Virginia documents pertaining to John Carter VAS77
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[From pension records in the Library of Virginia:
Know all men by these presents that I John Carter of Kanawha County and State of Virginia do hereby authorize constitute and appoint John Reynolds of the afores’d County, my Lawfull attorney to receive in my behalf of the Commissioner of Loans in the State of Virginia, my pension for Two years, as an invalid, of the State of Virginia which pension was granted me by Act of Assembly bearing date the second day of Jan’y one thousand eight hundred seven. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 7th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eight
John Carter

[The act of the General Assembly referred to by Carter had the following provision: “[T]he sum of fifty dollars shall be allowed annually to John Carter, as a pension for his services in guarding the frontiers of this state against the inroads of the Indians, and in consequence of his having been disabled by a wound in performing the said services….”]

[From Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection/ Cabell County – Citizens]
To the Honorable Speaker and House of representatives of virginia &c. We the undersigned petitioners beg leave to represent to your honorable body that John Carter a citizen of cabell county; who is granted a pension is not an object of that discription He being a sound hail hearty well looking man; Who had acquird a plentiful living before he got the pension and that by hard labour he supports a good stock of horses cows and hogs. and as for the wounds he received was only flesh wounds through his arms and the flesh of his breast but not a bone toucht (however none broken so as to be known. but we know that he is a strong active man that has very good use of his limbs &c
We do therefore hope you will hear our reasonable request and take him off of the list of pensioners and we your petitioners as in duty bound do ever pray &c  [signed]
Isham Garrett  Henry Brummer  Samuel Amos  Joseph Ross
James Barrett  Cadwd[?] Chapman  Henry Chapman  Edmund Brammer
Lewis Collins  John Ball  William Fusen[?]  John Brammer
Jeffery Russell  James henry[?]  James Baker  Thomas Lee
William Chapman  John morris  Tha o less mccoy  Elias Campbell
James Brammer  David Spurlock  William morris  Andrew [undeciphered]
david Williams  John rogers  John Chapman  Ju[?] Benjamin Walls
Joseph holly  ezkel Slaughter  Antony Shelton  Luis hut Son
Thos Kilgore  Andrew Jorden  Benjn Davis  James [undeciphered]
George Spurlock  Isaac Cyrus  Wm Spurlock  David Harbour
Benjn Caritt  Sam Burton  Mark [undeciphered]  Joseph Garritt
Asa Booton  Paul Davis  James Ellen[?]  Elijah Stephenson
Thomas Thompson  George Davidson  Wm. Stephenson  William Garratt
Samuel Hugins  [four undecipherable]  Chester Howe  John Jarlen
Uriah Elliss  John B[?]a  David Jared  Isaac Russell
george [?]on  Saml Shelton  William Greenwood  John Shelton
George Hollenback  Charles rigg  Moses Creemone  Thomas Jones
John Griffith  Abra Stepheson  Jaramiah Joyes  Sampson Sanders

Mr John Carter
Sir  Please to take notice that a petition will be presented to the next general assembly of Virginia
The Honorable Speaker/ And members of the general Assembly of Virginia. Your petitioner, an inhabitant of the county of Cabell and Commonwealth of Virginia Humbly represents, that He is one of the number that suffer’d in the defence of the frontiers where setting the Valley of the great Kanawha River, and the western extremities of this State for which service, it is with the liveliest emmotins of gratitude, that your petitioner acknowledges the liberality of your Honorable body; in contributeing to the support of your petitioner, for a number of years past, which contribution frugally managed, in addition to the exertions of your petitioner & Family; furnished a comfortable support for the same. But your petitioner, would humbly suggest, to your honorable body that his situation is and has been very different, for the last twelve, or Eighteen months; He being entirely, unable to labour, & great part of his time unable to walk about. in consequence of the pains, infirmities, common to men; that has perform’d the toils, & watchings necessary in the savage wars; that so sorely afflicted our beloved Country, when first settleing. And so often surpris’d the unguarded Husbandman, in the field and bore him from his family; or cruelly murdered him at his plow handle. Such are the toils, and watchings, your petitioner shared in common with others, Such are the dangers He has been exposed to; and such are the scenes your petitioner has witnessed.

In addition to which, your petitioner received a wound in the Breast by a Rifle Ball which rifle was fired at your petitioner by the hand of a Savage, while your petitioner was in the service of his country; under command of Capt. John Morris, which wound has hurried on the list of infirmities, common to old age; and your petitioners sons, having grown up, and being poor, have gone from your petitioners cottage; to seek a living. And left your petitioner unprovided for, and your petitioner sees nothing to prevent his suffering, in his last days, but the liberality of your Honorable body; and humbly prays, your Honorable body to pass a Law increasing the sum of Fifty dollars, to that sum your Honorable body may deem sufficient; to prevent your petitioner from suffering the few days he may continue to Live. and as in duty bound will ever pray. John Carter

Dec’r 12th 1828 ref’d to Claims
1828 Dec’r. 17/ Reasonable
18th Reported
23 Bill drawn

NOTES:
Beginning on 16 Dec 1811 and each year thereafter until 1 Jan 1838 John Carter assigned power of attorney to collect his pension.
A document in the file states that John Carter died in Cabell County on 7 Sep 1838.