

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Carter W8587
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Elizabeth Carter
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To the Honorable the President and members of the House of [sic, &] Senate of the State of South Carolina.

The Petition of your petitioner respectfully sheweth that your petitioner in the Revolutionary war against Great Britain enlisted with Captain Jacob Barnett for the term of ten months as a soldier in the service of this Country under Colonel Wade Hampton the term of ten months your petitioner served out faithfully and was promised as compensation therefore one Negro five barrels of salt and two suits of clothes. At the expiration of ten months your petitioner (agreeable to notice) attended at McCord's ferry to receive his pay where he was informed it was not ready and was ordered to meet again and was again put off without it. Your petitioner has never received the pay above stated or any part thereof and now prays your Honorable Body to take his Case into consideration and make to him that compensation to which he is justly entitled and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

(signed) John Carter

I do hereby certify that I know John Carter as a private in the last Revolutionary war with Great Britain I know he served 10 months in what was called the State Troops in the Regiment commanded first by Colonel Henry Hampton and then commanded by Colonel Wade Hampton. Given under my hand the 25th day of April 1814

(signed) William Wilie

South Carolina Chester District: Personally came John Franklin before me Hezekiah Donnell one of the Justices of the Peace for said District and on his oath saith that he was well acquainted with a certain John Carter a private in the last Revolutionary War with Great Britain and that he was regular enlisted and served 10 months in what was called the State Troops commanded by Colonel Henry Hampton a part of the time and the balance of the time was commanded by Colonel Wade Hampton.

Sworn to this 27th day of April 1814

S/ Hezekiah Donnell, JP

S/ John Franklin

State of South Carolina Chester District: On this 10th day of January 1846 personally appeared before me John Davis one of the acting Magistrates for said District Elizabeth Carter a resident of said State & District aforesaid aged 67 years & 6 months who being first duly sworn

according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 and 3 March 1843 and 17 June 1844. The act of July 7th, 1838 entitled An act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of John Carter who was a Captain of the South Carolina Militia & a Lieutenant in the same & a private in Barrett's [?] Troop & also a private she thinks in the cavalry of General Marion's Brigade. The precise amount of his service she does not know but that she is the widow of the aforesaid John Carter the identical person mentioned in the Comptroller's Certificate which accompanies this declaration. She further declares that her husband the aforesaid John Carter was never placed on the pension roll. She further declares that she was married to the said John Carter on the 16th day of September 1784 & that her husband the aforesaid John Carter died on the 19th day of February 1832 & that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 to wit at the time above stated. Sworn to & subscribed on the day & year first above written before me
S/ John Davis, Magistrate

S/ Elizabeth Carter, X her mark

South Carolina Chester District: On this 11th day of July 1849 Personally appeared before me John Davis an acting Magistrate in said District Elizabeth Carter a resident of the District aforesaid aged eighty-three years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Provision made by the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to soldiers of the revolution. That she is the widow of John Carter was a soldier in the Army of the Revolution from the commencement of hostility in the Snow Campaign of 1775 until the close of the war and was generally in service both in the Militia and State Troop until the close of the war but to give the particulars of said service declarant cannot. She further declares that she declarant has been placed on the pension roll at the rate of \$41.67 per annum under the Act of the 7th July 1838 and would refer the Department to her papers now on file. She further declares that her husband the aforesaid John Carter departed this life in Chester District South Carolina on the 19th day of February 1833 and that she has remained a widow ever since.

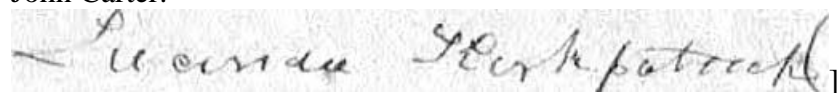
She further declares that she now makes this application for the purpose of drawing the arrears due her husband the said John Carter from the 4th March 1831 to the 19th day of February 1833 and that the day of her husband's death is admitted the record of which she surrendered to be sent to the pension office and that the same record is strictly correct.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year last above written.

S/ John Davis, MG

S/ Elizabeth Carter, X her Mark

[p 8: On January 10, 1846 in Chester District South Carolina Lucinda Kirkpatrick, authenticated the family record of John and Elizabeth Carter and states that the same is in the handwriting of said John Carter and has remained in the possession of Elizabeth Carter ever since the death of John Carter.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lucinda Kirkpatrick", enclosed in square brackets. The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted.

[p 9: family record

J. Carter born September 1st A. D. 1756

Elizabeth Carter born June 18th A.D. 1766

John Carter and Elizabeth his wife was married September 16th 1784

Frances Carter Daughter of John Carter and Elizabeth his wife was born August 27th, 1785

George Carter son of J. Carter and Elizabeth his wife born January 29th 1787

Benjamin Carter son of John Carter and Elizabeth his wife born May 19th 1789

John Lee Carter son of John Carter and Elizabeth his wife born June 28th 1791]

[p 12: in her bounty land claim filed June 9th, 1855 in Chester district South Carolina, Elizabeth Carter gave her age as 90 and stated that her name prior to her marriage was Elizabeth Lee; that she was married to her husband by William Moore, a magistrate; that her husband died February 19, 1832.]

[p 46: Certificate dated December 29, 1845 from the South Carolina Comptroller showing indents issued to a John Carter for services rendered in the militia including payment for 30 days service; payment for service as a private in Barrett's Troop H. Hamptons Regiment Sumpters Brigade State Troops; payment as a Lieutenant for militia duty before and after the reduction of Charleston; payment for service in the militia and for loss of a horse in 1781 & 1782; payment for duty as a Captain in the militia both before and after the reduction of Charleston; payment for 259 days duty as a private in General Marion's Brigade of cavalry from April 7, 1781 to December 22, 1781.]

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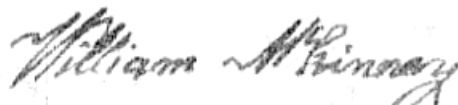
North Carolina Cleveland County: On this 7th day of September 1846 personally appeared before me the Subscriber one of the acting Justices of the peace for said County William McKinney¹ who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following affidavit that he is That he was in the days of the Revolution well acquainted with one Captain John Carter late deceased of Chester District South Carolina whose widow Elizabeth has made application for the pension which is due her on the account of the Services of her husband the aforesaid Captain John Carter.

That he the deponent was a Soldier of the North Carolina Continental [line] & entered the Service of the United States in August 1782 & was marched from Franklin County North Carolina to Warrenton North Carolina thence from there to Hillsboro & thence to Salisbury & thence from there they were marched to head quarters & joined General Greene's Army at a place called Ashley Hill on Ashley River in South Carolina within twelve miles of Charleston & that he the deponent was there placed under the command of the aforesaid Captain John Carter that he was placed under him the said Captain John Carter sometime in October 1782 & remained under him some time & then he the deponent was taken & put in the Infantry under Captain Robert Raiford.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year first above written.

S/ Joseph Carroll, JP

S/ William McKinney



¹ [William McKinney S9017](#)

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$41.67 commencing March 4th, 1831, and ending February 19th, 1832, for his service as a private in the South Carolina militia cavalry. She was pensioned at in her own right at the same amount commencing March 4th, 1848.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts² relating to John Carter
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 1108

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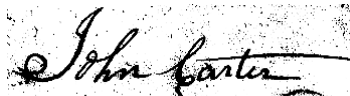
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To the Honorable the President and members of the House of [sic, &] Senate of the State of South Carolina.

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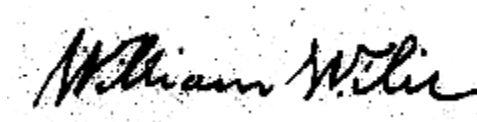
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S/ William Wilie



South Carolina Chester district} William Wylie [sic] came before me & after being duly sworn saith that the above certificate is just and true.

Sworn to and subscribed this 25th day of April 1814 before me

S/ Peter Wilie, JP

S/ William Wilie

² The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) 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.

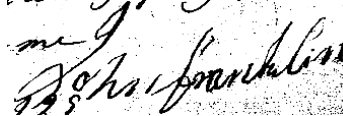
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The Committee on Claims to whom was referred the Petition of John Carter, praying
Compensation for Services rendered During the Revolutionary war, Report that they have taken
the same into Consideration and Recommend that the Petition and Vouchers be submitted to the
Comptroller General for his examination, & to report thereon at the next Session of the
Legislature.

S/ Wm [illegible], Chairman

18 [?] December 1815 [?]