

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Carothers S8182

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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County: August Term

On the 31st day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas and quarter Sessions now sitting John Carothers a resident of the said County aged about 78 years as he believes 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 the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

In the spring of 1776 [could be 1775, last digit written over] Then living in the State of Pennsylvania he descended the Ohio River about 50 miles below Fort Pitt, where he was called into service against the Indians and was the greater part of his time from that period until the spring of 1777 employed in said service under the command of Captain \_\_White who was under the command of Colonel Gibson.

In the Spring 1777 he volunteered under the command of Captain Hougland, who was under the command of Colonel Gibson and General Hand and served a tour of nine months.

In the autumn of 1778 he removed to North Carolina in the County of Mecklenburg and has been a citizen of the same ever since.

In the [year] 1780 he volunteered under the command of Captain from failed and served a tour against the Tories in the Western part of the State principally in what is known as Lincoln County but do not recollect how long we were out on this expedition.

In the same year (1780) he served a tour as a volunteer against the British and Tories mostly in this County and in the adjacent parts of South Carolina. This tour was while the British were lying in Camden and about the time or immediately previous to the Battles of Rocky Mount, Hanging Rock and Gates defeat, does not at this time recollect how long this tour continued nor does he at this time recollect distinctly who was the Captain he served under but thinks it was Captain D. Reed. Recollects distinctly they were under the command of Colonel Robert Irwin [Robert Erwin] and General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] as their Superior officers. He further states that he has no documentary evidence in his possession of the above services.

In the same year (1780) volunteered for a three months tour in a Troop of Cavalry raised

and commanded by Captain James Hartt [James Hart] of Rowan County, who was under the command of Colonel Davie [William Richardson Davie] and General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] and while out on this tour nearly all the property he then possessed was taken and destroyed or carried off by the enemy. He further declares that he has [not] received any compensation for his services during the war nor since. He has no documentary evidence of this service; but refers to James Carothers for establishing his services

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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 the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Carothers

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Carothers". The signature is written in a cursive style with some ink bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.

[John McDowell & James Knox gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County: May 28, 1833

On the day above written, personally appeared in open court before the judges of the court of common pleas & quarter sessions now sitting John Carothers a resident of Mecklenburg County aged 79: 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, viz.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. Your declarant states that he was born in the State of Pennsylvania in the month of May 1755 and that when called into service he was living in the State aforesaid & County of Cumberland: that he volunteered his services under the command of Captain White who was under the command of Colonel Gibson: Militia officers: that he was a private soldier. That in the spring of 1776 then being in the State of Pennsylvania having descended the Ohio River about 50 miles below Fort Pitt when he was called into service against the Indians under the above named officers in defense of the frontier and served 9 months under those officers: that during that time he was marched from place to place guarding & protecting the inhabitants near the Ohio River. That he received no discharge from any of his officers. Your declarant states that the second tour in which he served he entered as a private volunteer under the command of Captain Hauglan and Colonel Gibson & General Hand his Superior officers. That the services rendered in this second tour were rendered at the same places as those of the first viz. on the frontiers of Pennsylvania on the Ohio River guarding the country along that River against the Indians & when not marching was in Company forts constructed for the protection of the inhabitants. That he received no regular discharge & served with no regular troops: that he entered in this second tour in the spring of 1777 & served 9 months & left service sometime during the winter: the precise time he cannot state. Your declarant states that in these 2 tours he served 18 months.

In the autumn of 1778 your declarant states that he removed to Mecklenburg County North Carolina where he has continued to reside since the revolutionary war. Your declarant states that in the year 1780 he volunteered as a private in the cavalry under the command of Captain James Hart, Colonel Davie & General Davidson Militia officers. He was engaged in scouring the country & watching the British while lying in the town of Charlotte. Served with no regular Troops: the declarant is unable to state the precise period either when he entered or left

the service of the US in this last tour: but states that the term of his service was 3 months, during which time the enemy seized & destroyed nearly all of the declarant's property: he marched from place to place throughout the County of Mecklenburg & the upper part of South Carolina. Received no discharge: was engaged in no important battle.

The declarant states that the only witness by whom he can prove his services is a resident of South Carolina & in consequence of bodily infirmity is unable to attend & testify in court to services rendered & set forth in the above declaration. The whole length of service set forth by your Declarant is twenty-one months for which service he claims a pension under the Act aforesaid. Has no record of his age. Acted as a volunteer in all of his Campaigns. Never received a discharge from any of his officers, save from Captain Hunt, and that he has lost.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, 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.

S/ John Carothers

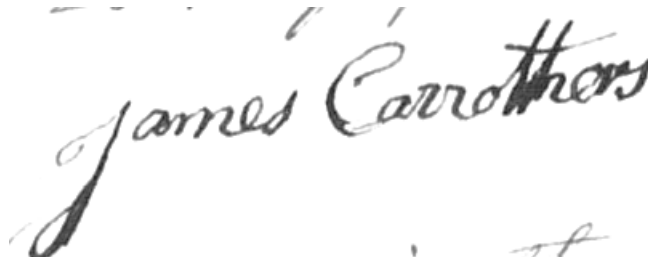
[John Williamson, a clergyman, and Robert A. Sample gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of South Carolina York District: Personally appeared before me the subscribing justice of the peace in & for the aforesaid District James Carothers of the District & State aforesaid, and after being sworn in due form of law, makes the following declaration, viz., that he was in a 3 months tour with the above Declarant in the year 1780, and in the State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County under the command of Captain James Hart, Colonel Davie & General Davidson, militia officers.

Sworn & subscribed to the 25th day of March 1834 before me

S/ Wm Thorn, JP

S/ James Carothers

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Carothers". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name "S/ James Carothers".

[Facts in file: Veteran died February 28, 1838; place not shown, he was survived by children but their names and the name of his wife is not set forth in the file.]

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