

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John Caruthers S321563

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Territory of Arkansas, County of Independence: At the July Term of the County Court AD 1833

On this first day of July in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Independence County and Territory of Arkansas now sitting John Caruthers a resident of said County and Territory aged Eighty seven years 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 to seventh AD 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, to wit: That he was born in Baltimore County State of Maryland on the 12<sup>th</sup> day July AD 1746. That in July 1776 he enlisted in a company of cavalry commanded by Captain John Carter in the District of 96 in the State of South Carolina and was attached to a Regiment of Militia raised by the Authority and received into the Service of said State of South Carolina. That Andrew Pickens was Major and W. \_\_\_\_ Williams [sic, Andrew Williamson] (who afterwards deserted and joined the British) was Colonel of said Regiment, that immediately after joining said Company he was ordered into service and marched to run the line between the Whites and Cherokee Indians upon Oconee Mountain on the frontiers of South Carolina, that while engaged in this Service the Troops with which he was acting were attacked by the British forces on Crackers Neck [?] and defeated, that the troop after said defeat separated and could not be rallied and this Deponent went to Rutherford County North Carolina where he remained to the best of his recollection about one year, during which time he was out of service as near as he can recollect three months when he was drafted in the Company of Captain Nel [could be Ewell] Lampkins , in which he did duty and when the same was called out into the field for offensive operations he marched with it and was attached to a Regiment commanded by a Colonel Malmady [Malmedy] under General Greene [Nathanael Greene] and proceeded to the Eutaw Springs where they had a battle with and were defeated by the British forces under Col Cruger, from thence he with said Troops were marched to the high hills of Santee in South Carolina and remained there until said Colonel Malmady was ordered to Cross Creek in North Carolina to which place this Deponent went with him as one of his guard and where he received a written Discharge from said Colonel Malmady which he has since lost, on this expedition he was engaged to the best of his recollection four months. In a very few days after he had received the foregoing Discharge he volunteered to go under Captain William Whitesides against the Cherokee Nation of Indians and attached to the Regiment of

which Mr. Singleton was Major and Joseph McDowell Colonel. That in this expedition he was engaged at least six weeks, marched into said Cherokee Nation, burned Eleven Towns, killed and took seventy Indians and were then again dismissed with the understanding that the men were still in service and would be called together again when an opportunity presented itself of being usefully employed. That about three weeks before the Battle of King's Mountain he was taken prisoner while on Nob Creek [sic, Knob Creek in present day Cleveland County?] in Rutherford County North Carolina by the Enemy and taken to said King's Mountain where he remained a prisoner until the British were defeated there, when he regained his liberty on which he went home and soon after joined a volunteer company under Captain Wilson at said Rutherford County in North Carolina and was continually out on the expeditions against the Tories by whom he was surrounded in every direction, and from this time, to wit 1<sup>st</sup> January 1781 was in the actual service until the end of the war and continually engaged in pursuing, hunting up, and dispersing the Tories whenever a collection of them could be heard of – And he has no hesitation in declaring that four years at least during the Revolutionary War he was actually engaged as a private in the service of the United States. That the section of country in which he lived was almost overrun with Tories, and that in consequence of his activity in pursuing and dispersing them, he had rendered himself so obnoxious to them that he could not safely enter into any civil pursuit. That during the last four years of the war safety for him was only to be found in the ranks of the American Army, and that during that time he followed no other pursuit & when peace was proclaimed he was discharged but received no written Discharge. That he has no Documentary evidence of any kind to prove his services and never had any except the written Discharge heretofore mentioned and which he has lost. That he cannot to his knowledge prove his services by any person except Benjamin Hardin. That in the close of the Revolutionary War he resided for two years in Rutherford County, North Carolina, then moved to what is now Tennessee and remained four or five years, from thence to Kentucky where he lived six years, then Illinois where he lived about 18 years and from thence to Arkansas where he has been all most 18 years. That during the late war he served two years with the Rangers under Captain Jacob Short.

And this Deponent says that he is known to the following named persons in his neighborhood who can testify to his character for veracity and good behavior, to wit: Hugh Tomlinson, Hardin Hulsey, Myrick D. Newton, Townsend Dickinson, Charles H. Pelham, Joseph H. Egru [?] and Alfred Arnold. That when he first entered the service in 1776 he lived in the district of 96 South Carolina & that he was acquainted with General Greene and General Malmady of the Continental Service to which he thinks they both belonged. Colonel Williamson who afterwards joined the British, Col. McDowell, Colonel John Sevier and many others.

S/John Caruthers



I the above named John Caruthers do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or Annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State or Territory.

S/John Caruthers

Sworn to and subscribed before us first day of July A.D1833 in open court.  
S/William Arnold, Presiding Judge

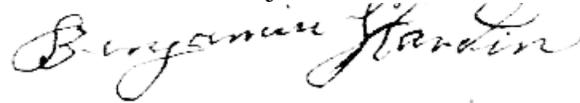
On this first day of July 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of said County Court now sitting Benjamin Hardin<sup>1</sup> (well known to the Court) who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he is well acquainted with John Caruthers who hath made the foregoing declaration and that he has heard the same read. And further says that he first became acquainted with said John Caruthers in June AD 1780, that afterwards at the battle of King's Mountain

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<sup>1</sup> [Benjamin Hardin \(Harden\) S32293](#)

he saw said Caruthers and knows that said Caruthers was rescued as he has stated from the British forces where he was a prisoner, this deponent being engaged therein and says that said Caruthers was from the time of the battle of said King's Mountain until the war was closed in the service of the United States as he the said Caruthers has stated and that John Caruthers was not during the period engaged in any civil pursuit, and that he is a man of truth and veracity and good behavior in the neighborhood where he resides.

S/Benjamin Hardin



Sworn to and subscribed before us in open Court the day and year aforesaid.

S/William Arnold, Presiding Justice

[Alfred Arnold, Joseph H. Egner, Charles H Pelham, Townsend Dickinson, Myrick D Newton, Hardin Hulsey & Hugh Tomlinson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the South Carolina militia.]