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Pension Application of James Carter S9162

VA

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At a quarterly Court held in & for Northampton County at the Court-house thereof on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832.

State of Virginia, Northampton County To Wit

On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of Sept'r. 1832. personally appeared before the County Court of the County afores'd. James Carter a resident of Hungars Parish in the County of Northampton & State of Virginia – aged 73 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 – that he the s'd. Carter enlisted in the Army of the State of Virginia in her own State Establishment – the precise year he does not recollect – but early in the War of the Revolution – as a private in a company of 18 months men – to garrison a Fort on Kings Creek in the County of Northampton & State aforesaid. That he enlisted first for 18 months & served out that period at the Fort on Kings Creek afores'd. – that said fort was under the command of a Captain William Davenport – Lieutenant Caleb Sansom & [blank] Robinson – who was the ensign of the company – which last fact the said Carter recollects because he the said Robinson had charge of the flag – That after the enlistment of 18 months was completed & himself discharged, he, the said Carter, in about 6 months after his discharge from the Fort, crossed the Chesapeake Bay & enlisted for the war as a private in the 2<sup>d</sup> Virginia State Regiment of Artillery, commanded by Colonel Thomas Marshall – That he enlisted at the town of Portsmouth opposite Norfolk – that the other officers of the said Regiment, were Lt Colonel Matthews [sic: Thomas Mathews] & Major Mazert [sic: John Mazarett] – That the 2<sup>d</sup> Virg'a. State Reg't. was divided into three parts, one of which was stationed at York under the command of Col. Marshall, another at Hampton under the command of Major Mazert & the third at Portsmouth under the command of Col Matthews – That he, the said Carter was attached to that portion of the Reg't. stationed at Portsmouth & belonged to a company commanded at the time of said Carters enlistment, by Captain William Jennings, who was soon broke – That after said Jennings was broke a Capt Christopher Roane took charge of the company – That he the said Carter does not recollect any other officer of his company except Nathaniel Rice who was first Lieutenant of the same – that about 18 months or 2 years before the siege of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] a part of the Regiment to which he, said Carter, belonged with other troops, was ordered to the South under command of Col. [Charles] Porterfield to assist that State of S. Carolina that he, said Carter, marched from Portsmouth by way of Petersburg through N. Carolina to S. Carolina – that he was engaged in a regular action which took place at Camden at which Gen. [Horatio] Gates was commander in chief [Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780] – that in this action Col. Porterfield of the Va Line was killed – that after the action at Camden he, said Carter, returned in his company still under Capt. Roane's command to Virginia, by way of Petersburg to Richmond. from Richmond said Carter went to the seige of York. that in a few months after the seige of York, he said Carter was discharged by a general order, with many others, whose officers left the Army as supernumerary [sic: supernumerary] or on half pay as it was called, that he was discharged at Richmond. That he lived at the time of his entering the service in the County of Northampton in the State of Virginia, and finally the said Carter declares that for his services which were in all about five years he received from the State of Virginia a Land bounty warrant for 200 acres – He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any State–

Sworn to & subscribed this 10th day of Sept'r. 1832      James hisXmark Carter

I certify that James Carter is intitled to the proportion of Land allowed a private of the State Line, inlisted for the War, who has served three years and is discharged by order of the Government Council Chamber/ Apl 30<sup>th</sup> 1783

Thomas Meriwether

Binj Harrison [Gov. Benjamin Harrison]

The foregoing is copied from the records of the Land Office of Virginia  
As witness my hand & seal of officer hereto affixed this 31 July 1832.

NOTE:

The [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) contain a short document pertaining to James Carter, but the online image is largely illegible except for the signature of Capt. Christopher Roane and the date 13<sup>th</sup> April 1783.

In the 1840 federal census for Northampton County VA James Carter is listed as a “free person of color” aged 85.