

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Carson S9305

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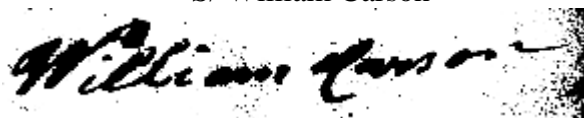
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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of South Carolina, York District:

To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives of the said State the Humble petition of William Carson respectfully sheweth that he entered the militia in the service of this State at the commencement of the Revolutionary War and served during the whole of the War under General Sumter [Thomas Sumter], Colonel Neal [Andrew Neel] and Colonel Graham. That he was in the battles at the Congaree [River], at Hook's defeat [sic, Christian Huck's defeat at Williamson's plantation or Brattonsville], and the battle at King's Mountain and a number of skirmishes. That at the battle of Friday's Fort [Friday's ferry, May 1, 1781] on the Congaree [River], he was severely wounded being shot through the wrist of the right arm, and much disable; that some years since he had the misfortune to get his left arm broken and shattered which has been stiff and useless to him ever since whereby he is rendered totally incapable of supporting himself and family by his labor; that he has a large and helpless family and is very poor and has no means of subsistence but by his labor. He therefore prays that he may be placed on the pension list of this State – the Your petitioner as in duty bound will pray &c.

S/ William Carson

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Carson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a small, dark rectangular stamp or mark.

South Carolina York District } Personally came the within named William Carson before me and made oath that that matters & things set forth in the within petition are just and true. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd of September 1821

S/ R. Clendenen, Q. U.

South Carolina, York District

Personally appeared Captain James Martin² before me and being duly sworn saith William Carson was attached to the Company he commanded in the Revolutionary War and that he was wounded in the rist [sic, wrist] of his right arm at the battle of Friday's Fort, this deponent seen him after he was wounded and assisted in dressing it. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23rd of November 1821.

¹ Image of the veteran's signature was taken from the SC Audited Accounts files where the original petition resides. See page 14 of said file. The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

² Very likely the same as [James Martin S9391](#)

S/ Jo. G. Martin, Com. E. Y. D.

S/ James Martin

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Martin". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. To the right of the signature, there is a small number "3".

State of South Carolina, York District

On this 12th day of April 1850 personally appeared before me Joseph J. Evans one of the Law Judges of the State of South Carolina, B. S. Carson, a resident of said district age 48 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 act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That this declarant the aforesaid B. S. Carson in behalf of himself and the other surviving children of William Carson, revolutionary soldier deceased, states that the said William Carson was a soldier as the heirs understand and as such he served the United States against the common enemy as follows. That he the said William Carson entered the service shortly after the fall of Charleston South Carolina in the militia as a volunteer under Captain Wallis Carson [sic, Walter Carson], Colonel Bratton's Regiment, General Sumter's Brigade (Militia) and served in said Company for some weeks as a fifer after which he was discharged and returned home and in a few days he again volunteered under Captain John Hood and remained under him for a short time and was again discharged and that soon after said discharge he joined Captain Cunningham's Company who with others were in pursuit of Colonel Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] whom they overtook and defeated at King's Mountain in the month of October 1780. That from the time he first volunteered in the month of June until the battle of King's Mountain in October he was but a very few days out of the Army and that during the above service he was in the following engagements, viz.: 1st a skirmish at a place called Big Glades in the low Country where they captured 14 wagons laden with military stores; Huck's defeat-- the taking of Friday's Fort on the Congaree and the battle of King's Mountain. And that his next tour of service was in the fall of the year 1781. He volunteered for three months under Captain John Hood, Colonel Bratton and was marched down to Orangeburg which was head quarters of the Army and there remained until his three months expired. And he returned home and was generally in service to the close of the War. He further declares that the reason of his father's not making application under the above mentioned act that he was for many years previous to the 7th of June 1832 in the receipt of a pension of \$60 per annum granted him by the State of South Carolina, in consequence of a wound received in his wrist at the taking of Friday's Fort in the summer of 1780 and that during the whole of the above services William Carson was a Fifer as above stated. -- Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written.

In open court –

S/ B. S. Carson

S John G. Enloe, Clerk

And the Court does hereby certify that satisfactory evidence has been shown in open court that William Carson above named died at the residence of his son B S Carson in said district on the 5th day of December 1849 leaving the following children surviving the is – B S Carson, Matilda Givens -- Elizabeth Givens who were his only surviving children and are still living and of lawful age -- Given under my hand at Yorkville on the day and year above written -- ordered by the Clerk certify

³ Image taken from the SC Audited Account file of William Carson

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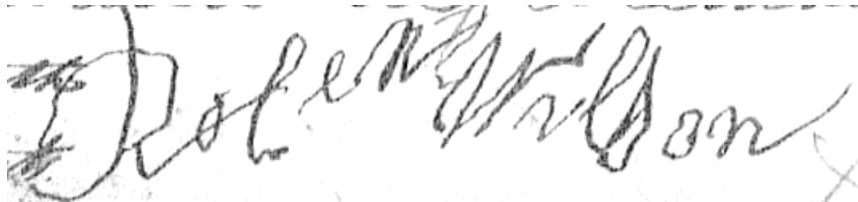
South Carolina York District: Personally appeared Captain Robert Wilson⁴ before me and made oath in due form of law that he became acquainted with William Carson of York District South Carolina the summer of 1780 in General Sumter's Camp and served with him for some time but cannot say with certainty how long war under what Captain the William Carson served but recollects that Carson was in Colonel Bratton's Regiment.

Deponent has often heard the said William Carson speak of being surprised at Mobley's Church by a party of the British and that he and John Hood who was afterwards a Captain and one or 2 others ran into the meeting house and defended themselves until they were relieved from Sumter's camp shortly before deponent joined General Sumter at hagler's branch.

Deponent was well acquainted with the said William Carson and saw him often at Yorkville near which place he lived until after he became blind and knows the said William Carson was regarded by the community as a good soldier of the Revolution and a very correct man up to his death which occurrence took place as I understand in December last. Before me on oath

S/ A. S. Wallace, Magistrate

S/ Robert Wilson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Wilson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The letters are connected and fluid, with a prominent "R" at the beginning and a long, sweeping tail at the end.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 and 66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending December 5, 1849 when he died. The pension represented payment for services of 15 months and 6 days as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts relating to William Carson

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Audited Account Microfilm file No. 1099

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6/19/19

[Note: As noted above, this file contains the originals of the petition and supporting affidavit filed by the veteran when he applied for a pension from the state of South Carolina in 1821. That petition was initially rejected but upon reapplication, the veteran was granted a state pension at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing June 1, 1825. From receipts contained in the file, it appears that the pension continued at the same rate of \$60 per annum until June 4th 1849. The documents relating to this petition can be found in pages 13 through 26 of this file.]

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His Account of [text obliterated] days Militia [text obliterated] Amounting to £7.11.5 Stg. Sterling]

Ex^d. W. G. [Examined by William Galvan]

J. M^c. A. G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

Received 4th of September 1780 for full Satisfaction for the Within in an indent No. 166 Book I

⁴ [Robert Wilson W2302](#)

S/ William Ca[obliterated]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William Carson", is written over a black rectangular redaction box.

The State of South Carolina Dr. to William Carson Junior for Services Done under Captain Peters [John Peters] 20 Days [at 20 Shillings per day]	£20.0.0
Ditto under said Captain 66 days at 10 Shillings per day	<u>£33.0.0</u>
[old South Carolina currency]	<u>£53</u>
[Sterling]	£7.11.5