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Pension Application of Obadiah Carter W8585

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State of Kentucky

[Fayette] County S.S.

On this 16 day of June 1818 before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the circuit court of the State afsd. personally appears Obadiah Carter aged sixty three years old past resident in the town of Lexington, 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 Carter entered the service of U. S. in 1775 with Capt Samuel Hawes in the 2nd Virginia Regiment served out his time, except about 8 days & then enlisted in Col Baylors [George Baylor's] Regt of horse called Light dragoons for three years, served out that time, and on being discharged at the Catawba River at the old nation ford [Nations Ford near present Rock Hill SC], returned home to Virginia and in a short time was called out again into the Militia Service & not again discharged till after the Capture of Cornwallis at Little York [19 Oct 1781]. – After the defeat of Col Baylor in the Jerseys [Old Tappan NJ], 28 Sep 1778 I was under the Command of Col William Washington, Col Baylor being disabled by a wound in his groine, making his (the sd Carters) whole term of Service about five years – that he was in the Battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and German Town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777], & Stono [Battle of Stono Ferry SC, 20 Jun 1779] & the red house in the South, besides many other smaller engagements, skirmishes &c, he was with Col Washington at the taking of Ridgeleys Mills [sic: Rugeley's Mill about 12 mi N of Camden SC, 4 Dec 1780], when the enemy were alarmed with pine logs in the shape of cannon, – near the Santee & took some prisoners, after Sharp Skirmishing – And that he was one of the few who escaped from Col Bufords defeat [Abraham Buford, Battle of Waxhaws SC, 29 May 1780; see endnote] having been detached from his company with a few others sometime previous – And that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; & that he has no other evidence now in his possession of his sd Services than the Accompanying affidavit – [by Reuben Stivers (Stiver), pension application S37463, who certified that he knew Obadiah Carter while in service in 1775 through 1778.]

[The following are among the [Revolutionary Bounty Warrant applications in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

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On this 3^d day of August 1818 before me the Subscriber one of the Commonwealth Justices of the Peace for said County personally appeared Obediah Carter resident in Lexington Kentucky who made oath that he enlisted in Caroline County state of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Samuel Haws of the Second Virginia Regiment on continental Establishment Commanded by Colonel Alexander Spotswood in the year 1775 for the term to serve in said regiment untill the 1777 when he was transfered to Colonel George Bailers 3^d Regiment of Cavalry and that he continued to serve in said Regiment of Cavalry untill the year 1780 the 26th day of December when he was Honorably Discharged from said Regiment By Colonel William Washington then commandant of said regiment of Cavalry on the Catawba river at the Old Nation Ford in North or South Carolina and that the said Obediah Carter is sixty four years of age and has never yet received his bounty of Land for said services and that through the course of time he has lost his discharge and this declaration is made in order to obtain his bounty of Land for his services as above stated

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On this 3^d day of August 1818 before me the Subscriber one of the Commonwealths Justices of the peace for said County personally appeared Fielding Jeter [pension application S36629] and made oath that he was personally acquainted with the within named Obediah Carter and knows that he enlisted in the year 1775 in the 2^d Virginia Regiment and well knows that said Carter continued in the Service of the united states untill the year 1780 making a service of Five years [one line of text may be missing] of North Carolina when said Carter got his discharge in 1780

NOTES:

According to Patrick O'Kelley (*Nothing but Blood and Slaughter*, Vol 2. Booklocker.com, 2004), a detachment of the 3rd Regiment of Continental Light Dragoons under a Sergeant made up the rear guard of Buford's troops and was captured before the Battle of Waxhaws commenced.

On 3 Aug 1818 Obadiah Carter signed a power of attorney as shown:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Obadiah Carter". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. To the right of the signature, there is a small vertical line and the text "L. J. ...".

On 24 Nov 1838 Judy Carter of Scott County KY, said to be 84, applied for a pension stating that she was married by Parson Matthews in Essex County VA to Obadiah Carter on 13 March 1781 during a leave from militia service, that he served two months after their marriage, and that he died on 28 July 1820 from "a breast complaint or consumption." Her application was certified by John Hudson and Philip Hudson, who had known her since their infancy. She mentioned the following two children: Judy Carter born 22 Jan 1789, and Elizabeth Carter born 7 Oct 1800. She stated that a family record was originally written by Obadiah Carter in a small pocket Bible that became mutilated by long use, and that shortly after the "late war" her grandson, George Obadiah Alsop, copied the record into his own record, transcribed below, in a new, large family Bible. It was stated that Judy Carter was unable to travel the 8 miles to court because of bodily infirmity. James D. Black, a Baptist minister, stated that he lived near Judy Carter in the town of Stamping Ground. On 25 May 1843 Judith Carter was said to be 85.

Spencer Alsop His Book Price \$6

MARRIAGES

Spencer Alsop and Judith Carter was married January the 22 in the year of our Lord 1809

John hudson and Betsy Carter was married in the year of our Lord November the 28 1820

William H Smith and Emily W Alsop was married in the year of lord 1831 December the 27 1831

Obadiah Carter was married to Judy Carter on the 13th day of March 1781 by the Revd Mr Mathis

George C Alsop and Catharine greenup was married February the 26 in the year of our lord 1833

William R Shirley and Elizabeth D Alsop was married January 11th in the year of our lord 1835

James E Alsop And Sarah A Miller Was married August the 2 AD 1838

BIRTHS

Spencer Alsop was Born June the 12 1785

Judith Alsop was Born January the 22 1789

Eloisa ann Alsop Was Borne October the 26 1809

Emily Watts Alsop was Borne July the 31 1811

George obediah Alsop was Borne April the 21 1813

Sary Jane Alsop was Borne February 21 1816

James elliott Alsop was Born February the 19 1817

Elizabeth D. Alsop was borne January the 27 1819

Spencer Washington Alsop was Borne July the 3 1821

Judith Carter Seigniour [sic: Senior] was Born in the year of our Lord 1755 18 November

Sarah A Miller Was born OCt the 28 1820

David H Hudson was born January the 28 1821

Judith A Hudson was born September the 3 1822

John obadiah Hudson was Borne April the 27th 1824

Elezebeath C. Hudson Was bornd November 39th 1834

Elizabethe Carter was Borne October the 7 1800

Childrens Ages above of B-H

DEATHS

Eloisa ann Alsop Departed this life February the 15 1813 After a short but severe Spell of the Croop

Sary Jane alsop departed this Life march the 6 1816 with the Croop

Spencer alsop Depated This life September the 13 1829 [last numeral unclear]

Obadiah Carter Departed this Life July the 28 1820

Elezebeath Hudson Wife of John Hudson Departed this life November 30th 1834