

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Carruth [a/k/a John Caruthers] S3140

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State of Tennessee County of Polk } On this 23rd day of May A.D. 1854 Before me Zachariah Rose Chairman of the County Court in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared Walter Carruth a resident of the County and State aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law declares that he is the son of John Carruth deceased who was a Captain in the __ Regiment of North Carolina Continentals commanded by Colonel Graham [William Graham] and in the Battalion commanded by Major Farrens and that Charles Polk served under said Captain John Carruth. That he the said John Carruth entered service at Charlotte in the County of Mecklenburg in the State of North Carolina in the War of the Revolution. That he continued in actual service in said War for the term of three years or more part of the time under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford]. That he died on or about the eighth day of October A.D. 1833 in the County of McMinn in the State of Tennessee and that his Mother named Rosannah Carruth died on or about the 10th day of April A.D. 1816 in the County of Blount, in the State of Tennessee. And he further states that they were married on the fourth day of February in the year 1778 by one __ a __ and that his mother's name before her said marriage was Rosannah Gingles and that they were residents of the County of Mecklenburg in the State of North Carolina and that the said Captain John Carruth was a resident of the County of Mecklenburg and State of North Carolina when he entered the service of the United States, and that there are one other children of the said John Carruth only surviving child of the said Captain John Carruth. He furthermore by these presents constitutes and appoints and fully empowers William R. Query and Henry H Walker of Stock Hill Georgia irrevocably is true and lawful attorneys for him and in his name and stead to examine into, prosecute, to demand and receive from the Government Officers of the United States, all his rights in any manner of claim for pension or arrears of pension that may be due him as son and heir of Captain John Carruth who died leaving the same undrawn as in right of law, custom or equity he is or may be entitled.

In testimony whereof he has on this day and year first above written hereunto set his hand and seal.

Test: S/ Robert in Fleming

S/ Walker Carruth, X his mark

S/ Thos. R. McClery

[p 5: Finding dated November 4th 1856, by the Court of Polk County Tennessee that Captain John Carruth was a revolutionary soldier; that he died October eight, 1833 leaving no widow and

that Walter Carruth and Matilda Carson are the only surviving children of Captain John Carruth.]

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State of Georgia Lumpkin County} On this the eighth day of February 1855 personally appeared before me Lewis J Ledbetter a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid Reuben Hill¹ aged 96 years a resident of Lumpkin County in the State of Georgia to me well known a revolutionary Soldier of the State of North Carolina and who is a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$80 per annum paid at the agency Savannah Georgia, who being by me duly sworn according to law, Depoeth and Saith that he was well acquainted with Captain John Carruth who was a Revolutionary Soldier from the State of North Carolina, and lived in the same neighborhood with the Deponent and that knew the said Captain John Carruth served in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Graham and General Rutherford – in said War. That said Carruth served one Tour of six months against the Cherokee Indians and that he afterwards served two or three Tours against the British in said War. That Deponent resided on Pacolet River in the State of North Carolina where he knew the said Carruth for about twenty five years after the Revolutionary War, and that he the said Carruth moved from that Country to the State of Tennessee on or about the year of 1808, and Deponent further states that Walter Carruth of Polk County State of Tennessee an applicant for arrears of Pension is the son and heir and was always treated as such by the Identical Captain John Carruth above named and that said Carruth was always after the said War – was regarded as having been a brave and good Soldier in the American cause or Liberty and a good Citizen. And that Deponent is not interested in the Claim a Walter Carruth to pension.

S/ Lewis J Ledbetter, JP

S/ Reuben Hill, X his mark

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State of North Carolina
Comptroller's Office

I, William J Clarke, Comptroller of Public Accounts in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears of record in my office among the payments made by said State to sundry persons for Military services in the Revolutionary War, as follows, to wit:

John Carruth

Vol. K, page 53 & Volume Els. Page 74 pay for himself and Company of pack horses in Cherokee Expedition² under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] £160 S6 D6 specie, allowed November 1776

Book A2 page 3 John Carruth W. M. (Wagon Master) wagon hire &c £50 8S 10 – April 1777

Book F No. 2 page 21 Capt. John Carruth £20 6S6 D8 currency December 1777 –

Vol.A, entry 757 Capt. John Carruth for services £175 currency October 1779

Vol. K, page 217 “John Carruth wages for self and Company £1392 S12 Currency April 1780 –

Same Vol. page 219 John Carruth for self and Company £73 S5 currency, allowed April 1780 –

Indent, allowed by General Assembly May 1780, £1392 S12 Currency

Specie value endorsed £9 S5 D8 –

Vol. A entry 4077 Capt. John Carruth for Militia services of himself and Company £336 S6 D6

¹ [Reuben Hill S31742](#)

² August 1, 1776 – November 1, 1776:

https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_expedition_1776.html

specie June 1781 –

Book No. 5 page 1022, £10 specie June 83 John Carruth

Book AM 15 page 27 £16 specie – John Carruth

Book G 18 page 22 £4 S2 D6 specie – John Carruth

Book No. 24 page 30 £11 S 18 specie – John Carruth

John Carruth appears on book “J” which is a list of Officers as “Captain Sup^y S. C.” Which I understood to mean Captain Supernumerary South Carolina as there was a great community of officers between the two states during the Revolutionary War –

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal of Office this 15th day of July A.D. 1854

S/ Wm J. Clarke, Compt’r

The Currency Depreciation was as follows:

In December 1777 – 3 = 1

In October 1779 – 25 = 1

In April 1780 – 50 = 1

[p 24: An affidavit dated May 22, 1854 given in Polk County Tennessee by Isaac Taylor and Jeremiah Pack in which they state that they were well acquainted with Captain John Carruth and that they have heard Burgess Witt³ state that he served under Captain John Carruth; Isaac Taylor stated that he heard Burgess Witt state that Captain John Carruth proved his service when he, Witt, applied for his pension.]

³ [Burgess Witt W54](#)