

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Christian Carver W27516

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State of Illinois County of Sangamon: SS

On this seventeenth day of October A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the County Commissioners Court for the County of Sangamon, now sitting Christian Carver a resident of the County of Sangamon & State of Illinois aged seventy-three who first being 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 7, 1832.

I was born in North Hampton [sic, Northampton] County, Pennsylvania 1759 & removed when twelve years of age to Surry County North Carolina – where I resided when called into service. From Surry County North Carolina I removed in 1802 to Montgomery County, Ohio. In 1807 I removed to Switzerland County Indiana & in 1823 to Sangamon County Illinois where I have since resided. I know of no existing record of my age.

In Surry County North Carolina I think about the last of August 1777, I was drafted & served as a private in a company of militia, commanded by Captain Henry Smith and Lieutenant John Crouse. From Surry County we were marched to Salisbury, Rowan County North Carolina. Here the company to which I belonged was stationed for the protection of a magazine, where we remained three months. There were no militia companies with us at this place. When we arrived at Salisbury – there was stationed at the place a Regiment of Continental troops under the command of Colonel Armstrong. About a month before our discharge Colonel Armstrong marched with his troops to the South. I remember the names of no other regular officers. I received a discharge which I have lost. In November of the same year at Surry County North Carolina I was drafted as a private in a company of militia commanded by Captain John Crouse [could be John Crown] & Lieutenant Peter Pinkly. We were again marched to Salisbury where we remained three months, for the protection of the magazine. There were no Continental or militia companies with us, nor any regular officers. I received a discharge which I have lost.

In February of the next year, I think 1778, I was drafted in a company of militia commanded by Captain John Crouse & Lieutenant Peter Pinkly – & served three months as a private. At the commencement of this term of service – we were stationed for about a month at Salisbury – We were then marched to Hillsboro, where the Legislature was then in session for its protection – against the Tories. After remaining at Hillsboro about a month we returned to Salisbury – where we remained until the expiration of the term of service (three months) for

which we were drafted. There was at Hillsboro one other company militia; the names of whose officers I do not remember. There were no Continental troops with us – nor any regular officers – I received a discharge which I have lost.

I have no documentary evidence of my service as above detailed, nor do I know of any person whose testimony I can procure, who can testify to my service. Mr. Charles R. Matheny and Thomas M Neale have been long acquainted with me & can testify to my character for veracity & their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution.

I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed this 17th day of October A.D. 1832.

S/ Christian Carver

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christian Carver". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

[Charles R Matheny, a clergyman, and Thomas M Neale gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 13: On September 19, 1855 in Dallas County Texas, Mary Culver, aged about 77 years, a resident of Dallas County Texas, filed as the widow of Christian Carver, a pensioner for his service in the revolution at the rate of \$30 per annum; that she married him in Forsyth County North Carolina November 19, 1798; that the serve only was performed by \_\_ Bloom, JP; ; that her name prior to her marriage was Mary Segler; that she knows of no private or public record of her marriage; that her husband died in Sangamon County Illinois March 14, 1836 and that she remains his widow. She filed this claim to obtain the bounty land to which she was entitled as the widow of Christian Carver.]

[fn p. 32: copy of the marriage bond issued to Christian Carver and Alexander Lynn in Stokes County North Carolina dated September 18, 1801 to secure the marriage of Christian Carver to Polley Zeigler of said County.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for nine months service in the North Carolina militia as a private.]