

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Francis Carlisle (Carlile) W10576 Margaret Carlisle f91SC

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State of Alabama Benton County } SS

On this 21st day of November in the year of our Lord 1844 personally appeared before the County Court of the County of Clinton Margaret Carlile who was born in the State of North Carolina in the year 1760 & now a resident of Benton County Alabama aged about eighty-four years – who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed 7th of July 1838 – entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows –" That she is the widow of Francis Carlile who was a Lieutenant of militia in the State of South Carolina during the Revolutionary War. This affiant does not know whether he went out as a private or an officer – neither does she know in what year or month he entered the service – nor how many years he served – although this affiant saw him during the war & before her marriage in actual service, to wit on McGill's Creek in what was then called Granville County or District [sic, Greenville District] South Carolina – most of her information was obtained from her husband as to his service & from hearing him and other soldiers converse from the time of the war up to his death about what had happened, where he had marched what scenes he had passed through &c. She always understood that Alexander Noble was the Captain of the militia company – John Cochran was also an officer but cannot say what – knows that her Husband went to North Carolina after having volunteered in a foot company & joined General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] was at the battle of the Cow Pens [Cowpens, January 17th 1781]¹ and as she believes he in other battles, but being old and very infirm from a stroke of Palsy can scarcely recollect anything. Her husband was also in a battle with the Tories at Kettle Creek² in Georgia – where he was wounded in his right thigh by a ball which was cut out by one Dr. Langdon in Abbeville district South Carolina and which ball has been preserved by this affiant and is yet in the possession of her Grandchildren. Her husband after being wounded was taken to Fort Charlotte on Savannah River two miles below Patersburgh [sic, Purrisburg?]. He was also as she believes at Blackstocks [November 20, 1780]³ when the skirmish took place. He was also ordered with his Company down on Edisto [River] but didn't go to Charleston as the company was stationed there for a watch on the movement of the British. She also knows that he went out as a volunteer against the Cherokee Indians at which time she believes he was Captain but cannot say certain as she has forgotten much of what he told her and cannot recollect dates or what service he was first

¹ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_cowpens.html

² Kettle Creek February 14, 1779 <https://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790214-kettle-creek/>

³ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_blackstocks.html

in, nor generally what he stated, as her husband has been dead about twenty-seven years: She knows that her husband served several tours in different years but how long at each time or all put together cannot say. Her husband & herself lived close to each other before marriage in South Carolina on McGill Creek during the war & were well acquainted with each other – and she knows of his actual service, but when, where or how long if she ever did know, has now forgotten. Her husband died on the 27th of December 1814 in Abbeville District South Carolina 10 miles from Petersburg & 14 miles from Abbeville on the same farm that he lived upon during the Revolutionary War. She also recollects that when South Carolina was supposed to be subdued that her Whig neighbors went to give up their guns to one Andrew Macomb a Tory officer commissioned to receive their guns – that Colonel John Cochran some of the McCluskeys & others together with her husband after they came upon the ground refused to give them & after firing them into the air made their escape and went into North Carolina to join the Army under General Morgan as she believes. Her husband had commissions as a Lieutenant during the war and she is not certain but as Captain also, but she cannot say whether his Captain's commission was before or just at the close of the War – The Commissions are still in existence as she believes – But she does not know whether her son Francis H Carlile of Mississippi has them or whether Lewis Wardlaw Esquire of Abbeville District or whether they are deposited at Columbia in the State house – whether they were sent as this affiant believes to obtain a Pension from the State which she has been drawing many years as the widow of Francis Carlile a Revolutionary Soldier – She was married on the 17th day of December 1782 on an island near or at the Cherokee Ford on Savannah River to Francis Carlile – This was done to evade the expense of a license which was then to be paid in South Carolina and also marriage fees. She was married by John Cunningham Esquire a justice of the peace living in Georgia in the County opposite the River. If there is any record of the marriage she has never heard of it. They had an old family Bible but there was no family record of either marriages or births ever kept as far as this affiant knows. The witnesses have been dead many years. That were present at the marriage except James Carlile⁴ who died in the year 1842 in April but whose affidavit with the other proof is on file in the records of South Carolina. Deposited either at Abbeville or Columbia and upon which evidence your affiant has been drawing a pension from the State for nearly 7 years. She having lived until the last 2 years in the same District since a removal by her father when a child where she was born & married (for near eighty-two years) [and] could establish my reputation the marriage through almost every settler in the district and also the general reputation of her husband as a Revolutionary soldier although she knows of no individual now alive who can expressly prove either fact except she can prove his service by one John Harris of Pickens district South Carolina who served with her husband & who lost his eye in a battle at McGowan's ferry where both were present. She heard that two years ago he was alive but from poverty, age and being crippled with the palsy would be unable to procure his testimony at this distance even if he were living – She believes that all the facts she has stated have been proven & recorded somewhere in South Carolina establishing the marriage, service and Revolutionary movements of her husband both as to time, place, office & movements – of all which she never knew a very great deal and what she did note, now remembers so indistinctly as to be fearful in even making affidavit of the same. She therefore solicits that copies of the proof & records made in South Carolina may be admitted to establish all the necessary facts except identity of the person as she believes everything was fully proved and in most cases by persons actually in the service with her deceased Husband [indecipherable word] or being establish fully by reputation in a

⁴ [James Carlile \(Carlisle\) W8583](#)

neighborhood where they both had resided almost from infancy – this affiant further says that she now resides with her only daughter in Alabama having been removed in her bed in a wagon from her former residence to Benton County Alabama. That she is unable even to walk and that therefore she is unable to go about & obtain the necessary proof except so far as she can do it by the charity of others. She further declares that she was married as above stated on the 17th of November 1782 to the said Francis Carlile and that from the said 1782 17th of December on which they were married they have lived together as man and wife until the 27th of December 1814 at which time the said Francis Carlile died. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service. That he did not serve against the British any more after his marriage – although she is not certain whether he may not have served one tour against the Cherokees after that time – But even of this she cannot recollect positively one way or the other. The marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated. Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me. This affiant further says that there was licenses granted in Georgia – when she was married as far as she ever heard, neither has she ever been married since the death of her husband, but she remained a widow from that day to this. This affiant upon recollection thinks & believes that her husband served altogether more than a year if not 2 – But is not positive – she further says, that through friends she has endeavored to procure the evidence from South Carolina establishing all the facts, but that she has only procured the certificates & evidence hereto attached the proof upon which the South Carolina pension was obtained not being forwarded, Except so far, as showing how long he served as a private & how long as an officer – This affiant drew \$30 a year whilst she lived in South Carolina – and that she is now living with her daughter & only child as far as she knows certainly.

Sworn to and subscribed this 21st day of November 1844 before me a judge of Benton County Court at her own residence.

S/ E. T. Smith, Presiding Judge

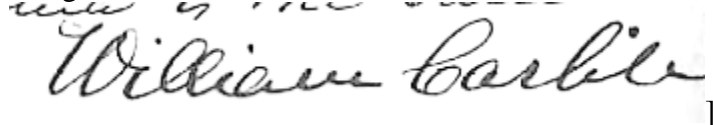
S/ Margaret Carlile, X her mark

[p 10: Martha Foster testified in Benton County Alabama that Francis Carlisle was her father and Margaret Carlile her mother; that Margaret Carlile died in Benton County May 20, 1845; and that she is there only surviving child. She signed her affidavit with her mark. Her husband, Robert Foster also joined in the affidavit.



Robert Foster]

[p 27: On September 12, 1844 in Anderson District South Carolina William Carlile gave testimony that he was the nephew of Francis Carlile; he gave testimony that his uncle and Margaret McGill were married.



William Carlile]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$191.32 commencing March 4th, 1843 for his service as a private and Lieutenant in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁵ relating to Francis Carlile (Carlisle)
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 1063
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[Book] K [No.] 207

6 January 1785

Mr. Francis Carlisle his Account of Militia Duty per Captain Nobles [probably Alexander Noble's] Pay Bill, 497 Days Duty as Lieutenant Militia Duty as per Colonel Anderson's [Robert Anderson's] Return [not extant] – the whole performed alternately Amounting to Viz.

66 Days in 1779 at 10/ [10 Shillings]	£33
497 Days Duty in 1781 and 1782 as Lieutenant – 47	1018.5
Duty as per Colonel Henderson's return	<u>138</u>
[old South Carolina] Currency	<u>£1289.5/</u>
Stg. [Sterling]	£184.6.3 ³ / ₄

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

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State South Carolina

Dr. to Francis Carlisle

for 66 Days Militia Duty as Private in 1779 per Captain Noble's Pay Bill	£33
497 Days Duty as Lieutenant per Captain Robert Carithers Pay Bill from 17 th April 1781 to 22 nd of October 1782 performed alternately at 45/ [45 Shillings per day]	1118.5
Duty, beside, per Colonel Anderson's Return	<u>138</u>
Currency	<u>£1289.5/</u>
Stg.	£184.3.6 ³ / ₄ [sic]

Received 6th January 1785 full Satisfaction for the Above in an Indent No. 207 Book K
S/ Francis Carlile



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The Public of South Carolina

To Francis Carlile

Dr.

For 46 Days in the Public Service as Captain by order of Lieutenant Colonel James McCall in the year 1780

Total at £3 per day £138.00

Personally came Fras. Carlile & Made Oath before me that the above Account is Just & True and that he has Never Received Any pay for said Duty Done. Sworn to before me this 16th day of

⁵ 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.

July 1783

S/ [illegibly faint signature of the notary public]

S/ Fras. Carlile

The Publick of South Carolina Do Pro^{se} Carlile D^o

For ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Year~~ ^{Year} in the Publick Service of Captain By order of H^{on}blest Call
 In the year 1780 Total at 3rd Day - £ 430 - 00 - -

Personally came Pro^{se} Carlile & Made oath before Me that the Above Account is just & true &
 that he has never Rec^d any Pay for said Duty Done & sworn to before me this 16th Day of July 1783
 Pro^{se} Carlile

[Note: For whatever it may be worth, the above document appears to me to be in the handwriting of Francis Carlile.]