

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Philip Carter W5895

Sarah Carter

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State of Virginia Halifax County

On this 23rd day of July 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the justices of the County Court of Halifax now sitting Philip Carter a resident of the State and County aforesaid aged seventy-two 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 the 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as a substitute for his brother James Carter on the first of January 1780, he marched from the County of Halifax in the State of North Carolina as a private in a company of drafted Militia commanded by Capt. Scurlock [Capt. Thomas Scurlock] and which belonged to a brigade under the command of General Thomas Eaton -- he marched from the County of Halifax aforesaid (North Carolina) to the State of South Carolina and marched about in different directions through the State of South Carolina, and then marched directly to Briar Creek in the State of Georgia near Jacksonborough at which place he was in an engagement [March 3, 1779] with the enemy about the last of May of the said year (1780) we then marched back to the State of South Carolina and remained in Georgetown in that date until the first of the following September at which time and place I was discharged and came home. I received my discharge from General Eaton -- it is lost and cannot be found -- the exact time of service of this tour was eight months.

Soon after I returned home it came to my own turn, -- I then enlisted in the service of the United States for three years and served as a private under a Capt. Powell [William Ptolemy Powell] and was attached to a Brigade under the command of General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln]. We marched on the 20th of November 1780 from Halifax town in the County of Halifax and State of North Carolina towards the County of Guilford in the said State and arrived there some 3 or 4 weeks previous to the celebrated battle which was fought at Guilford Court house on the 8th of March 1781 [sic, March 15, 1781]. I was in that battle during the whole of the engagement soon after this battle was fought we marched on slowly towards Charleston in South Carolina, passing by Brush Mountains and many other places of inferior note. I was engaged in the capture of 4 or 500 Tories in these mountains. We then took a route through the lower part of South Carolina and Georgia frequently having encounters with squads of Tories, with which that country abounded at that time. After marching through those states in the manner aforesaid, we marched on towards Halifax again from which we had set out, and arrived back there some time about the last of May 1782 having been gone about 18 months, when I

arrived back at Halifax I received a furlough for twenty days to visit my family. After the expiration of which furlough I rejoined the Army near Col. Long's in the said County of Halifax and State of North Carolina. We then marched to the northern part of the State of Virginia, passing near the City of Richmond rather circuitously to the extreme northern part of Virginia near to Maryland State line; after spending nearly twelve months in that part of Virginia we were counter-marched back to Halifax in the State of North Carolina at which place I was engaged in a skirmish with the enemy. Soon afterwards the three years for which I enlisted expired and I was discharged by General Lincoln, my discharge is lost and cannot be found, and I know of no persons now living who were with me during the service by whom I can prove the particulars of my service, but can prove by William Tuck and David Street that I entered the service, and quit at the times specified in my declaration.

I was born in the County of Halifax in the State of North Carolina sometime in the latter part of the year 1760, where I resided until the year 1806, and where I lived when I entered the service. In 1806 I removed to the County of Halifax in the State of Virginia, where I have resided ever since with the exception of about 8 month's residence in the County of Monroe Virginia, when I was together with my wife and invalid son sent back to the County of Halifax in the State of Virginia by the overseer of the poor in Monroe County in virtue of an Act of Assembly of Virginia in such cases made and provided, I have no record of my age, but always believed that I was born at the time stated.

I regularly received discharges both at the termination of the tour for which I was a substitute for my brother James Carter, & at the end of the time for which I enlisted, but having not the least idea that they would ever be of service to me, they became lost and destroyed during the lapse of so long a time and now cannot be found.

I lived in the County of Halifax in the state of North Carolina when I entered the service of the United States, and remained there until the year 1806, when I removed to Virginia where I now live.

I entered the service the first time as a Substitute for my brother James Carter, and served a tour of 8 months. I enlisted and entered the service for 3 years the 2nd time, and served my time out.

I was with Capt. Scurlock, General Thomas Eaton, Capt. Powell and General Lincoln and saw General Marion in South Carolina, and General Washington in Virginia, during my services -- the particulars of my services are as fully described in my declaration as I can now do it at this advanced age and after the long interval which has elapsed since the war.

I received 2 discharges one in Georgetown in South Carolina from General Eaton, and the other from General Lincoln in the town of Halifax -- County of Halifax in the State of North Carolina.

I know of no person now living who served with me, and who can state the particulars of my service, but I can prove by William Tuck and David Street that I entered the service, and quit the service at the time specified in my declaration. I have no documentary evidence of my service.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State

S/ Philip Carter¹

State of Virginia Halifax County

¹ Not the signature of the veteran

We David Street² and William Tuck do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Philip Carter who has signed, and sworn to the above declaration, that we have known him a great while, and know that he enlisted, and served three years in the revolutionary war under Capt. Powell, and that he served as a Substitute for his brother but how long we cannot say. Neither of us served with him, but have recollections of his going into service. Given under our hands this 10th day of July 1833.

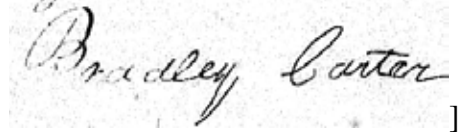
S/ William Tuck

S/ David Street

[David Street, a clergyman, and William Tuck also gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 8: On the May 26, 1840, in Halifax County Virginia, Sarah Carter, 80, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Philip Carter; that she married him on June 12, 1783; that he died July 16, 1835; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Bradley Carter, relationship, if any, to Sarah Carter not stated, gave a supporting affidavit to her petition.



Handwritten signature of Bradley Carter in cursive script, enclosed in a small rectangular box with a closing bracket on the right side.

[p 9: Sarah Carter gave testimony that the small testament in her possession contains the original family record showing that she married her husband June 12, 1783.]

[p. 11 family register

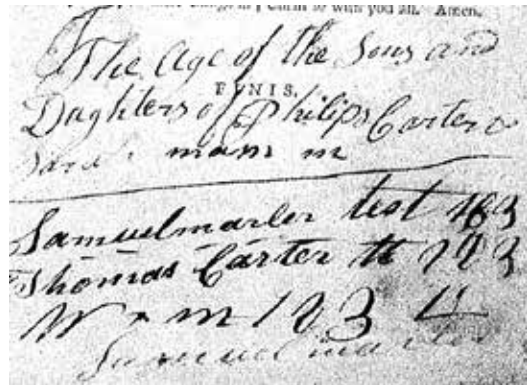
"The Age of the Sons and Daghters [sic] of Philip Carter & Sara [illegible word or words]

Samuelmarler test 18th [?]

Thomas Carter the 18th [?]

Wm 1834

Samuel marler



Handwritten family register entry in cursive script. The text reads: "The Age of the Sons and Daughters of Philip Carter" followed by a list of names and dates: "Samuelmarler test 183", "Thomas Carter the 183", "Wm 1834", and "Samuel marler".

Thomas Carter was Mared June 23th 1807

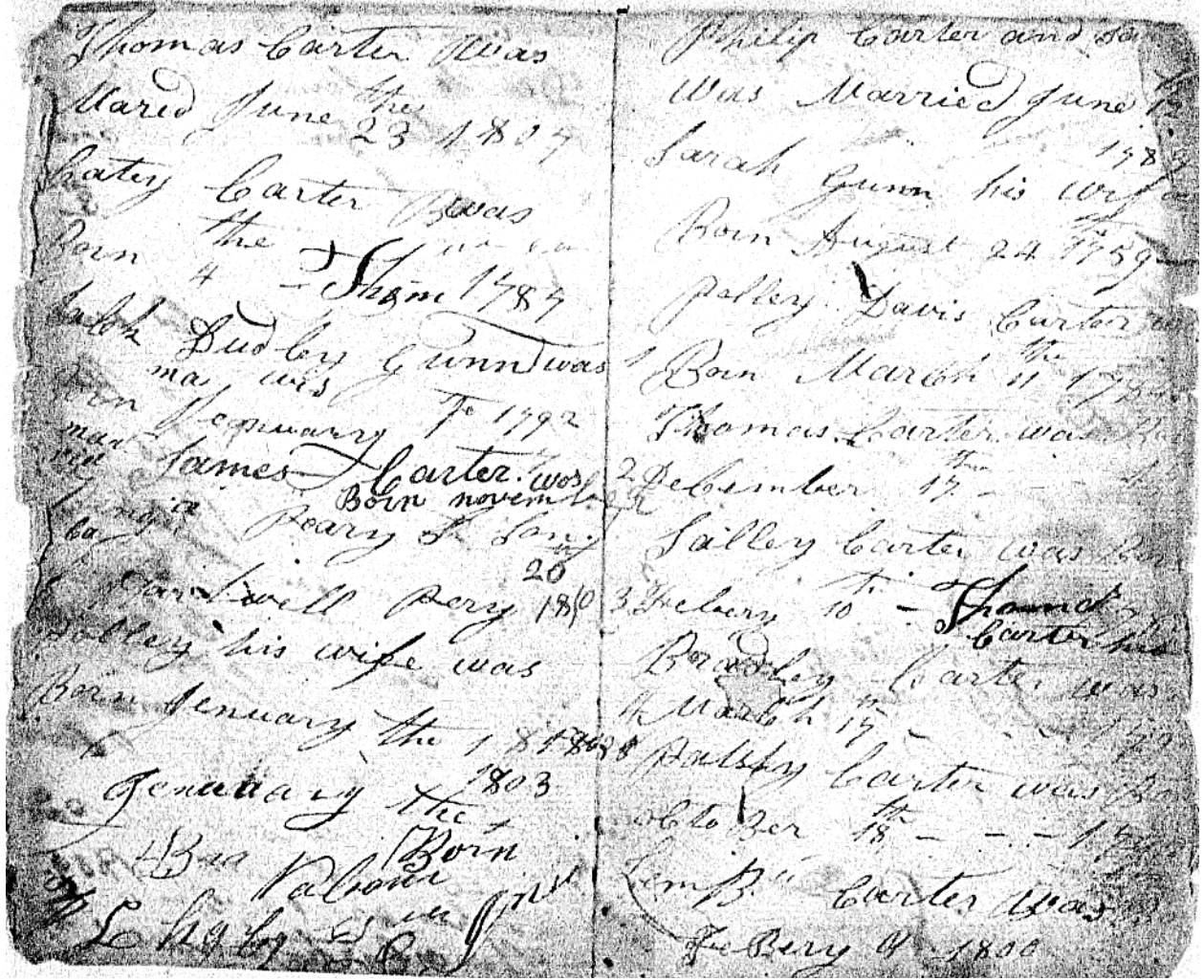
Catey Carter was Born the 4 [illegible, looks like "Shom"] 1787

Caleb [?] Dudley Gunn was Born Jeauuary [illegible digit] 1792

[illegible] James Carter was Born november

² [David Street W6164](#)

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 [two lines of illegible scribble]
 Philip Carter and Sar.. was married June 12th
 Sarah Gunn his wife was Born August 24 1759
 Polley Davis Carter was Born March 11th 1784
 Thomas Carter was Born December 17th
 Salley Carter was Born Febery 10th
 Bradley Carter was ...March 17th
 Patsey Carter was Born october 18th 179..[last digit illegible]
 Tempy [?] Carter was Born FeBery [illegible] 1800
 [there are two additional pages of what appears to be family records but which are rendered largely illegible.]



[p 15 On April 27, 1877, W. B. Evans of the Pension office attempted to decipher the above and transcribed it as follows:
 "Philip Carter & Sarah Carter was married June 12 1783
 Sarah Gunn his wife was born Aug. 24 1759

Polly Davis Carter was born March 11, 1784
Thomas Carr was born December 17, 1785
Sally Carter was born February 10, 1787
Bradley Carter was born March 17, 1789
Patsy Carter was born October 18, 1792
Levi B. Carter was born there were 10 1800"

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]