

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Carter W342

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State of Tennessee }

Knox County }

On this 8th day of May 1818 before me Edward Scott one of the Judges of the Circuit Courts for said State, personally appears Thomas Carter aged Fifty five years resident in the County of Knox in said State who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late Act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war, that he the said Thomas Carter enlisted in the year 1781 for and during the war in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain [Abraham] Kirkpatrick in the Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel [Thomas] Gaskins that he continued to serve in said service untill the close of the war, was at the siege of Yorktown and after the surrender of the British Army to Gen'l. Washington [19 Oct 1781] he was honorably discharged in the State of Virginia – that he was at no battles except the Seige before mentioned, that he is in low circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services – that he never has been a pensioner – that he does hereby relinquish all claim whatever to pensions heretofore provided for except the within mentioned – also that he has lost or mislaid his discharge and can not now produce the same

Thomas hisXmark Carter

STATE OF TENNESSEE, } SS. Circuit Court August Term 1820

Knox COUNTY, }

On this 16th day of August 1820, personally appeared in open court, being a court of record, (having the power of fine and imprisonment and also having been made a court of record by the laws fo said state,) for the said county, Thomas Carter aged Fifty six years, resident in the county of Knox aforesaid, who, being duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath, declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: That he enlisted with Captain Killpatrick of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Gaskins of Virginia for and during the war. That he is a pensioner under the act of the 18th of March 1818 but has lost his pension certificate out of his pocket going from Knoxville home after having drawn his pension up to March 1820.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

1 Mare & Colt of the value of. \$80. —
2 Cows & Calves. 20. —
15 Head of Hogs. 15. —
1 Pot 1 Oven & no other articles worth naming. 3.
\$118.00

Has a wife aged fifty seven years and tolerably healthy for that age. Two children – One boy and One girl. Boy aged 14 years and healthy. Girl aged 16 years and healthy. That he is a miller himself when able to attend to any sort of business. that he is old and infirm and much afflicted with sickness.

Signed Thomas hisXmark Carter

NOTE: On 1 Sep 1846 Betsey Carter of Roane County TN, 84 years old on the previous Aug 4, applied for a pension stating that she married Thomas Carter on 9 Aug 1784, and he died on 25 July 1822. The file includes a note from the Clerk of King and Queen County VA stating that the marriage records had been destroyed by fire. On 15 July 1847 John Isham Bethell (pension application W8131) of Grainger County TN, aged 92 on the following 15 Dec, stated that on 19 Jan 1789 he left Richmond VA and went to Montgomery County with Thomas and Betsey Carter and their two children, Polly and Calep, and lived in the same neighborhood for more than 20 years. On 16 Jul 1847 Mrs. Mary May, of Grainger County, aged 78 on the previous May 4, stated that in 1797 Thomas and Betsey Carter had moved to Holbert Ellison's mill on Pine Run in her neighborhood in Wythe County VA, where Thomas Carter worked as a miller. She stated that Thomas and Betsey Carter had four children, the two oldest being Polly and Calep, the latter being about 12 and able to plow. On the same day Mrs. Isabella Campbell, aged 58 on the previous May 7, stated that she had also known Thomas and Bestey Carter when they lived at Ellison's Mill, and that they had three children older than her: Polly, Calep, and Leyroy(?).