

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Zachariah Carwile (Carwill, Carver) S9310¹

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The State of South Carolina, Laurens District } To wit

On this fifteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one Thousand and eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before Richard Gantt Esq the Judge of the Court of General Session and Common Pleas of the said State, now sitting. Zachariah Carwile, a resident of Abbeville District in the said State, aged Eighty two years, who being first duly sworn 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 on the Eleventh day of Sept O.S. 1750 in Goochland County State of Virginia; that he has no record of his age.

That he was living when called into service in Prince Edward County State of Virginia; that he entered the service of the United States with the following named officers and served as herein after stated; that he enlisted as he thinks in the State troops of Virginia in the year 1775 with Captain Charles Allen of Prince Edward Virginia and served (as he thinks) in the 4th Regiment of the Virginia line, under the following named officers: Col. Samuel Meredith, Major James Allen, Captain Charles Allen, Lieutenant Joseph Parks, and Ensign James Allen; that he entered the service on the ___ day of December 1775, and left the service about the middle of November 1777; that he joined his company at Prince Edward Court House; that after some time they were marched to Manchester on James River, thence to Williamsburg, and Hampton, at the last of which place he was stationed for some months; that he was at this place when Independence was declared, that he was at, and participated in the battle of Gwynne's Island when Governor Dunmore was driven off. From Hampton, he and the other American troops removed to Norfolk where he remained as a guard or in Garrison until he was discharged upon the expiration of his term of enlistment. He did not receive a written discharge. The troops (as he thinks) were paraded and dismissed from service by order of the Commanding Officer.

That after his return home he removed to Holston River in the State of Tennessee and in September 1780 he joined Colonel Campbell [William Campbell] as a volunteer and marched to South Carolina, and under his command fought the battle of King's Mountain, in which Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] was killed and defeated, on the 7th of October 1780; that from this place he marched as one of the guard on the prisoners to the Yadkin River, North Carolina, where he parted from Colonel Campbell and joined General Thomas Sumter at a place called the Black Rock and went with him into the lower part of South Carolina where he remained some time and

¹ This Pension Application is erroneously indexed in the Fold3.com database under "Zachariah Carwill" of Virginia.

then marched back up the Country, to Blackstock's [Plantation] where the Battle [November 20, 1780] of that name was fought in which General Sumter was wounded, and Tarleton [Banastre Tarleton] defeated, in which action this applicant participated and took an active part; thence he marched to the Iron works on Fair Forest Creek, and Smith's ford on Broad River where his tour of [duty] terminated, and returned home after having served under Colonel Campbell & General Sumter about seven months. In his first tour of duty he states that he was well acquainted with General Stephenson who commanded the troops with which he served, a part of the time, and afterwards went to the North.

He was in the service of the United States during the Revolution as an enlisted soldier and a Volunteer a little upwards of two years and six months.

That after the Revolutionary war he resided a short time in Tennessee and removed to South Carolina, and has lived in the Districts of Spartanburg, Laurens and Abbeville ever since, in the latter of which he now resides.

That he has no documentary evidence of his services in his possession, and knows of no person except John McMahan, whose affidavit is herewith submitted who can prove his revolutionary services.

That he refers to the Reverend Joseph Babb and Asa Chandler for his character as a man of veracity and for the general reputation that he was a Revolutionary soldier.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to an annuity or pension except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State, except that of the State of South Carolina at the rate of Sixty dollars per annum.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court.

S/ Zachariah Carwile

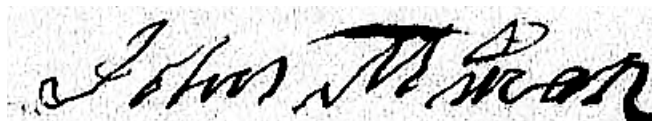


S/ Richard Gantt

The State of South Carolina Laurens District: to wit

Personally appeared in open Court John McMahan who being duly sworn says that he knows the applicant Zachariah Carwile, that he served with him in the Virginia line, and well knows that he served as he has stated from December 1775 to the middle of November 1777.

S/ John McMahan²



[Joseph Babb, a clergyman, and Asa Chandler gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]

² [John McMahan S18110](#)

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State of South Carolina Abbeville District } To the Honorable the Speaker and other Members of the Legislature of the State of South Carolina, The petition of Zachariah Carwile a citizen of the District & State aforesaid, humbly Sheweth unto your Honorable Body that he is now the only known living child of Zachariah Carwile deceased late of said District & State and who died in the same on the 4th day of August 1841 at quite an advanced age, leaving no widow him surviving. That at the Session of Your Honorable Body on December 1828, his said father upon petition & proofs was allowed under the laws of the State a pension of sixty dollars per annum as a Revolutionary Soldier of merit which pension he continued to draw from the State until __, all of which will more fully appear by the Records⁴ of the State to which reference is respectfully solicited. Your petitioner would further state that during the last years of his said father's life he was quite infirm being so afflicted with the palsy as to prevent his walking for some three years before his death and was thus a charge to his children who were in moderate circumstances – that he lived during the last years of his life and died at the home of your petitioner. Your petitioner would further state that before & since his said father's death all of his children died with the exception of your petitioner, & his sister Rebecca Harma [?] & his brother James Carwile both of whom many years ago moved westward, the former not having been heard from by your petitioner in twenty & the latter in thirty years, so that from their then age it is not probable either are now alive. Your petitioner would therefore pray Your Honorable Body to be allowed the arrears due to his said father as a pensioner from the date of said last payment to the date of his death, as has been the custom with Your Honorable Body to allow such balances to living children. Your petitioner [indecipherable word] proofs of his father's identity & death & of his (your petitioner's) heirship, and he would suggest that if deemed proper he would be required to give bond to the Treasurer and to save the State from any demand from his said Sister & brother should they ever present such. Your petitioner would therefore pray your Honorable Body as he is growing old being 61 years old & is poor to be allowed said arrears & thus placed on a footing with other heirs allowed such balances & he will ever pray &c

August 16th 1858

S/ Z Carwile



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State of South Carolina Abbeville District } Personally appeared before the undersigned a Notary Public in and for the said District Basil Callaham and John McClain who being duly sworn Deposeth and say that they long & will due Zachariah Carwile Senior Deceased late of the District & State a Revolutionary Pensioner & who died in our neighborhood at a very old age to our certain knowledge about 17 years ago & these deponents were then living not far from his son Zachariah Carwile Junior where he died & having examined his family record giving the

³ 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.

⁴ this file does not contain any prior petitions or applications made by the veteran or any documents in support of that application or petition

date of his said father's death as on 4th of August 1841 we believe it strictly correct & agreeable to our recollection fully. That Zachariah Carwile the foregoing petitioner is the only 1 of his children known to us to be alive no widow having survived him deponent's having known them all & that we concur in the opinion that James Carwile & Rebecca Harma from there age when they left this country for the West are not likely to be living yet, as we, & as neighbors have not heard from them in a great many years. They further swear that they are disinterested in giving this testimony. Sworn to this 24th day of September 1848 before me

S/ Wesley A Black, NP

S/ Basil Callahan

S/ John McClain

The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive ink. The top signature is "Basil Callahan" and the bottom signature is "John McClain". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and characteristic of the mid-19th century.

[Note: Receipts in the file indicate the payment to Zachariah Carwile of \$60 per annum in each of the years 1829, 1830 and 1831.]