

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Caruthers (Carruthers) W5244      Hannah      fn75NC  
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State of Georgia Gwinnett County: Inferior Court September 1832

On this 25th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court (it being a Court of Record) now sitting Samuel Caruthers a resident of the said County of Gwinnett & State of Georgia aged seventy-three 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he entered the service in the County of Guilford & State of North Carolina wherein he then resided, as a volunteer in the Militia Service under Captain John Nelson, Lieutenant Charles Hughs & Ensign Lovit Reed & attached to Colonel William Pacely [sic, John Paisley?] Regiment for five months, he cannot recollect date (but is very certain that it was the same year that the Battle was fought at Stono<sup>1</sup>) that from Guilford Courthouse he marched under the before mentioned officers to Salesberry [sic, Salisbury] & from thence to Charlotte Courthouse where he joined General Rutherford's Brigade & Colonel Lock [sic, either Francis or Matthew Locke] from Charlotte they marched on to Puningsburg [sic, Purrysburg] in South Carolina. We joined General Lincoln on Savannah River, that he was stationed at Purrysburg for some weeks, that his Lieutenant Charles Hughes beat up for volunteers & he turned out under his said Lieutenant & crossed the Savannah River & went over in the State of Georgia & Joined Colonel Little [sic, Archibald Lytle] and General Ash [sic, John Ashe] & just got there in time & had a battle with the British & Tories at a place known by the name of Brier Creek in Georgia – And after the battle at Brier Creek he returned under his said Lieutenant Hughs & joined General Rutherford's Army & then was marched to a place called Sisters ferry on the same River in South Carolina, & from there he marched under his said Captain Nelson back to North Carolina & County of Guilford. That he well knows that he was called out in the month of October & did not return until sometime in April thereafter making six months. That he was discharged by his officers but did not take a written discharge owing to the fact that his officers lived in the same neighborhood with himself. In some few months after his return, that he joined a Minute Company commanded by Captain John Galaspie [sic, John Gillespie],

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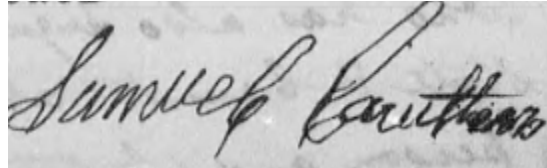
<sup>1</sup> June 20, 1779

Lieutenant James McQuistin & Ensign James Flack in the month of November or December of the same year that he returned from his before mentioned tower [tour] of Duty, that from that time until peace was made that he was on duty against the Tories (which was headed by Wright near the mountains & Fanin [sic, David Fanning] in Randolph) for at least half of his time, that during the time of his belonging to this Minute Company was something like two years & that he was in the service of his country at least (during said time as much as one year that the foregoing several services was rendered in North Carolina, South Carolina & Georgia and under the before mentioned officers. That since the revolutionary war he has resided first in North Carolina & then in South Carolina & from there he came to the State of Georgia & County of Gwinnett where he now resides – and that he has no documentary evidence whereby he can prove his services and that he knows of no person now living whose testimony he can procure that will establish the same: 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 & year aforesaid in open Court

Attest: S/ William Maltbie, JIC

S/ Samuel Caruthers

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Samuel Caruthers". The ink is dark and the paper appears aged and slightly textured.

[John S Wilson, a clergyman, and William Green gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Georgia Gwinnett County: Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace of said County Samuel Caruthers who being duly sworn saith that by reason of old age & 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 & in the following grades. As a volunteer he entered the service (for five months) in the month of October 1778 & remained in that service one month longer than his term & was discharged in April 1779 – and was a private soldier making this term of service six months – which he actually served – that in his amended declaration where he states that his service was the same year of the Battle of Stono he meant & intended to so state that it was the last mentioned year or the year he was discharged that the Battle of Stono was fought. That in this latter part of the year (the month he cannot recollect) but thinks it was in November or December 1779 he again volunteered as a private & served in that capacity and as stated in his declaration & under the officers therein designated & served a term of three months – then returned home on permit a short time thereafter in the year 1780 entered the same service & was engaged for five months & in the year 1781 he served at least five months more all this three last services or tour wars was our service he had volunteered for no definite period but was too continued in service as long as his Country required it of him & was not regularly out of service until the war ended & the Tories & Indians had ceased to burn & destroy their neighbors property & slay the inhabitants who were Whigs. In his first tour he recollects Allen Walker, James Hayes, Abner Johnston and Aaron Allen & Job Baker were of his mess that in his last service he was in several messes he recollects that Thomas James, Benjamin Terry & Samuel Henderson were of his mess when they had regular messages but they frequently all mingled together – that in this service he was in a skirmish at Whitsells Mills [sic, Weitzell's Mill]<sup>2</sup> North Carolina with a portion of Tarleton's light

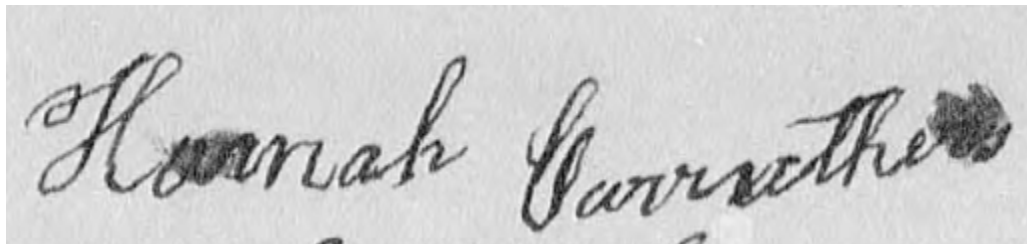
<sup>2</sup> March 6, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/weitzell.htm>

Horse & was in another with the Tories on the Yadkin River and in frequent chases & skirmishes all the time with the Tories, British, Indians & scouring the upper part of the North & South Carolina & Georgia & was all the time a private soldier – That all the material facts of his service have been mentioned in his annexed declaration & this amendment & for such service he claims a pension.

And deponent further saith and further amendment that he was born on the 13th day of December 1759 in the State of Maryland – That he has the record of his age in his father's old family Bible which is now in his possession & has been since the death of his father. That he resided in Guilford County North Carolina when he entered the service – That four years after the revolution in the he removed to Laurens District South Carolina – thence he removed into Abbeville District – thence he removed to Elbert County Georgia & from thence to Gwinnett County where he now resides & has resided for 12 years. That John S Wilson a clergyman & William Green Esquire who have already testified William Midford, Colonel Benjamin Gholston & many others of his present neighbors can testify to his character for veracity & of their belief of his Services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20 June 1833  
S/ John in Alexander, JP S/ Samuel Caruthers

[fn p. 10: on July 12, 1847 in Walker County Georgia, Hannah Carruthers filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Samuel Carruthers late of said County who was a pensioner at the rate of \$66.66 per annum for his services in the revolution; that she married him August 21, 1787; that they had six children the names and ages of which will appear in the family record attached in her own handwriting; that her husband died July five, 1835.

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Hannah Carruthers". The ink is dark and the paper is light-colored. The signature is written in a fluid, somewhat rustic style.

[fn p. 13: rendered in very rustic handwriting  
Rachel was born the 10 day of october in the year 1788 died 11<sup>th</sup> May agged 40 years 7 months=1829 and one day  
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James was born in Janury the forth day 1796  
thomas was born the six day of Janurery 1798  
Andrew was born 1801

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<sup>3</sup> The War Department interpreted this name as "John."

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the 15 February in the  
year 1791  
Martha was born  
the seventh day of  
March in year 1793  
James was born in  
January the fourth day  
Thomas was 1796  
born the six day of Jan  
January 1798  
A no more was 1801

[fact in file: veteran married Hannah Carr August 21, 1787 when they were both living in Abbeville District South Carolina. Reference is made in the file to William Carr, the uncle of Hannah]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$63.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 19 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]