXmark Carrol

NOTE: Carroll's statements of service are confused. There was a Col. Thomas Woolford, but he was in the Maryland Continental Line and was not at Charleston. Carroll evidently meant Gen. William Woodford, who was at the Siege of Charleston in the spring of 1780. I could find no Capt. Ballard of Virginia who was at the siege. Gen. William Moultrie commanded the South Carolina Continental Brigade at the siege. Col. Josiah Parker was not at the siege, but Col. Richard Parker was mortally wounded there. At the surrender of Charleston on 12 May 1780 the Continental troops were taken prisoner, and most were exchanged at Jamestown VA in the summer of 1781. There were no Continental troops from Virginia in service in or near Charleston from the time it was surrendered until the fall of 1781.