Virginia. Prince Edward County to wit:

I Joseph Davidson [W6977] do hereby Certify that Samuel Carter of Prince Edward enlisted in the Spring of 1777, under Capt William Cunningham as a soldier, to serve for three years, and was attached to the 1st Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, commanded by Col Richard Parker and General Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg]. Whilst in the service he was made Corporal, and served in that capacity the full term of enlistment and was honorably discharged. He was engaged in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Germantown [4 Oct 1777] and Mud Island Fort [siege of Fort Mifflin on Mud Island, 10 Oct - 15 Nov 1777] &c and proved a good soldier. I was with him in the same company the whole time. I am in the 84th year of my age, and am a Pensioner of the United States.

[22 Aug 1836] Joseph his Xmark Davidson

To his Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

The Memorial of Edward A. Carter the residuary devisee of Samuel Carter Dec’d late a soldier and Corporal of the State line of Virginia on Continental establishment during the War of the Revolution.

Your Memorialist begs leve respectfully to represent that he has no personal knowledge of the services of his late Father, the said Samuel Carter, in the Revolutionary war. That the said Samuel Carter enlisted as a soldier in the spring of 1777, under Capt William Cunningham in the county of Prince Edward, to serve for the period of three years, and was attached to the 1st Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, commanded by Col. Richard Parker and General Muhlenburg. Whilst in the service he was made Corporal, and continued as such untill the expiration of the term of three years for which he enlisted. He was a good soldier, and was honorably discharged. He was engaged in the battles of Brandywine, Germantown, Mud Island Fort &c &c all of which, will more fully appear by reference to the accompanying Certificates of those who served with him in the Army, and whose character for truth and veracity cannot be questioned.

Your Memorialist farther represents that the name of “Samuel Carter, Corporal” appears on the Army Register, according to the published Report of John H. Smith esq, late Commissioner of Revolutionary Claims.

Your Memorialist, therefore, humbly prays that your Excellency will grant him a Warrant for the quantity of land, to which the said Samuel Carter, Corporal, in his life time was entitled, for services rendered during the War of the Revolution, pursuant to the laws of Virginia in such case made and provided. And as in duty bound, shall ever pray &c [signed] Edward A Carter

[19 Sep 1836]