

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Cornelius Carmack S2420

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State of Tennessee }

Overton County } On this 30 day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the court of pleas and quarter Sessions now sitting Cornelius Carmack Sen'r. a resident in the said County of Overton and state of Tennessee aged seventy three 73 the 8th Day of January 1832 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 7th June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in the Summer of 1776 which was harvest time that he went out of the harvest field but does not remember the particular day or month but believes it was the month of June 1776 – he volunteered under Captain James Shelby, he marched to the mouth of Wataga [sic: Watauga River], where he remained several days three companies met there Shelby's Thompsons & Edmondsons [possibly William Edmondson's], he marched from there in the night occasioned by an express to Amos Eatons where he found Captain Buckhanans [probably Robert Buchanan's] company of which Company Evan Shelby Jr was Lieutenant – next morning the Companies with the company of Captain Cocke marched to the Island flats [Long Island of Holston River at present Kingsport TN] where he met the Indians and where they had an engagement with the Indians [20 July 1776] thirteen Indians were killed and scalped. the whites lost four men wounded and one man being the day before wounded made the five men as stated in the history of Tennessee – from that place he marched back to Eatons (from the battle ground) where he continued some time, several weeks from there he marched to Shelys fort where he continued until Christys [sic: William Christian's] campaign started to the Cherokee nation [early Oct 1776], he went that campaign & was in no engagement with the Indians the Indians having left the country or cleared out so that they could not find them, from Christys Campaign they were marched back to the long Island on Holston River, where he was stationed that winter, during the winter some of the head Indians came in and a treaty was made between the Indians and whites [Treaty of Long Island, 20 June 1777]. the whole campaign was served under Captain James Shelby. there were no regular officers in company at any time during his tour Colonel Christy was their Colonel his given name he does not remember. Evan Shelby Senior was Major he was discharged in the Spring of 1777 he does not remember the time, he has no discharge nor does he remember that he ever had one, and is confident that he served at least nine months. at the time he entered the service he lived in what was then Montgomery County Virginia and is now Washington County Virginia – He was again in the service – he was drafted about the middle of August 1778 still residing at the same place, then Washington County as he believes – he entered the service under Captain George Adams, George Maxfield [sic: George Maxwell] Lieutenant and John Long Ensign Daniel Smith Major there were three companies Captain Snoddy Captain Hays or (as he thinks) Adam's Company marched to the north fork of Clinch where his company joined Snoddy and Hays's Company. Reese Bowen [Reece Bowen] was a Lieutenant in one of the companies he believes Snoddy's company, Bowen was afterward killed at Kings Mountain Battle [7 Oct 1780], from the north fork of Clinch the above three companies under the Command of Major Daniel Smith marched to Logans fort in (now) the State of Kentucky Lincoln County he stayed there some little time & from there they marched to Harrodsburg fort where the men stayed untill their times was out he went out to guard the country as they marched out they met Danl Boon [sic: Daniel Boone] at Rockcastle that informed them that his fort had been attacked by the British and indians [probably Siege of Boonesborough, 7 - 16 Sep 1778] this campaign was for three months which he served out. he has no discharge that he knows of nor does he know that any was given to the soldiers nothing remarkable ocured on this campaign

He believes the time of his birth as stated to be the correct time from the circumstance of its being so

recorded in his Fathers bible now in the possession of Henry Livingston [pension application R6394; see endnote], his Brother in law & which shows he was born on the 8th January 1759 – he was born in Frederick County State of Maryland. The record as stated is in the possession of Henry Livingston who lives in Overton County Tennessee, he was living as stated in Virginia at the time of his service he moved 1801 from that to the neighbourhood of where he now lives where he has resided ever since – he lived at the same place until he moved to the State of Tennessee – he believes he can prove a part of his services by Henry Livingston of Overton County. 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 or Territory.

Cornelius Carmack

This applicant makes the following answers to the interrogatories prescribed by the war department

1st I was born in Frederic County State of Maryland and as appears from inspection of an old family bible (as before stated) on the 8th day of January 1759

2 The record of my age is in the possession of of Henry Livingston who married my sister in the County of Overton

3 When I entered the service I was living in Montgomery County Virginia, lived there until the close of the war, & then moved to Tennessee to where I now live, & have lived in the same neighbourhood ever since

4 I entered the service as a volunteer, second tour I was drafted.

5 As to the officers and regiments, and general circumstances of my service I can say no more than I have already stated in my declaration

6th I never recieved any discharge as I recollect

7th I am well known to Allen McDonald Joseph Bates Col Joseph C Armstrong George Christian Esq who can testify as to my character for veracity & my reputation as a soldier of the revolution

This day Henry Livingston aged sixty eight years last March, personally appeared in open Court and made oath that he marrid the sister of Cornelius Carmack the applicant, his age is recorded in his bible, which he got with his wife. it appears he was born 8th January 1759, He states, that he knows that Cornelius Carmack the applicant was in the service of the United States in the revolutionary war. It is known to him that he Carmack went out in what was called Christy' Campaign, and that he Carmack went out another campaign under command of George Adams, to what is now Kentucky. Did not serve with him but is satisfied he served as he states

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court October 30th 1830

Henry Livingston

NOTE: The record of Carmack's birth referred to by Henry Livingston was included with the pension application of Livingston's widow, who stated that the record had been kept in a Bible by Jesse Carmack.

Cornelius Carmack was Born the [illegible] Day of January 1769

Wiliam Carmack was Born th 5th day of January 1761 [pension application S9139]

Joseph Carmack was Born the 11th Day of Aprile 1763

Jane Carmack was Born June the 7th Day 1765

Sarah Carmack was Born August 1767

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Polly Livingston was Born the 13th Day of March in the year of our Lord 179[?] [A note in the file states that the last digit, 4, was cut while removing the page from the Bible.]

Caty Livingston was Born the ?th day of February in the year of our Lord 1798

Susanah Livingston was Born the 30th of December in the year AD 1799

Thomas Livingston was Born the 3rd of January in the year AD 1802

Peter Livingston was Born August the 15th in the year AD. 1806

Nancy Livingston was was Born the 19th of February in th year AD 1808

According to the Agency Book, Carmack died on 28 July 1848.