

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William McCarter W4736 Isabella McCarter f39SC

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The State of South Carolina, York District } SS

On this 16 day of October A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Hon. Wm. D. Master one of the Judge of the Superior Court of the said State, William McCarter, a resident of the State of North Carolina Lincoln County, aged seventy four years who 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 7 June 1832.

That as well as he can recollect in the year 1775 he entered service of the United States as a militia soldier under the command of Col. Thomas Neil [sic, Thomas Neel], Capt. John Miller's [sic, John Mullen's] company against the Cherokee Indians that he was absent on duty this tour about two months.¹ That he then resided in South Carolina in the present District of York. That he was in several engagements there with the Indians in the Indian Towns.

That he next served in the 1779—or thereabouts a tour of duty at Orangeburg in South Carolina that he was drafted to serve this tour commanded by Col. Thos. Neil [sic, Thomas Neel] & Major Hawthorne [James Hawthorn] in Capt. Byers [William Byers, Sr.] Company. Here he served for this tour three months, residing still in the same place.

The next tour of service was during the Revolution at the Four Holes in South Carolina where he went by command of Col. Hill [William Hill] & Col. Howe Militia Colonels who forwarded to him a Commission as Captain of the Militia. That under the Commission he acted as a Captain of Militia at the Four Holes for three months. That he cannot fix the year of his own recollection. That he was then residing at the same place & under the Military Command of Colonel Wm. Hill & Col. Jos. Howe [?]. That during this tour they had some skirmishing with the Tories.

The Next Tour of duty performed by him was under General Marion [Francis Marion], then Colonel Marion where he acted as a private & a volunteer on the Santee River, South Carolina below the Eutaw Springs. This duty was performed as well as he can recollect in the year 1779 and he was out during this tour two months.

That he also served other tours of duty in the Revolutionary War as a Whig Soldier of the Militia at various times but for what length of time he cannot recollect precisely but he can certainly say that it amounted to one year in addition to the forgoing services. That only for a few

¹ Cherokee Expedition of 1776, August 1, 1776-November 1, 1776.
https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_expedition_1776.html

days was the detachments he was in Service was connected with any regular troops and then only for a few days while at Bacon's Bridge near Dorchester who command the regular troops he cannot now remember—that he has now no discharges from service nor has he any documentary evidence of his services nor can he procure any that he is aware of—That he can prove his service by Capt. James Martin² and Robert Hannah [sic, Robert Hanna]³.

And that he does hereby relinquish every claim to any pension or annuity whatever 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 & the year aforesaid in open Court
S/ William McCarter, X his mark

S/ A. M. Whorter, CCCPIs

[Robert Y. Russell, a clergyman, and George Ross gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of South Carolina, York District

Personally came Captain James Martin and Robert Hannah before the subscribing Justice and being duly sworn saith that they have seen the within declaration of William McCarter setting forth his services in the War of the revolution they state upon their oath their belief of the truth of said declaration and that they were personally present and intimately acquainted with the greatest part of those services, they further state that it is universally conceded by all who are acquainted with him and denied by none that he was a soldier of the Revolution in the Capacities set forth in the said declaration. Sworn to & subscribed this day of October A.D. 1832 before me.

S/ J M Martin, J. U. Ex officio

S/ James Martin, X his mark

S/ Robt. Hanna



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The following questions were propounded by his Honor Judge William D. Martin to the applicant for a pension, on account of services as a volunteer in the Militia of South Carolina Interrogatory 1st: Where and in what year were you born?

Ansr: I was one in York County Pennsylvania on the 27th of January 1758

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

Ansr: I have the record of my age at my house in Lincoln County North Carolina

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

Ansr: When called into the service I resided in York District South Carolina; since the Revolution I have lived in York District South Carolina until within the last seven years, since which time I have lived in Lincoln County North Carolina.

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

² [James Martin S9391](#)

³ [Robert Hanna S22290](#)

Ansr: I first volunteered and was once afterwards drafted and every other tour I served I served as a volunteer.

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.

Anrs: I served under both General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] and Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] Continental officers and General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] and Williamson [Andrew Williamson] Militia officers, I served in Colonel Neal's and Bratton's [William Bratton's] Regiments. The general circumstances of my service is stated in my declaration.

6th Did you ever receive a commission; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?

Ansr: I did receive a commission signed by Colonels Hill and Howe – militia Colonels of South Carolina and after my tour of duty was over threw it away.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Ansr: I am known in my neighborhood to the following Gentlemen who know me and believe I was an officer of the revolution to wit Wm Wilson, Esqr, Wm McGill, Esqr, John Oats and J. P. Montgomery.

Sworn to October 17, 1832 in open court.

S/ Wm McCarter, X his mark

S/ A. M. Whorter, CCCPls.

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South Carolina York District

Personally appeared before me the undersigned Justice of the peace &c William McCarter who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades; as a private he served in 1775 two months, in 1779 five months & in 1779 he served as a Captain of militia three months, and from that time until the end of the war he served as a private, during which time he served not less than twelve months making in all one year and ten months service, and for such service he claims a pension.

Sworn to & subscribed before me March 26, 1833

S/ J. M. Martin, QU

S/ William McCarter, X his mark

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The following is the Amendment to the declaration of William McCarter for a Pension – first the reason I have not made my declaration in the County where I reside is as follows: The most of my Services was done in South Carolina and I have the best Opportunity of proving my Service in that State and it is only of a recent date that I moved out of the State and only lives two miles over the line and York Court House is nearest and Most Convenient to me and my greatest acquaintance with my Companions in Arms is there. –

I entered the Service as a private a Volunteer under the Command of Colonel Thomas Neil in the year 1775 and went against the Cherokee Indians was in the Battle at the Black hole⁴ and Served in this tour three months, In the year 1779 I was drafted and Served in Captain Byers' Company Commanded by Colonel Neil and Major Hawthorn, Marched from York District to Orangeburg and was out in this Tour three months; In the same year 1779 I volunteered in Captain Peter's [John Petters'] Company commanded by Colonel Hill & Colonel Howe Marched to the Four Holes in South Carolina and was out three months. The above & last three months I served as a Captain but cannot prove being Commissioned and have lost my Commission. In the same year 1779, I volunteered as a private and Served under Colonel Marion a tour of two months was Stationed at Colonel Marion's residence on Santee River and was discharged at Bacon's Bridge, In June 1780 I Volunteered as a private Soldier in Captain James Martin's Company under the command of Colonel Sumter Marched to Clem's branch on the Catawba River and encamped then marched across the river and was in the Battle at Rocky Mount [July 30, 1780]⁵ Where Colonel Andrew Neel & many others were killed and was in Actual Service until September 1780 Making a Tour of three months Was one of the guard of Colonel Sumter to Hillsboro to the Board of War where he was Commissioned Major General of the Militia of South Carolina⁶ for the proof of the above and last mentioned Service I refer to the Affidavit of Captain Martin herewith filed, In the same year 1780 in December I was ordered and sent as a Military guard of Public Stores under Captain McCullough [William McCulloch] from South Carolina to New Bern in North Carolina returned in April 1781 was out in Service this tour of four months, for proof of the above and last mentioned Service I refer you to the Affidavit of Jacob Black and Robert Wilson herewith filed, in April 1782 I volunteered & served in Captain James Martin's Company Commanded by General William Henderson. Marched to Marshall's Mills on Congaree River from thence to Orangeburg encamped on Edisto River and was in Actual Service this Tour three months for proof of the above & last Service I refer you to the Affidavit of Captain James Martin here with filed.

Test: S/ J. M. Martin

S/ William McCarter, X his mark

State of South Carolina York District: Personally came William McCarter and made Oath that the above Amendment to his declaration is just and true to the best of his knowledge & belief. Sworn to and Subscribed October 16th, 1833

S/ J. M. Martin, QU & Ex Officio

S/ William McCarter, X his mark

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State of South Carolina York District

Personally came James Martin who is now a Revolutionary Pensioner under the Act of Congress of June 7th 1832 and made Oath that he was a Captain in the Revolutionary War and that William McCarter done military duty in his Company under the command of Colonel Sumter was in the Battle at Rocky Mount where Colonel Neil & many others were killed Was one of Colonel Sumter's guard to Hillsborough and back was out this tour from in June 1780 until in September following making three months Actual Service – he further Swears that in the

⁴ September 19, 1776. https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_coweecho_river.html

⁵ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_rocky_mount.html

⁶ Thomas Sumter was commissioned as Brigadier General of the South Carolina militia by SC Governor in exile John Rutledge in Hillsboro North Carolina on October 6, 1780

year 1782 he the said William McCarter Served under him the said Martin under the Command of General William Henderson at Marshall's Mills on Congaree River and at Orangeburg and at Edisto River and was in Actual Service this tour three months.

Sworn to and subscribed October 16th, 1833 before me

S/ J. M. Martin, QU ex officio

S/ James Martin, M his mark

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State of South Carolina York District

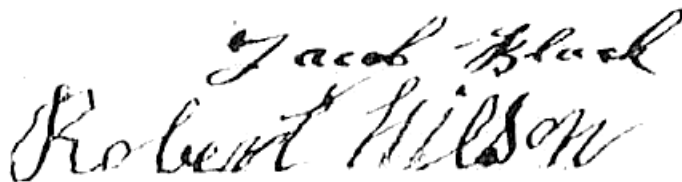
Personally came Jacob Black and Robert Wilson before me the subscribing Justice of the quorum and being duly sworn as the law directs says upon their solemn oaths that they were personally acquainted with William McCarter who was a revolutionary soldier of the Army of the United States he was during the revolutionary war a citizen of York District South Carolina but lately has removed to Lincoln County North Carolina where he now resides. That they the said deponent's in company with said William McCarter served as a Military Guard of public Stores under Captain William McCullough in a tour from South Carolina to New Bern in North Carolina that they left South Carolina in the month of December 1780 and returned in the month of April A.D. 1781 – That this tour was 4 months that the said William McCarter was in constant service during the said 4 months of which these deponents were eyewitnesses.

Sworn to and subscribed the 2nd day of October A.D. 1833

Before me S/ William Jamison, QU

S/ Jacob Black⁷

S/ Robert Wilson⁸

The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive ink. The top signature reads "Jacob Black" and the bottom signature reads "Robert Wilson".

[p 5: On June 14, 1845, Isabella McCarter filed for her pension in Lincoln County, NC as widow of William McCarter. She alleges she was married to him sometime in 1791 and that he died February 24, 1843. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 8: Bible Record

William Mccarter & Isabella Carson was Married January the 25th 1791

Elizabeth our oldest Daughter was Born November the 16th 1791

Abraham was Born October the 28th 1794

[illegible] was Born January the 12th 1797

[illegible]

William Mccarter was Born November 19=1802

Mary Kandry and Isabella Thompson was Born Feb. [illegible]

⁷ [Jacob Black S9281](#)

⁸ [Robert Wilson W2302](#)

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John McCarter was born Feb. 15 =

[p 9: Affidavit of Elizabeth Wright states that the Bible record was in the handwriting of John Carson and John Hays]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$66.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 20 months in the South Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁹ relating to William McCarter
Audited Account No. 4909

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⁹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) 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 number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

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[No. 212, Book P] No. 86

Mr. William McCarter his Account of Sundries Duties as Private in the Militia done alternately after the reduction of Charles Town [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] amounting to

[old South Carolina] Currency £215.10/
Stg [Sterling] £30.15.8 ½

Ex^d. W.R. [Examined by W. R. [identity unknown]]

J. M^c. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

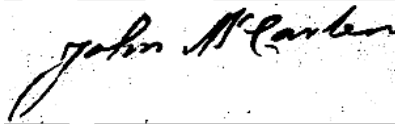
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State South Carolina Dr. [Debtor] to William McCarter
for Duty per Colonel Anderson's [Robert Anderson's] Return [not extant]

3 tours £47.10
128
40
Currency £215.10/
Stg. £30.15.8 ½

Received April 14th 1785 the full Amount of the Above Account in a Treasury Indent No. 212 P4 William McCarter by virtue of an order.

S/ John McCarter



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I do hereby Authorize And impower John McCarter to Draw And Receive, And to Dispose of for my use or his own as he shall think fit, An Indent together with the Interest due thereon, Being monies Due to me full Service to the Public of this State Agreeable to Returns made by Colonel Robert Anderson into the Auditor's Office – given under my hand this 22nd Day of July A.D. 1785

S/ William McCarter



State of South Carolina
Ninety Six District }

I Do hereby Certify the Above William McCarter Signed and acknowledged the Above order in [my] Presence

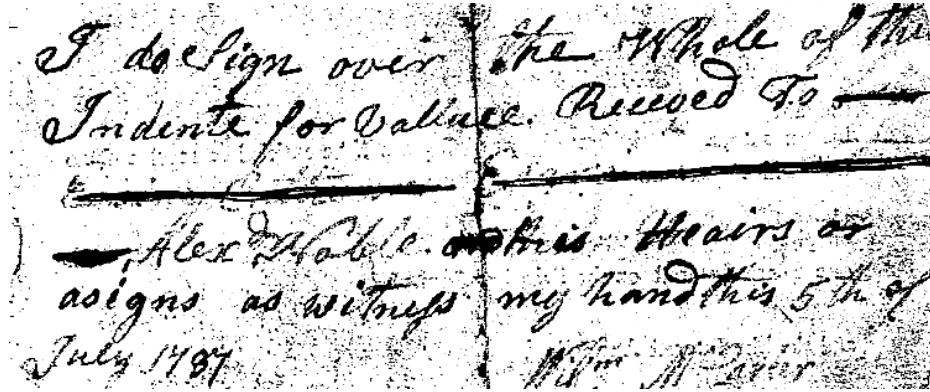
S/ Pat. Calhoun, JP

[p 5: Printed form of Indent No. 212 Book P]

[p 6: Reverse of the above Indent bearing, among others, the following endorsement:

I doe Sign over the Whole of the Indente for Vallue Receved To Alex^{dr} Noble and his Heairs or assigns as witness my hand this 5th of July 1787

S/ Willm McCarter



I do Sign over the Whole of the Indente for Vallue. Receved To
Alex Noble and his Heairs or assigns as witness my hand this 5th of July 1787

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No. 79

William McCarter his Account of a Wagon team and Driver 93 days at £4.10 per day amount in

Currency to	£418.10
Deduct less	<u>.46.10</u>
Currency	<u>£372</u>
Amt. Stg.	£53.2.10 ¼

N:B: Neither certified or attested

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

See over for above Reasons

S/ E. L. [Edward Lightwood]

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December 16, 1780	The State of South Carolina to William McCarter for the Use of my Wagon and Driver Ninety three Days at £4.10 per day	£418.10
	Under the Command of William Given Wagon Master to Newburn [New Burn]	

[p 9: Printed form of Indent No. 105 Book A dated June 30, 1792 "delivered to William McCarter this Indented Certificate for the Sum of Fifty Three Pounds Two Shillings & Ten Pence Sterling for the Use of his Wagon and Team under William Given in General Sumter's [Thomas Sumter's] Brigade for Ninety three Days."]

[p 10: Reverse of the above Indent bearing only a signature and that by John Martin. How Martin acquired an interest in the indent is not disclosed by the documents in this file.]