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Pension Application of William Carter W3773

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On this 2nd day of November 1832 personally appeared before me Harvey Fitzgerald a Justice of the peace for the County of Patrick aforesaid, William Carter a resident of the County of Patrick and State of Virginia aged seventy four years the 17th day of October last past, who being first 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. – At an early period of his life he was drafted for a three months tour in the County of Albemarle where he then resided, in a Company commanded by Capt. John Hunton[?] and Marched from thence to the City of Richmond Virginia and joined the Regiment of Colo. [Holt] Richardson where he remained without having any engagement with the enemy till his term of service was expired and he was discharged ~

Some time afterwards in the year [blank] he went as a substitute for his father Barnett Carter who was drafted in the same County for a three months tour in the Militia under Capt. John Martin, and marched to the City of Richmond, where he joined the Regiment of Colo. [Reuben] Lindsay, from there they marched to a place near Williamsburg Va., from there up to King William County and was moved about from place to place wherever the public service required, and returned home to his residence in Albemarle. Some time after that he was again drafted in a Company of Militia under Capt. John Miller, and marched to the City of Richmond, from thence to the Maubin Hills [sic: Malvern Hill, 15 mi SE of Richmond] where he joined the Regiment of Colo. Dix [sic: Alexander Dick]. The enemy were then lying at a place called Sandy point and at this Maubin Hills the Regiment was frequently marched about watching the movement of the enemy till the expiration of the three months tour when he was discharged at this Maubin Hills & returned home ~

Some time afterwards in the year [blank] he went as a substitute for John Saunders who was drafted for a three months tour in this same County under Capt. Richardson and marched to the City of Richmond Va. from thence to the City of Williamsburg and joined the Regiment of Colo. [Oliver] Towles. from thence he marched to Yorktown, and from thence to a place called the halfway house near Hampton. – The vessels of the enemy were then lying in the Bay, or Hampton Roads, when a storm arose and blew some of them ashore and a number of their men were captured by the Americans. And when Colo. Towles' Regiment arrived in Hampton they were met by the Americans who had these prisoners in charge, and they were going up to Capt. Richardson, who received them and immediately moved off with them to Richmond Va. where the prisoners were lodged in Jail and this Company having finished their tour were discharged ~

Some time after he returned home he was again in the year [blank: 1781] drafted in a Company of Militia in the same County for a three months tour under Capt. Benjamin Harris and Marched to Richmond Va. where he joined the Regiment commanded by Colo. Matthews [sic: Sampson Mathews] of Augusta, from thence he marched to a position between the lines of the American Army Commanded by General Lafayette, [Thomas] Nelson, [Anthony] Wayne & Stuben [sic: Baron von Steuben] & the enemy where they remained until relieved by Genl. Wayne. And there this applicant with the rest of his Company were discharged having finished their tour of duty & returned home.

Some time afterwards in the year [blank: 1781] he went as a substitute for William Jones who was drafted to perform a three months tour under Capt. Brown and marched from the County of Albemarle through this City of Richmond to the City of Williamsburg Va. where he joined the Regiment commanded by Colo. [George] Stubblefield. The enemy then being in Little York. he remained in service,

and was marched about from one place to another watching the enemy and their movements till his term of service expired, when he was discharged and he returned to his place of residence in the County of Albemarle ~

Some time afterwards in the year 1781 he was again drafted to perform a tour of duty in the Militia for three months under Capt. John Key and immediately marched to the City of Richmond and joined the Regiment commanded by Colo. Jones, who immediately marched and joined the American Armies at Little York, where Lord Cornwallis was besieged. he remained there till about a week before the enemy surrendered [19 Oct 1781] when he was taken sick and discharged. he saw many of the American Officers when there, both of the Continental line and State troops, but had no personal acquaintance with any of them. among others he distinctly remembers to have seen General Washington, Lafayette, Wayne, & Stuben of the Continental troops, and Genl. [Robert] Lawson & others of the militia whose names he has forgotten.

He also states that in the year [blank] he was drafted in a Company Commanded by Capt. Benjamin Wheeler for a three months tour to guard the prisoners belonging to the troops of Genl. Burgoine [sic: Burgoyne] who were taken at the battle of Saratoga and were stationed at the Barracks in the County of Albemarle [captured 17 Oct 1777 and kept at Albemarle Barracks Jan 1779 - Feb 1781]; and at the expiration of his term of service the Company were relieved by the Regular troops enlisted for that purpose, and discharged ~

He also states that he served a three months tour in the year [blank] under Sergt. Barnis Brown at Charlottesville guarding some Tories of public notoriety, one by the name of Goodrich, and another by the name of McCoun[?] & many others whose names he has forgotten ~ And was discharged by Sergeant Brown at the expiration of his term of service ~ He is not positive as to the precise time that he served in all, but is very confident that it was considerably over two years.

He has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service. He received written discharges for every tour which he performed and kept them for many years, but believing them useless papers they were all lost or destroyed.

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 and subscribed this day and year aforesaid

William hisXmark Carter

NOTE: On 7 Oct 1840 Henry Carter of Stokes County NC stated that his brother, William Carter, was married to Martha McKinsey in 1782 by William Woods, a Baptist preacher. On 19 Aug 1841 Henry and Sarah Carter had the following children all born in Albemarle County: Alexander Carter born in 1784; Elizabeth Carter born in 1786; Nancy Carter born in 1788; Milly Carter born in 1790; and William Carter born in 1792. In July 1844 Martha Carter, 78 or 79, applied for a pension as the widow of William Carter.