Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Richard Carney VAS2894 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.]

The affidavit of Spivey Wyatt [Spievy Wyatt S6456] of the County of Norfolk and State of Virginia, taken before Arthur Emmerson a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid, on this 17th day of September in the Year 1832.

This affiant being first sworn according to Law, deposeth and saith, that he is now in the seventy third year of his age, that he was a volunteer soldier in the war of the Revolution, that he served in that capacity for upwards of three years; the greater part of the time in the Town of Portsmouth & County of Norfolk. That during the period of his service, and also for many years after peace he was well acquainted with Rich'd Carney, who was born and raised in Norfolk County. That the said Carney was a Lieutenant in the Virginia State or Continental Army, (but which this affiant cannot now distinctly recollect) that he was an active and inteligent Officer, commenced his military career early in the war, and continued he is very sure until its close; but of this, he is positive, that he was in service for more than three years, and that he neither resigned his commission or was cashiered. The said Carney was constantly kept in the recruiting service, being considered by all his superior officers, one of the best recruiting officers in service. He would frequently go off and remain a month or two, & then return to Portsmouth with his recruits, stay a month or so, & then go again – he was therefore, never attached to any particular company or Regiment, but was constantly kept recruiting men, in which he performed very essential service to the Country, as they very much wanted. In this service the said Carney continued to act, during the whole of my service in the war. The said Carney was a young and active officer, and took great pride in his commission, and after the war, I have seen him frequently in public places with his his uniform on which he wore during the war sometimes with a part of it, and at other times with all of it – he was always after the war reputed & esteemed among his neighbours and acquaintances as a revolutionary officer – and I have often heard him talk upon the subject & [two undeciphered words] that occured during the war, and especially of his recruiting men.

The said Carney continued to reside after the war, in the County of Norfolk, until about thirty five years ago, when he removed to West Tennessee, where this affiant understood he rec'd a Brigadier Generals commission, and where he died a few years past, leaving as he understood several children now alive.

The affidavit of Ann Crosbie of the Boro. of Norfolk taken on the 24th day of January in the Year 1833 before William Wright a Justice of the Peace for the County of Norfolk.

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This affiant having first affirmed according to Law, saith, that she is now eighty years of age, that she was well acquainted with Richard Carney, who formerly resided in the County of Norfolk, that although she cannot say of her own personal knowledge, that the said Carney was a Revolutionary Officer, yet she thinks it is probable he was, as he was generally call'd as, and reputed as such, and upon one occasion she well recollects of having heard a gentleman who was an acquaintance of Carney's, say, that he, Carney, possesses more military power[?] than his Brother. The said Carney removed from the County of Norfolk many years ago, since which time she has not heard from him. And further she saith not.

[signed] Ann Crosbie