

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Lucy Page, the widow of Carter Page of Virginia: W2161
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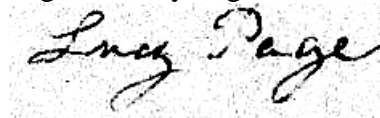
State of Virginia, Cumberland County to Wit

On this 11th day of June 1849, before me Nelson Page a Justice of the peace, in and for said County, personally appeared Mrs. Lucy Page a resident of said County aged 72 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 on the 29th of July 1848, granting pensions to widows of those officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary war, who were married prior to the first day of January 1800, and subsequent to the first day of January 1794:

That she is the widow of Carter Page dec'd of said County, who was a Lieutenant and Captain in the Continental lines of Service, and the Malitia [sic], the evidence of which service may be found on file in the Executive department of the State in Richmond, on which he obtained his 4,000 Acres of land, and also on file among his papers submitted to Congress during the 1st session of the 24 Congress, and to which the Com'r of pensions is also respectfully referred, as further proof of her dec'd husbands service. That personally she has no knowledge of her husbands service but from what she can recollect she is of the opinion that he was under Gen'l Thos. Nelsons Command and acted as his aid at one time, but, how long she can not say [note: Lucy Page, maiden name Lucy Nelson, is a daughter of General Thomas Nelson] – that he must have been in the service at the North for he spoke of the Battles of German Town [Germantown October 4, 1777], Brandy Wine [Brandywine, September 11, 1777], Princeton [January 3, 1777] &c and the extreme suffering of the soldiers for the want of provisions, shoes, Blankets &c – and the he was also at the Battle of Yorktown, and capture of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]and also at Guilford Court-House battle [March 15, 1781] – and she is not certain but thinks he was under Col Bayler [Col. George Baylor of the Virginia Dragoons] at one time; and in other service which she can not designate – but that he was only about 20 years old when he entered the service and continued after the capture of Cornwallis – and perhaps connected with the service as a supernumerary' or otherwise until the close of the Revolutionary War. That she was married to her dec'd husband Carter Page, in Yorktown in the County of York, in said state by the Rev. Mr. Evans on the 14th day of December 1799 as will appear to date by her Family Register enclosed; which is a true copy from the Register in her Family Bible – and her marriage will also probably appear by the Marriage Bond and Ministers Return, as the duty officer in the County of York as aforesaid.

That her husband the aforesaid Carter Page died in said County, on the 9th day of April 1825 – leaving declarant his widow – (whose maiden name was Nelson) and who has remained unmarried ever since the time of her husbands [sic] as aforesaid to the present time. That she was not married to him prior to the expiration of his last term of service, but that the marriage took place previous to the 1st day of Jan'y 1800 and subsequent to the first day of Jan'y 1794 – all of which will more fully appear by reference to the proof annexed.

[signed] Lucy Page



as to date probably married husband interlineated before signed – [signed] Nelson Page JP
Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written –
Before Me -- [signed] Nelson Page JP

In presence of –
Peyton Harrison
Lucy J. Cushing

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An excerpt from the family Bible states, “Carter Page & Lucy Nelson were married at York on the 14th December 1799.”

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In the House of Delegates
The 26th of May 1784

It appearing that Carter Page was early in the year 1777 appointed a Lieutenant in Colonel Baylors Regiment of Cavalry, and the year following was promoted to the Rank of Captain, in which capacity he acted until in the year 1779 when he resigned and that he acted as aid de camp to General Nelson in the year 1780 & 1781.

Resolved that the Petition of the said Carter Page praying that he may be allowed the same Bounty in Lands as is by law given to a Captain is reasonable.

Test:

S/ John Backley, C. H. D.

1784 June 24th

Agreed to by the Senate

S/ Will Drew C. S.

[the above certified on October 4, 1849 by the clerk of the house of Delegates as a true copy from its records.]

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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 8th day of January 1783, in the name of Carter Page as a Captain of Cavalry for £310.10.8, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

To wit – Pay as Lieutenant of Dragoons from 6 Feby 77 to 1st March 78 & as Captain from 1st March 78 to 4th [?] June 1779

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
20th day of June 1849.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

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Justice of the Peace John C. Page submitted a declaration stating that he was the son of Carter Page from an earlier marriage and that Carter Page, “ ... was always, since my earliest recollection, reputed and esteemed to have been a Captain of Cavalry during the Revolutionary War and made a Major by Brevet about the close of said war. I have also frequently seen him in Company with

officers of the Revolution and he was always recognized as one of them, and have heard him and them conversing on scenes and Battles of the Revolution in which they were companions in arms. Especially I recollect witnessing a meeting between my said Father and General LaFayette when on his last visit to the Country , in which LaFayette recognized him as Captain Page and spoke of valuable services rendered to the Country by him in that character, during the Revolutionary War. Given under my hand and seal this 26th June [?] 1849

[signed] John C. Page J. P.”



Susan Page and Judith Nelson, the sisters of Lucy Page, gave a written statement under oath that they attended the wedding of Carter Page and Lucy Nelson on December 14, 1799, and further that they, “recollect the date of it perfectly, it being the day on which General Washington died.” [p. 10]

[A letter at pp. 12-14 dated April 30, 1940, from an assistant to the administrator summarizes Carter Page’s service record, as follows:]

“Carter Page entered the service early in the Revolutionary War, place of residence at the time he entered the service not shown, and was in the battle of Princeton: no details of this service given: February 6, 1777, he was appointed lieutenant in Colonel Baylor’s Regiment of Dragoons: was promoted captain March 1, 1778: resigned his commission, June 4, 1779: he was in the battles of Brandywine and Germantown: in 1780 and 1781, he served as aide-de-camp to General Thomas Nelson and was in the battle of Guilford Court House, and at the siege of Yorktown and surrender of Lord Cornwallis. It was stated that he was appointed major by brevet about the close of the war.

He died April 9, 1825, in Cumberland County, Virginia, then in the sixty-seventh year of his age.”

- The family record [p. 9] lists the children by Carter and Lucy Page, as,
- Thomas Nelson Page born October 26, 1800, died November 2, 1800
 - Nelson Page born November 8, 1802
 - William Nelson Page born February 28, 1803
 - Lucy Jane Page born April 6, 1804
 - Robert Burwell Page born April 20, 1806
 - Thomas Page born June 6, 1807
 - Mary Maria Page born September 5, 1813

[f p. 5: miscellaneous family record:
John Cary Page & Mary Anna Trent were married [indecipherable] 12th 1808
Lavinia Anderson Born June 20th 1809
Mary Ann Page born May 1811
Virginia Randolph Page August 17th 1813
Elizabeth Trent born October 1815
Allen Cary Page born June 19th 1817

John Alexander Trent November 1819

Maria Willis January 18 1822

Archibald Carey April 22nd 1824

Harriet Randolph 1827

John Cary February 22nd 183_

Edward Trent May 183_]

Lucy Page was granted a widow's pension of \$526.00 per annum, commencing March 4, 1848 [p. 2]