

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Carson S30319

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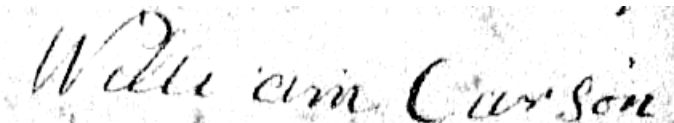
State of Kentucky Warren County: SS

On this 3rd day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Warren County Court now sitting William Carson a resident of said County & State aged seventy-one years the 15th of last July 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 June the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

1st That he enlisted from the County of Edgefield & State of South Carolina in the militia on a six-month tour under the command of Captain Sinkfield [Samuel Sinquefield], the Ensign in whose company was named Dyson. I company belonged to the brigade of General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] he enlisted in the fall of the year 1781 but does not remember the month. After the service which your applicant performed on this tour, were rendered at a Block house on Saluda River not far from Ninety Six. The Tories were thick & hostile in that quarter of the State and it became necessary for the Whigs to entrench themselves in fortified places and thus protect themselves & the Country as well as they could. For these two purposes Captain Sinkfield's company to which your applicant belonged in the company of a Colonel Tolls [probably Capt. Oliver Towles] were stationed at the block house aforesaid. They were chiefly engaged in scouring the Country & preventing the ravages of the Tories. He stayed his time out in this situation and was discharged at the expiration of his tour. During his service in this station the Tories captured a Mr. Tolls [probably Oliver Towles who was taken prisoner and hung by "Bloody Bill" Cunningham], who was an officer in Sinquefield's Company, but his grade is not remembered, and he was hung by them. After the expiration of his term of service under Captain Sinkfield in the block house as aforesaid, he was engaged under a Captain Butler [William Butler] in skirmishes against the Tories. This was in the spring & summer of 1782. He has lost his discharges. From South Carolina he moved to Kentucky. He has no living witness of his service that he knows of. His age is recorded in the family register. He hereby relinquishes all claim 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

S/ William Carson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Carson". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

[Augustine Clayton, a clergyman, and William Shanks gave the standard supporting affidavit.]
State of Kentucky Warren County Sct.

Be it known that before me Richard Curd an acting justice of the peace in & for the County & State aforesaid appeared William Carson who made the foregoing application for a pension, who being first duly sworn offered & made the following amendment thereto. This 3rd day of May 1833 (viz.) That during his service in the Revolutionary War, he was engaged mainly as before stated in garrisoning the Block house on Saluda River under the command of Captains Sinkfield & Tolls. That not being with the more active portion of the Army commanded by a Colonel he had no personal acquaintance with the Colonel of the Regiment to which he belonged. He states that to the best of his recollection he was named Williams. He further deposeseth & saith that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot state the precise time that he joined the Army nor the date he left it but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below & in the following grades: – For six months I served as a private in the company of Captain Sinkfield. For one week I was engaged as a scout under Captain Butler and for such service he claims a pension. He states that he is known in his present neighborhood & they can state his reputation for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution to Georgia & Jacob Wright, Thomas Ragsdale, Jacob Gibson etc. etc.

Sworn & subscribed before me the day & year aforesaid
S/Richard Curd

S/ William Carson

[p 13: On December 6, 1838, in Warren County Kentucky, the veteran applied for a replacement for his pension certificate saying he had lost his earlier one. In this document he refers to himself as the same man who formerly served under Captain Samuel Sinquefield in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Williams.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts ¹ relating to William Carson	AA26
Audited Account Microfilm file No.	
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[Book] K [No.] 256 12 January 1785

Mr. William Carson his Account of Militia Duty on horse performed as Private alternately from 1779 to 83 & for Militia Duty per Colonel Anderson's [Robert Anderson's] Return [not extant], and for Provisions & Forage for Militia [indecipherable word] 1781, the whole Amounting to viz.

Duty per Pay Bills within [indecipherable word]	
73 Days	£73
Do per Colonel Anderson's Return	£30
Supplies	<u>7.0.7</u>

¹ 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.

[old South Carolina] Currency £110.0.7
Stg. [Sterling] £15.14.4 ¼

Ex^d. [Illegible]

J. M^c. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

Received 12th January 1785 full Satisfaction for the Within in an Indent No. 256 – K, per Order for William Carson

S/ Wm Nibbs



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State of South Carolina

Dr. to William Carson

for Militia Duty per Pay Bills of Captain

John & Captain William McGaws [McGaw's]

Performed Alternately from August

1779 till after the reduction of

Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to

the British on May 12 1780] & for duty per Colonel

Anderson's Return For his

– per Captain John McGaw's Pay Bill 66 Days

per Captain William McGaw's " " 7 Days

as Private Horseman 73 Days

£73.0.0

Amount Duty per Colonel Anderson's Return

£30.0.0

£103.0.0

Provisions & Forage per Certificate

£ 7.0.7

£110.0.7

£15.14.4 ¼

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June 23rd 1781. Received of William Carson forage of Shief Rie [sic, sic??] for Fifty Horses in Colonel Samuel Hammond's Regiment Light Dragoons also provision for forty-seven Dragoons belonging to said Regiment

S/ John Hammond, Qr. M. L. D.



To the Auditor

Sir

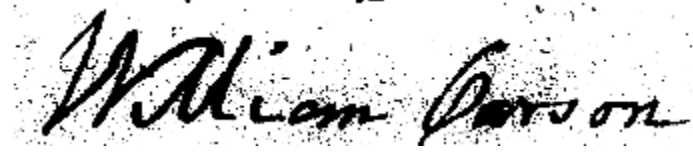
Please to deliver my Indents for Duty done at the Block House under Captain Towles [Oliver Towles] & Lieut. Carson to Mr. William Nibbs & his Receipt shall be good against your Humble Servant

Test: S/ John Wyld, JQ

256 K

November 25th, 1786

S/ William Carson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Carson". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized, with a prominent 'W' and 'C'.

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[p 8: Printed form of Indent No. 256 Book K dated January 12th, 1785 and delivered to Mr. William Carsan [sic]]