

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Carithers W23779

Mary Carithers

f33SC

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State of Georgia County of Madison } Court of Ordinary September Term 1832

On this 3rd day of September in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before James Anderson, John Meroney, Noah W Pittman and James Long, Justices of the Inferior Court now sitting as a Court of Ordinary Robert Carithers a resident of Captain Lea's Company district of Georgia Militia in the County of Madison and State of Georgia aged eighty-eight 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 he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated, to wit: he entered as a Volunteer the 24th day of December 1780 as a private under the command of Captain Robert Anderson – Alexander Noble as Major and Andrew Pickens as Colonel – and continued to serve as a private until about the last of May 1781 – when he received a Captain's Commission and continued in the Service as Captain until the end of the war between England and America – and also continued to hold said Command until sometime in the fall Season of the year 1784 for the purpose of protecting the frontiers of South Carolina – he served General Morgan's [Daniel Morgan's] Army a short time before the battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781], he was ordered with a party of men to guard some public property – which duty he was performing when the battle of the Cowpens took place and by that means was deprived of being in the battle he resided in the District of Ninety Six in the State of South Carolina when he entered the Service under the Command of Colonel Pickens he was not in any regular engagement with the British Army but in Several Skirmishes with the Tories and Indians – in one of those he was wounded in the thigh – those Skirmishes were principally on the Frontier – after Joining Colonel Pickens Regiment as aforesaid he marched until he joined the Army under General Morgan (when he was detached to guard as aforesaid) after the battle of the Cowpens he again joined General Morgan and marched with the Army to Hillsboro North Carolina – when by orders from General Greene [Nathanael Greene] the troops under the command under Colonel Pickens returned to guard South Carolina from the depredations of the Tories and Indians – he was also at the Siege of Ninety Six [May 20-June 19 1781] he was not acquainted with any of the regular Officers only those before stated – he has lost or mislaid his Commission so that it cannot be procured – he has no Documentary evidence – but submits the affidavit of James McClesky¹ herewith enclosed.

¹ [James McCleskey S16475](#)

He has no discharge – in answer to the Interrogatories² prescribed by the war Department and propounded by the Court he answered as follows to wit

Answer to first interrogatory – he was born in Lancaster County Pennsylvania the 30th day of March 1744 –

Answer to second Interrogatory – he has a record of his age at his own house

Answer to the third Interrogatory – he was living in the District of Ninety Six in the State of South Carolina he removed to Wilkes County in Georgia about the year 1790 – which was formed a part of Madison County and has resided in said County of Madison ever since

Answer to fourth Interrogatory – he Volunteered

Answer to fifth Interrogatory – he has stated in his declaration all he recollects on that subject.

Answer to sixth Interrogatory – he never received a discharge – and he has either lost or mislaid his Commission – he received his Commission from Governor Rutledge [John Rutledge] of South Carolina

Answer to seventh Interrogatory – he refers you to James Thompson – Robert Griffith, William Thompson, Robert Groves, James Long – Stephen Groves

He hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Robert Carithers, X his mark

[Benjamin Brown, a clergyman, and Jeff Ware gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Georgia Madison County } Court of Ordinary May Adjourned Term 1833

Personally appeared James Carithers one of the Administrators of Robert Carithers deceased in open Court who after being duly Sworn on oath saith that Robert Carithers who made the annexed declaration departed this life the 4th day of October 1832, that this deponent can make no better showing of his Services then the said Robert made in his lifetime – with the Affidavit of James McCleskey herewith annexed – that it is reported and believed that the said Robert perform the Services as Stated in his declaration and the affidavit of James McCleskey.

Sworn to & Subscribed in open Court this 27th day of May 1833

S/ James Carithers

James Carithers

² The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

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Georgia Hall County}

Came in person before me James McCleskey who being duly sworn saith that he was well acquainted with Robert Carruthers [sic] in time of the Revolutionary war with the United States of America & Great Britain & the Indians that he first knew him in the Militia Service in the State of South Carolina and Colonel Pickens Regiment under the command of General Williamson under Captain McCall on our march to Charleston before the fall but before we reached Charleston it fell and then General Williamson & Colonel Pickens ~~them took Protection under~~ Returned and then this deponent went to North Carolina and knew no more of Carruthers until the Siege of Ninety Six this deponent attached himself to a Rifle company at that Siege of which Company Robert Carruthers had the command and commanded one of the Redoubts I think in the 1781 after the Siege of Ninety Six General Pickens ordered Captain Robert Carruthers to raise a Horse Company to protect the frontiers of the State of South Carolina to which company this deponent attached himself under the command of the said Captain Robert Carruthers and served in said Company as a Spy the said Company the same until the close of the war this deponent thinks about two years and a half during which time the said Robert Carruthers had the Command of said Company.

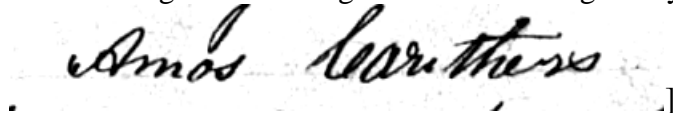
Sworn to and subscribed before made this 29th day of August 1832

S/ Thomas S Tate, JCI

S/ Jas McCleskey



[p 10: On November 12, 1851 in Madison County Georgia, Amos Carithers, 36, administrator of the estate of Mary Carithers, widow of Robert Carithers filed a claim under the 1838 act; he states that she married the veteran in Abbeville District South Carolina April 18, 1782; that the veteran died October 4, 1832 in Madison County Georgia; that Mary Carithers died February 8, 1842 leaving the following children surviving: Mary F Carithers and Margaret Carithers.



[pp 12-13: Family record:

Robert Carithers was born the 30th day of March 1744

Mary Luckie was born the 24th September 1758

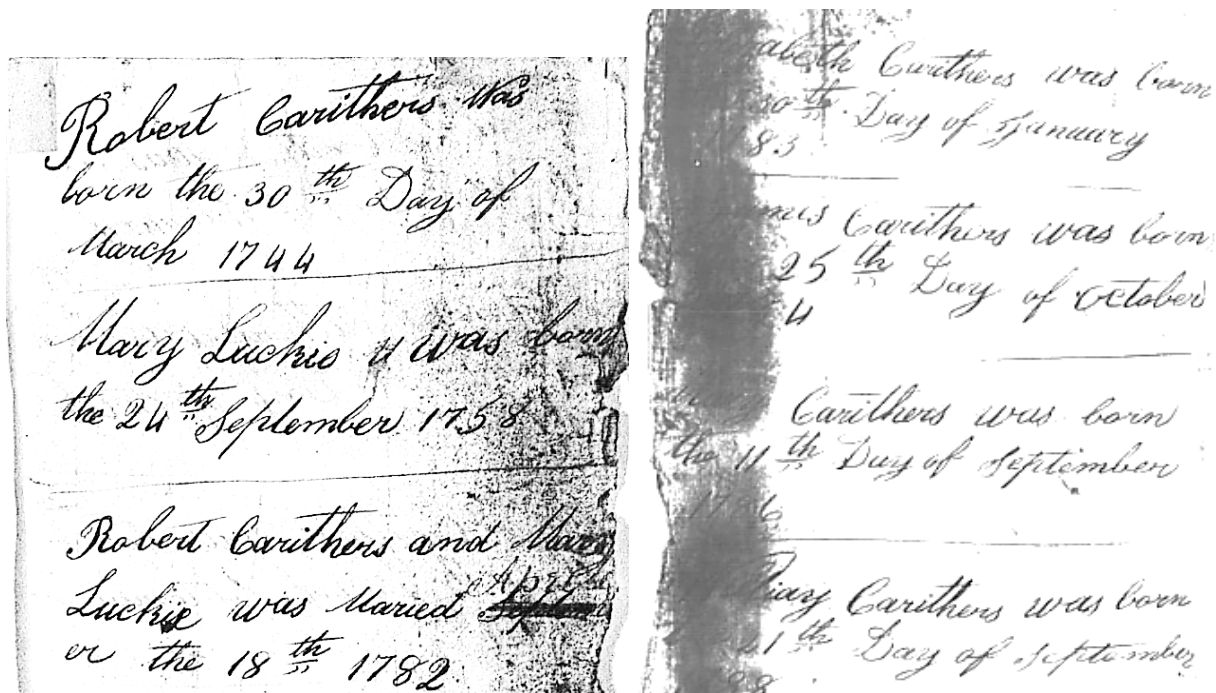
Robert Carithers and Mary Luckie was married April the 18th 1782

Elizabeth Carithers was born the 30th day of January 1783

Thomas Carithers was born 25th day of October 1784

Mary Carithers was born the 11th day of September 1786

Williay Carithers was born 21st day of September 1788



[p 29: On December 11, 1851 in Madison County Georgia Nancy Embry [also spelled Nancy Emery] gave testimony that she saw Robert Carithers and Mary Luckie married on April 18, 1782 in Abbeville District South Carolina. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$250.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 & ending October 4th 1832; he was credited with 4 months and 15 days service as a private and 11 months and 23 days as a Captain in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts ³ relating to Robert Carithers	AA3
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 1062	
Transcribed by Will Graves	5/27/19
Mr. Robert Carithers his Account of Militia Duty as Private in Captain performed alternately from 1779 to 1782 inclusive	
Amounting to Viz.	
135 Days Private at 20/ [20 Shillings per day]	£135
353 Days Captain £3 [per day]	<u>1059</u>
[old South Carolina] Currency	<u>£1194</u>
Stg. [Sterling]	£170.11.5
Ex ^d . W.R. [Examined by W. R. [identity unknown]]	
J. M ^c . A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]	

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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. The "SC" file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.

State South Carolina

Dr. to Robert Carithers

Performed for 6 days Duty as Private per Captain Anderson's [Robert
Anderson's] Pay Bill at 20/[per day

£6

alternately 129 days Do as Do per Do Do at 20/

129

to 1782 for 353 Days Duty as Captain per his Pay Bill at £3

1059

Currency

£1194

Stg.

£170.11.5

Received 6 January 1785 full satisfaction for the Above in an Indent No. 211 Book K

S/ Robert Carithers

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert Carithers". The ink is dark and the signature is somewhat stylized, with a large initial 'R' and a long, sweeping tail.