

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of David Caroll (Carroll) S9144  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Pennsylvania } Ss  
County of Allegheny }

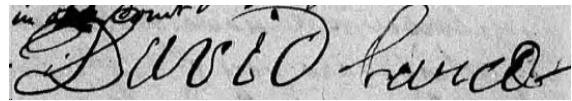
On this 30<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1838 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common pleas now setting David Carrel a respectable citizen of the County of Washington State of Pa, aged 77 years the 22<sup>d</sup> day of May last who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the followin decleration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress pased June 7 1832

That he entered the servise of the United States under the folowing named officers and served as herein Stated

David Carrel, Saith that he was drafted on the first of Aprill 1777 from the South branch of Potomack [sic: Potomac River] state of Virginia for the tirm of three months under the command of Catain Mazy Hutton [possibly Moses Hutton of the Hampshire County Militia] Lieutenant Selvester Ward [Sylvester Ward] Ensign Johnathen Heath [possibly Jonathan Heth] from which place we marched to Wheeling which place was in grate danger on accoumpt of the Indians we remained at the Fort at Wheeling attending to duty to the first of July when I was dismised and I returned Home after having served three months as a private without receiving any discharge, on the first of May 1778 he was drafted from the County of Youghiogeny State of Va [sic: Yohogania County, now in Pennsylvania], for the tirm of four Months under the command of Captain Mintor from which place we marched to Pittsburgh where we fell under the Command of Col Beeler from thence we marched to the mouth of Big Beaver Crick [sic: Beaver River] State of Pa where we fell under the command of Gen. Mackintosh [sic: Lachlan McIntosh] at which place we bilt a Fort caled Mackintosh [sic: Fort McIntosh, begun Sep 1778] from thence we marched to the Tuscerawyes at which place we bilt a Fort, Lawrence [sic: Fort Laurens on Tuscarawas River near present Bolivar OH, begun 10 Nov] Gen Mackintosh then Marched his troops back to Fort Mackintosh in the begining of October [sic] when he was dismissed and he returned hom after having served five months as a private being one month more than the time he was drafted for at which time he recevd no discharge, on the first of Aprile 1780 [sic] he was drafted from the County of Youghiogeny Va, for the tirm of three months under the command of Capt. Philip Ross from which place we marched to Pittsburgh where we fell under the command of Gen. Broadhead [sic: Daniel Brodhead] at which place the 13 Regiment lay commanded by Colo. [John] Gibson from thence we marched [11 Aug 1779] up the Allegheny Rivver on the Pittsburgh side a considerable distance to a plase caled cushsusin where we crossed the Rivver and marched up the other side to the Munse Towns [sic: Munsey Towns] Just before we reached the town our frunt line and the Indians had a small engagement when the Indians was forced to retreat we then proceeded to plunder and burn their town we next cut and destroyed all their corn we then marched back to Pittsburgh in the begining of July [sic: 14 Sep] when my time expird and I was dismised and I returnd home after having served three months as a private without receiving a discharge, on the first of May 1781 he was drafted from the County of Youghiogeny for the term of three months under the command of Captain William Bruce Lieutenant Jerry Wright [Jeremiah Wright, pension application S32617] from which place we marched to Pittsburgh where we fell under the command of Gen [George Rogers] Clark from which place we proceeded by way of the Ohio Rivver to Wheeling at which place Capt. Lecky and his Company deserted and some confusion took place betwene the militia and the regular troops commanded by Colo. [Joseph] Crockett, from thence we proceeded to the falls of the Ohio [at present Louisville] at which place we remained to the first of August my time having expired I was dismised and I returned home after having served three months as a private without having a discharge this applicant states he served four twowers making in all fourteen months for which said servisis he now

claims a Pension [From here to the end is marked "omit."] this applicant further states the reason why he did not make the declaration in the County where he resides was on account of procuring a Clergyman and him self being in low Circumstances and on that account being more convenient and less expence is the reason why he has not complied with the law this applicant further states the reason why he did not make an earlier application was that he never would make an application for a Pension as long as he was able to support himself and his Wife but that he is now become old and infirm and that his wife is entirely a cripple he therefore in the evening of his life wishes to obtain this small amount for his hard services which he performed in his youth this applicant saith that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure except Joseph McDermet [sic: Joseph McDermott, pension application S22902] whose deposition is hereunto annexed and the deposition of Johnathon Casber [sic: Jonathan Casber, pension application S9163]

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



Interrogatories put by the Court to David Carrel

1<sup>d</sup>. Where & in what year were you born

Answer. I was born in County Derry Ireland on the 22<sup>d</sup> Day of May AD 1761

2<sup>d</sup>. Have you any record of your age.

Answer, I have no record of my age.

3<sup>d</sup>. where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, & where do you now live

Answer. I lived on the South Branch of Potomack in the State of Va. when I entered the service and from there I moved to Youghiogheny Va, and for the last 20 years I have resided in Allegheny and Washington Counties State of Pa where I now live

4<sup>d</sup>. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute

Answer. I was drafted

5<sup>d</sup>. State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental & Militia Regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your service

Answer. Generals [Edward] Hand, Mackinash, Broadhead and Clark, Cols. Beeler and Gibson who commanded the 13<sup>d</sup> Reg. of Regulars Capt Hutton Minter Ross Wright and Bruce were officers I was acquainted with and served with them

6<sup>d</sup>. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service.

Answer. I never received a discharge from the service

7<sup>d</sup>. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood & who can testify as to your character for veracity & their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution

Answer. John Bowers Esq John McGary Alexander Flack [illegible letter] Townsend Esq Edmond Thomas D Darragh Esq Revent Alexander Wilson and Revent Robt Patterson

State of Pennsylvania } Ss

County of Allegheny }

Personally appeared before me one of the Justices of the peace within and for the County of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania Joseph McDermet a respectable Citizen of the County and State aforesaid aged 86 years past who being duly sworn as law directs doth depose and say that he is personally acquainted with David Carrel who has signed the foregoing Declaration for a pension deponent saith that said applicant entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served with them for the term of five months beginning on the first of May 1778 under the command of Capt Minter from the

County of Youghiogeny Va, from which place the marched to pitts burgh where they fill under the command of Col. Beeler from thence the marched to the mouth of Big Beaver Creek where the fell under the command of Gen Mackintosh where the Bilt Fort Mackintosh from thence the marched to the Tuscroweys River at which place the bilt Fort Lawrence from thence the marched back to Beaver leaving the 13<sup>d</sup> Regiment Comanded by Col Gibsam to defend fort Lawrance and in the begining of October David Carel was dismissed and he left the servise this deponet is himself a pensioner of the revolution and is known to some towers more the said Applicant served but at this time cannot state with pressision as to the time or period when the were performed

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30 Day of June 1830 [sic: 1838]

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on this 30<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1838 Personally appeared before me one of the Justices of the peace in & for said County Jonathan Casebeer a respectable Citizen of the County of Washington Pa being first duly sworn as law directs deposeth & saith that he is Personally well acquainted with David Carel who has Sworn to & Subscribed the foregoing Declaration for the purpose of obtaning a pention for servises in the Revolutiony war the said deponent saith that said David Carle entered the servise of the united states in the begining of May 1778 under the Command of Capt Mintor to the best of Deponents recolection whitch said Company was reased in the county of Youghageney in State of Virginey from whitch place the marched to Pittsburgh where they feal under the Command of Colo Bealler from whitch the marched to big Beaver Creek Pa where they feal under the Command of General Mackintosh & whitch place the [two illegible words] called Mackintosh from thence the marched to the Tuskeyrayes River at whitch place the built fort Lawrence General Mackintosh then marched back all his troops excepting the 13 Reagment Comanded by Colo Gibson who was left to defend fort Lawrence in the begining of October the most of the army was disbanded & David Carle returned home – the reason whiey this Deponent was acquented with the afore said Servises that he him Self Served in the afore said Campain under Capt Zedick Wright [sic: Zadock Wright] Leutenant Richey & that the draft was on the first of May 1778 for the term of four months but they was not dismissed to the first of October following & the said deponent further saith not.



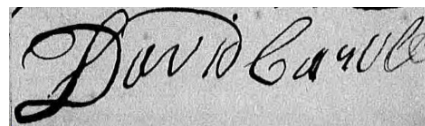
[A letter from the Pension Office dated 21 July 1838 objected to the above claim as follows: “He alleges three tours of three months each and one term of five months as a militia man of Va. principally against the Indians. Although the draft was have been for three months, yet expeditions into the Indian country seldom occupied that length of time. The alleged term of five months under Genl McIntosh in 1778, did not occupy more than four [illegible word] in actual service.”]

State of Pennsylvania } Ss

County of Allegheny } [5 Sep 1838]

Personaly appeared before me one of the Justices of the Pease with in & for the County & State afosaid David Carrel A Respectable Citazen of the County of Washington, Pa, aged 77 years past who being duly sworn as law directs doth depose and say that in the begining of May 1778 he enterd the servise of the Untied States for the tirm of four months from the State of Virginia from which place he marched to Big Beaver Crick State of Pa. at which place he fell under Gen. McIntosh where the Bilt Fort McIntosh from

thence the marched to the Tusceraweys where the Bilt Fort Lawrence that he remained there to some time in September of the same year when the army marched back to Fort McIntosh Leaving Colo Gibson to defend Fort Lawrince that this applicant did not leave the servise to the first of October being five months from the time he was drafted but this applicant cannot recolect whether he was detained the last month by compete [competent]authority or not he therefor clames but four month servises for that tour making together with the other three tours thirteen months in all which he served under competent authority for which said sevises he now clames a pension & further this deponant saith not.



Washington Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> 1839

My dear Sir [Mr. D. T. Morgan],/ There is some reason to believe that either the Government or the widow of a pensioner has been imposed on by some unprincipled men in the County and I wish you to call upon Mr. Tiernan the Pension agent immediately and ascertain whether any money has been drawn within two weeks by George Hayer or any other person for the pension of Jonathan Casebear. He is now dead and it is understood by his executors that, without their knowledge, the widow was brought to town and was induced to sign some instrument of writing which, it is found, is an authority to Hayer or some other person to receive the amount of the pension. If no application has yet been made request Mr. Tiernan not to pay of it should be prevented. If the money has been paid ask the favor of him to send me a copy of the papers presented. That there is some rascality connected with the business there is good reason to believe and we wish to try and ferret it out. There was, probably, some villainy in the manner in which this certificate of pension was originally obtains. Old Mr. Casebear lived in this County and was taken by Hayer to Allegheny County where his papers were made out which is contrary to the instructions of the Pension office and it would be well for Mr. Tiernan, if he has authority, to make some enquiry about the case.

A pension was granted some time since to David Carles of this County and it is believed by his neighbors that the government has been imposed upon by these same men. It is said that this man Carles was in Ireland till after the close of the war and that evidence has been manufactured to make out his case. Mention this also to Mr. Tiernan and request him to write to me about both these cases. I will write to the Department on the subject and will thank you to return me this letter after you have shewn it to Mr. Tiernan.

Yours very resp'y/ Th. M. T. McKennan

Washington Sept'r. 26 1839

My dear Sir [J. L. Edwards Esq'r., Pension Commissioner], The accompanying letter [preceding] I addressed to a friend in Pittsburg in relation to some pensions drawn at that agency and I feel it my duty to bring the subject to your notice. There is strong reason to believe that some gross frauds have been committed upon the government through the agency of George Hayer, who is a pension agent, and as unprincipled a man as lives in the country. In the case of Jonathan Caseber, which is mentioned in that letter and who is now dead, it seems that Hayer took from the old man an agreement or bond stipulating to allow him all his back pension and John Bower, to whom the widow gave a power of attorney to receive what was due at the death of her husband, received from the agent two hundred and seventy six dollars and refuses to pay her anything alleging that Hayer by the agreement with the old man was entitled to all of it.

Hayer, whose character is well known here, took the old man from this County, where he resided to Allegheny County and there had his papers prepared and carried through the Court, probably procuring some witnesses who really knew nothing about the old man or his case to make out the necessary proof. The circumstance of his taking him into another County is a suspicious one and in all probability

testimony has been manufactured to support his claim. Hayer also obtained a pension for Daniel or David Carles or Carrell by taking him out of this County to Pittsburg and it is believed by many of his neighbors that Carles or Carrel was never in the revolutionary war – I have heard of other cases under the agency of this man which are very suspicious. I have no doubt the government has been greatly imposed upon through his instrumentality and have felt it my duty to give you this information and to suggest whether it would not be well to instruct the District attorney for the Western District of Penna., who resides in Pittsburg, to have a strict scrutiny made into the cases that have been or may be present by this man and to bring to detection and punishment any persons who may have been engaged in defrauding the government. I have just learned that Carles or Carroll was entitled under his certificate to about \$300 of back pension and that Hayer took of that sum \$280.

If you think proper to institute an inquiry it will afford me pleasure to give the District attorney any information I may have and to aid him in procuring testimony to bring to light the conduct of those who may be concerned in defrauding the government.

If it be not too much trouble I would be glad if you would send me copies of the declaration and testimony to support the applications of Casebur and Carles or Carrell.

This communication you will consider as strictly confidential and if you think proper to write to the District Attorney I hope you will not mention through whom you have rec'd. the information, altho' you are at liberty to refer him to me, to give him any aid in my power. The suspicious circumstances of the two cases referred to have been communicated to me by persons who have applied to me professionally and I have not felt myself at liberty to withhold them from the Department. I send you also the answer I rec'd from my friend D. T. Morgan to the accompanying communication to these two letters, after you have perused them, you will please return to me. It seems from Mr. Morgans letter that David Carles name is not on the pension list of the Pittsburg agency. It may be David or Daniel Carrell.

Yours very resp'y/ Th. M. T. McKennan

War Dep't/ Pension Office/ Oct 4, 1839

Sir, [T. M. T. McKennan of Washington PA] I have received your letter of the 26<sup>th</sup> ult'o. and in consequence of the intimation you have given, I enclose copies of papers in the case of Jonathan Casber and David Carrel. If on an examination of them, you think that there are, or are not, sufficient grounds for a prosecution, be please to favor me with your opinion on the subject and I will immediately give the necessary instructions to the District Attorney. I have directed the payment of their pension to be suspended. An early answer is requested./ I have the &c

Sir [Hon. C. Darragh/ Pittsburg Pa.]

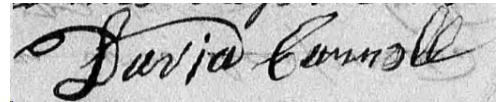
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In reply to your enquiry I have the honor to inform you that the pension of David Carrell was suspended in 1839 upon information which rendered it more than probable that he never served in the Revo'y war & indeed had not arrived in the U. States when the war ended – This was communicated to Mr. E Sympson of Pittsburg [sic: E. Simpson on 6 Jan 1841] who transmitted his claim to this office; no measures (by a renewal of his declaration – add'l. proofs &c) have been taken –

State of Pennsylvania } [8 Jan 1848]

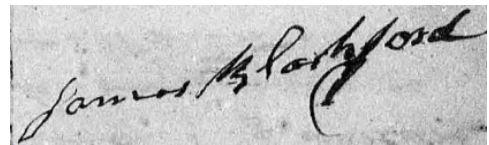
County of Allegheny S.S. } Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, came David Carroll of Washington County State aforesaid, who being duly sworn as the law directs, doth depose and say that on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 1838 he this deponant, was placed on the pension roll of the Untied States, and some time in the year of 1839, his pension was suspended, as he this deponant was informed by the pension agent in Pittsburg, but no reason by him assigned. He then called at Mr E. Simpson office and was informed that Mr Simpson was not at home, he then returned home and made all the inquiry he could amongst his neighbors and friends

to ascertain the reason why his pension was suspended, but all to no affect. He next sent by one of his neighbors to Mr. Simpson, who called at Simpson office, but he was absent. He afterwards wrote to the Hon. C. Darragh, then member of Congress, to ascertain the cause why his pension had been suspended, and received no answer Mr. Darragh sent him word that the letter must have been lost or miscarried. He wrote to Mr. Darragh again during the last session of Congress on the same subject and received an answer from Mr. Darragh some time in April 1847 informing him that information had been made against him &c. He further states, that since he received this information, he has been able to procure the deposition of James Blashford, who served with him one year under the Command of Col. Beeler in the year 1778 – whose deposition is hereunto annexed. And also the depositions of John Bowen Esq. John W Loney Esq. Leberton Thomas and Jonas Fossett [Jonas Fawcett], whose depositions [certifying Carroll's and Casber's reputations for veracity and of their having served in the Revolutionary War] are hereunto annexed. And further this deponent now sayeth not.



State of Pennsylvania }  
Allegheny County SS. } [5 May 1847]

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for said County James Blashford aged eighty-seven years past, who being duly sworn according to law, depose and says that he this deponent was acquainted with David Carroll who several years ago made application and as he understood obtain a pension and has since been suspended as appears from papers shown him. This deponent says he was acquainted with the said David Carroll in the year 1778 and served with him under Colonel Beeler, which said Regiment marched from Pittsburgh together with Col. Gibson who Commanded the 13<sup>d</sup> Reg. of Regulars. Col. Broadhead and other officers was there whose names the deponent does not now recollect. From Pittsburgh they marched to Big Beaver Creek where they fell under command of Gen. McIntosh. Here we built fort McIntosh from here we marched to Tuscaraway river, where we built fort Lawrence. after we were returned to fort McIntosh, leaving Col. Gibson to defend said Fort Lawrence – from there we marched to Pittsburgh where we were finally disbanded – having served for four months or more, and the said David Carroll served during the same time as a private



Pension Office/ Feby 15, 1848

Sir I have the honor to inform you that the additional evidence in the case of David Carroll is wholly insufficient to authorize the restoration of his name to the pension Roll.

James Blashford the only witness whose pretend to have had any knowledge of Carrolls Service, has not shown by asserting a claim to a pension that rendered any service in the Revolutionary but as he testifies to 4 months only should his testimony be admitted it would not be sufficient to justify the allowance of a stipend to Carroll.

For the opinion of this department respecting this claim I refer you to the enclosed copy of my letter to Hon C. Darragh dated 29 March 1847.

Hon M. Hampton/ House of Reps

NOTE: On 5 April 1833 Joseph McDermott of Allegheny County PA filed pension application S22902 to which he signed his name as shown.

