

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Carr (Kerr) S8778

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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term
1832

On this 29th day of August of 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid now sitting, Robert Kerr a resident of the County aforesaid and State of North Carolina aged eighty-two years in December next 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 was born in the State of Pennsylvania York County in the year 1750 – That he has a record of his age at home – that he came to the State of North Carolina when he was about three years of age – that he has resided in the County of Mecklenburg ever since he was four years of age – That he first entered the service of the United States during the revolutionary war in the State's Troop of North Carolina under Captain John McKnitt Alexander – that he volunteered for a tour against the Cherokee Indians under the said Captain the length of time he does not recollect but believes to be two months and General Rutherford was the commanding officer – the Colonel was William Alexander – that when the troops arrived or about the time they arrived at the Blue Ridge he was taken sick – and was discharged by his Captain from duty and that he came home as soon as he was able – how long he served he does not know – but believes it to be about three or four weeks – this was in the year 1776. That in the year 1778 he was drafted in the militia of North Carolina in Captain John Bromfield's Company – for five months – that his Colonel was Francis Locke and the commanding officer was General Rutherford – that they marched from Charlotte North Carolina in 10 miles of Charlestown by way of Camden – that at Charlestown he obtained and hired a substitute by the name of Thomas Askin [could be Thomas Atkin] to serve the balance of the time and that this declarant understood that he did and that he returned with the men who were on this tour – That at the battle of Ramsours [Ramsour's Mill] he was a volunteer under General Rutherford – he does not recollect his Captain and then he was a volunteer under Captain Thompson when Cornwallis was in Charlotte in 1780 he does not recollect how long he was engaged in either of the two last named tours – but that it is the impression of his mind that they two put together amounted to two months or thereabouts. That the next time he served was in the year 1780 – that in the month of December of that year he entered the service as a volunteer under John Sharpe as a Captain he alleges that General Davidson made a proclamation that those who could then volunteer their service for six weeks that it should stand in place of a three months tour – that he served the six weeks as a volunteer and was discharged after its expiration by William Henry who had succeeded the said

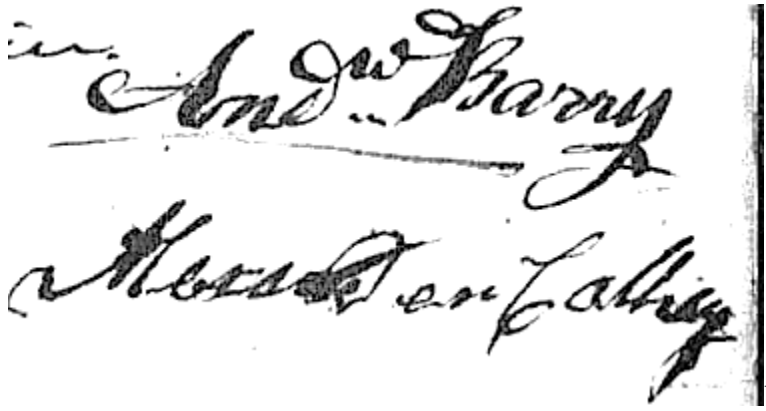
John Sharpe as a Captain & Colonel Locke being our immediate command or after the death of Davidson – that this discharge was written and has been since lost – that if he is allowed what Davidson's proclamation said – the whole time for which he is entitled to claim under the act above mentioned would be eleven or twelve months – if not – the amount eight or nine months – that the actual time he was in service as well as he can remember by himself and substitute was about nine months and two weeks – he has no documentary evidence whereby he can prove that he was in the service as above stated but refers to the certificate of Andrew Berry¹ – particularly as to the tour under Locke & Rutherford and under Davidson in the year 1780 in the month of December and the first of the year 1781 – that as to his character for truth he refers to the certificate of Alexander Cathey & said Berry there being no clergyman who knows declarant – being convenient

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 cat state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Robert Carr, X his mark

[Andrew Berry and Alexander Cathey gave the standard supporting affidavit – In addition "Andrew Berry further certifies that he served as a soldier in the revolution with Robert Kerr on a five months tour under Captain Bloomfield in 1778 and that he served as he declared under General Davidson – that he served in the same tour of six weeks with him."

The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive script. The top signature is "Andrew Barry" and the bottom signature is "Alexander Cathey". Both signatures are written in dark ink on a light background. The signatures are positioned to the left of a vertical line that runs down the page.

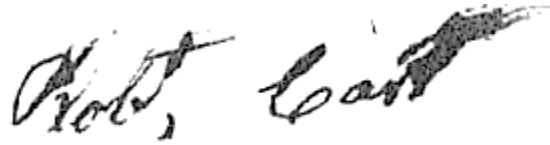
State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions May Term 1833

On this 27th day of May personally came into open Court before the justices now sitting on the fourth Monday of May in the year aforesaid Robert Kerr and filed this his amended declaration for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 – who being first duly sworn declares that in the campaign against the Cherokees mentioned in his original declaration hereunto annexed that he served as a volunteer in such tour for three weeks, that he was taken sick and discharged on that account – that the troops left Charlotte in August 1776 – and joined Rutherford on his march towards the Head of the Catawba [River]. That in the next service mentioned in his original declaration he served two months – having hired a substitute for the balance of the five months – that in this tour he left Mecklenburg in the winter of 1778 – this declarant is yet unable to say what length of time he was out including the

¹ Sic, **Andrew Barry R569**

two tours mentioned as aforesaid the first when he was at the Battle of Ramsour's and the other when he was in Charlotte under Captain Thompson when Cornwallis was in Charlotte – but this declarant perfectly recollects that when he gave it in, has minute service – before John McKnitt Alexander Esquire a justice of the peace and Captain John Sharpe his Captain he gave it in open oath for two months lacking three days – that this was then the custom of the country and soldiers received pay or was to receive pay agreeable to the oath so taken. This declarant further declares that if allowed as before stated the benefit of the proclamation of General Davidson as mentioned in his original declaration he is entitled to pay for seven months and three weeks service if he is not allowed pay for the same – then that the whole amount of his services as stated in this his amended declaration and also his original declaration above mentioned amount to six months and one week lacking three days. This declarant has no other evidence [paper torn and text missing] services than those already stated in his original declaration – as to further evidence of his character he refers to the subjoined certificate of a resident clergyman of the County of Mecklenburg and who has been well acquainted with him.
Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year first above written.

S/ Robt Carr

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robt Carr". The signature is written in a cursive style with some ink bleed-through from the reverse side of the paper.

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

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for six months service as a private in the North Carolina Militia.]