

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Landon Carter W900

Elizabeth Carter

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State of Tennessee Carter County

On this 8th day of December 1838 personally appeared before me David Nelson a Justice of the Peace for the County of Carter in the State of Tennessee Elizabeth Carter a resident of Elizabethton in the County aforesaid, aged Seventy Three years on the 9th day of July last, 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 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of Landon Carter who was a Capt. of the Militia in the Army of the Revolution – as she is informed and believes. That said Carter as a Capt. raised a Company of soldiers principally volunteers, and served a Tour of duty of Four months or nearly so under Col. John Sevier and Col. Arthur Campbell in the Years 1780 and '81 in an expedition against the Cherokee Indians. The said Landon Carter as he believes set out with his Company in the month of November in the year 1780 and marched from the Upper part of East Tennessee his then residence, supposed to be then Washington County to the Blue Springs, supposed to be situated in what is now Blount County Tennessee, when, where Col. John Sevier, met & fought the Cherokees in which Battle the Indians loss has been estimated at about Thirty, and in which my husband commanded as a Captain. After said Battle the said Troop marched back as she believes to Buckingham Island near the mouth of Boyd's Creek, they were here reinforced by Col. Arthur Campbell, who took the command and marched the troops to the Cherokee nation & took several towns, to wit, Choto [Chota], Chihowe, Tillico [Tellico], Highwassee [Hiwassee] &c and returned after an absence of near Four Months.

She further Declares that said Carter as she believes served another tour of duty in the fall of 1781, as a Capt., the particulars of which she is not now able to state, But believes he set out with his Company to join General Marion [Francis Marion] in the South, and was in service about Four Months.

She further Declares that she was married to the said Langdon Carter on the 26th day of February 1784. That her husband the aforesaid Langdon Carter died on the 5th day of June in the year 1800. That she was not married to him previous to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the 1st of January 1794, viz. at the time above stated. She further declares that she has no documentary evidence to her knowledge by which he can establish the services aforesaid, She further Declares that she is now a single woman, and has been ever since the death of her said husband, Langdon Carter, never having married.

Elizabeth Carter, X her mark

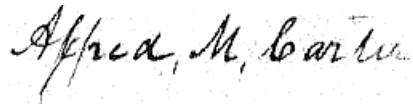
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State of Tennessee Carter County

Personally appeared before me David Nelson an acting Justice of the Peace for the County and State aforesaid Alfred M Carter son of Langdon Carter Deceased and Elizabeth Carter who is now an applicant for a pension aged about fifty-four years, and being sworn according to law upon his oath doth say that his father Langdon Carter Deceased kept a small book something like a day book in appearance in which was recorded the time of his marriage, the birth of his children &c in his own hand writing. That in a few years after the said Alfred was married which took place on the 15th day of November 1810 he Transcribed the record of marriage and births &c into his Bible and that he has examined said Transcript, and that from the same his Father and Mother were married on the 26th day of February 1784. That after the Death of his Father his death was recorded in the Book aforesaid, which he also transcribed into his Family Bible and from said Transcript his Father died on the 5th day of June 1800, which from his own recollection he knows to be correct. That he has made search among his father's old papers & his own & others of the family for said daybook or family record but has not been able to find it. That he believes the same to be lost or mislaid so that he cannot find it, That in the examination of his father's papers he has never seen any documentary evidence of his Father's services in the revolutionary war. That his Father Langdon Carter as appears by his Bible heretofore referred to was born on the 29th day of January 1760. That his Mother Elizabeth Carter the applicant for a pension is now a single woman, and has been ever since the death of his Father.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of December 1838

S/ Alfred M Carter

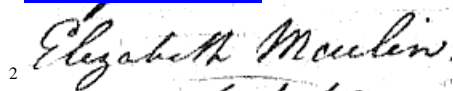


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State of Tennessee Washington County

This day came before me William K Blair a Justice of the Peace in and for said County James Sevier¹ in the Seventy-fifth year of his age and who being duly sworn on the holy evangelist of Almighty God, deposeth and saith that during the war of the revolution he served two tours of duty in the company of Capt. Langdon Carter. One against the Cherokee Indians in the latter end of the year 1780 and '81 a three months tour. The other in the fall of '81 to South Carolina to join General Marion. I believe we were about four months from home on that tour. This deport [sic deponent] states that he was well acquainted with Capt. Carter while he was single and also with Ms. Elizabeth Maulin [?]² with whom he afterwards intermarried. I believe the marriage took place in the latter end of the year '83 or the beginning of the year '84 the exact time I do not know as I was on a journey to the State of Georgia at the time. I also state that I am

¹ [James Sevier S45889](#)

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² Interpreted as Elizabeth Maulin or Meulin or Maslin in a letter dated November 8, 1927 from the Interior department responding to a request.

well acquainted with all their children (to wit) Alfred M Carter, Sarah Carter, William B Carter, Elizabeth Carter, George W Carter and Mary Carter. I am also under the belief that Langdon Carter died in the month of June 1800.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of October 1838.

S/ Jas. Sevier

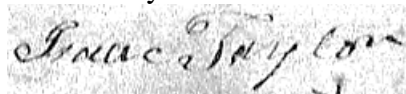


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State of Tennessee Carter County

Personally came before me David Nelson an acting Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid Doctor Isaac Taylor³ and after being duly sworn saith that he was personally acquainted with Langdon Carter Senior (the reputed father of the Hon. William B Carter) and Isaac Taylor saith on oath that in the year '80 he thinks sometime in November that he went out with Langdon Carter against the Cherokee Indians & that said Carter acted as Capt. that they served nearly a 4 months Tour against the said Cherokee Indians in the company of said Carter who had raised a company of nearly all volunteers. That during the campaign Carter & his company were in one Battle in which there were about thirty Indians killed. The battle was fought at a place called the Blue Springs between French Broad [River] & Little River. Dr. Taylor thinks that place is now in Blount County in this State. Gov. John Sevier was commander in chief & marched back to Buckingham's Island near the mouth of Boyd's Creek on French Broad. There they met a reinforcement under the command of Col. Arthur Campbell. The said Arthur Campbell then took the command. They then marched into the Cherokee Nation and took five principal towns to wet Chota, Chilhowe, Tellico, Highwassey, Chischume [?] and then they returned home and during the said Time the said Langdon Carter acted the part of a Brave man a Gentleman & a Soldier & a good officer. And he says he was [indecipherable word] close to said Carter during the different engagements. Sworn to & subscribed by me this 20th November 1838

S/ Isaac Taylor



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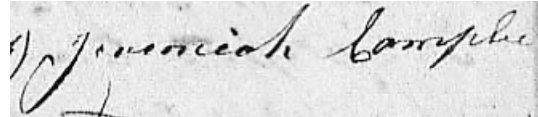
Personally appeared before me David Nelson a Justice of the Peace for Carter County Jeremiah Campbell, Esq.,⁴ aged Seventy-six years this day who being first duly sworn according to law doth upon his oath say that in the month of September 1781, he set out as a private in the Company of Capt. Langdon Carter from the County of Washington, State of Tennessee, to join General Greene [Nathanael Greene] or Marion [Francis Marion] in the South. That Capt. Carter's Company was delayed in starting and did not get to start with Col. Sevier; Sevier crossed the Yellow Mountains as it was said – Carter crossed the Stone Mountain, and went by the way of John's River and joined Sevier at the Tuckasegee Ford on the Catawba River in North

³ [Isaac Taylor W6235](#)

⁴ [Jeremiah Campbell S3131](#)

Carolina, from thence they went on by the way of Charlotte in North Carolina and joined General Greene at the high Hills of Santee, but General Greene having gone into winter quarters Col. Sevier stayed but a few hours with Greene But passed on immediately to join General Marion, and did join him in the Swamps of Santee River, Encampment, which was then at Moncks Corner, This junction of Sevier and Marion he thinks took place about the latter part of October, They remained under his command until they started home, He cannot state the precise day on which they got home but believes it was the latter part of February, having been in service near Five months, the exact time he cannot now state. He further states that during all the time mentioned, the aforesaid Langdon Carter commanded as his Capt. and was considered a good officer. He further states that he was well acquainted with Capt. Carter, afterwards General Carter till his death, That said Carter as he believes died in June 1800. That he has been acquainted with his widow Mrs. Elizabeth Carter, the applicant for a pension ever since, That she is now a single woman, and has been so ever since the death of her husband the aforesaid Langdon Carter, Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of December 1838

S/ Jeremiah Campbell



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State of Tennessee Washington County

This day personally appeared before me W. K. Blair [could be Blain] a Justice of the peace for said County Darling Jones⁵ aged Seventy-five years and being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he during the war of our independence served one tour of duty in the year 1781 in the company of Capt. Langdon Carter to South Carolina in the Regiment commanded by Col. John Sevier, that we marched through Charlotte town North Carolina and Camden South Carolina to the high Hills of Santee where General Green's Army lay after the battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] from there down the Santee River to where General Marion lay with his Militia and joined him, we had no battle while there, but took one British Garrison without fighting we were in service about four months and was then discharged and returned home in the winter we went from Washington County, then North Carolina Col. Isaac Shelby and his Regiment was also along from Sullivan County.

Sworn and subscribed to before me the 8th day of December 1838

S/ Darling Jones



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State of Tennessee Washington County: SS

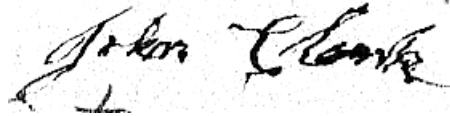
This day appeared before me Henderson Clark a Justice of the Peace for said County John Clark⁶ aged eighty years and being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he served a tour of duty in the year 1780 in the Summer and during the war of our independence,

⁵ [Darling Jones W7922](#)

⁶ [John Clark S1898](#)

that he was in the company of Capt. Samuel Williams, commanded by Col. Charles Robertson, that he well recollects that Capt. Langdon Carter commanded a company at the same time in said Regiment, and that Col. Isaac Shelby was along in command from Sullivan County, that Col. William Coker was along, we marched from Washington County then North Carolina, we passed a place called Gilbert town, North Carolina, went to the Cherokee Ford on broad River stayed there about two weeks then went and took an enemy Fort on a Creek called Thicketty [July 26, 1780]⁷ and then returned to the main Army at the Cherokee Ford, from the Ford we marched about from place to place until we thought proper to return home all being volunteers. I suppose the tour was between 2 & 3 months. Sworn to and subscribed the 5th day of December 1832

S/ John Clark

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Clark". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized and slanted.

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$120 per annum for her husband's service as a Capt. for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]

⁷ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_thicketty_fort.html