PAYROLLS OF THE MILITIA COMPANY OF CAPT. DANIEL CARLIN, HENRY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN 1779 AND 1781

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[The two rolls were submitted as part of an unsuccessful petition by Daniel Carlin (VAS1764) to receive pay for the services of his company. Each of the two payrolls consists of a single sheet folded as if for mailing, with the pay roll on the inside and the certificate by the County Lieutenant on the outside. Parts of each sheet are missing at the places marked [*]. The heading of each payroll, the list of names, the certification by the Justice of the Peace, and the certificate by the County Lieutenant are in four different handwritings. Brackets enclose alternative spellings and pension applications transcribed at revwarapps.org]

A Pay Roll for a Company of Militia; Under the Command of Capt. Daniel Carlin
Ordered into Actual Service from the County of Henry; On the 25th Day of July 1779 and Discharged the Tenth Day of September in the same Year —
Danal Carlin Capt
Thomas Carlin Lieut
William Hawkes Ensignh
John Hawkes – Sergon
Isham Webb – Sergon
Thomas Wray
Thomas Hill
Philip Holt
Thomas Hairdwick [Thomas Hardwick]
James Hoalestead [James Holstead]
James Stweard [James Steward]
William Stweard [William Steward]
Isham Royalty
John Royalty
Richard Richards
John Megown Junior [John McGowan]
Edward Stweart [Edward Stewart]
John Stweart [John Stewart]
Gilbart Turney [Gilbert Tearney W9850]
John Jones
William Sanders
Hamp Stweart [Hamp Stewart]
George Ewins [George Ewing]
Benjammon Johnston [Benjamin Johnson]

This Day Came Capt Danal Carlin Befour Me Wilm Mitchell JP For the Said County & Made Oath that he was ordered on Duty By the County Liutenent in 79 For the soth on July 25th & Ser[*]d Him Self & the aBove Offisers & Soldiers til Septem[*]
Certifieyed under My Hand July 27th 1786/ William Mitchell[*]

[signed] Will Tunstall Co. Lt.
**Pay Roll for a Company of Militia; Under the Command of Capt. Daniel C[*]** ordered into Actual Service from the County of Henry; On the Tenth Day of [*] 1781. And Discharged the Tenth of March 1781. —

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Henry County

This Day Came Came Capt Danel Carlin Be fore Me Wilm Mitchell Justis of the Pece for the Said County & made Oath that he was ordered on Duty in 81, in February 10th & Served him Self & the AB[*]e Offisers & Soldiers Til March 10th 81. Certifeyd Un[*]er My Hand July 27th 1786 Willim [*]hell

[*]ry County Ss.

I Certifie that I ordered Capt Daniel Carlin [*]arch with a Company of Volunteers to the assistance of [*]l Green whilst in North Carolina Abrahm Penn Cty. Lt.

Augt 27th 1786

Audtor Office 29 Oct 1791

The Auditor can’t say these Rolls head not been setled nor assert that they have, as there is no Check in his possession— The The Old books Now [undeciphered word] being removed to the Seat of Congress [several undeciphered words] it may be known by applicating to Commr Davis [three words lined through] and the [two or three undeciphered words] will procure a Certificate from him [two or three undeciphered words] the next Session of Assembly [several undeciphered words]

[Written from bottom to top of the page in a different hand] the Dessated[?] c/o Hugh Annstson[?] 20th one 30th September 1783

[Upside down on the same page in a different hand] Daniel Carlin Pay Roll the Law is repealed for issuing militia certificates. says J. P.

NOTES:

1. Many of the soldiers appear to have been from the western part of Henry County that became Patrick County in 1791. According to the pension application of Hall Hudson R5331, Carlin’s company during the 1779 tour served as Rangers along the border between present Patrick County VA and Wilkes and Surry counties of NC. This area, known as “The Hollow,” was notorious for Tory attacks on citizens. The phrase “For the soth” struck out in the certificate of the Justice of the Peace perhaps refers to their being sent south of Henry County.
2. According to J. T. McAllister, *Virginia Militia in the Revolutionary War*, Carlin was sworn as a Captain in the Henry County Militia on 20 Apr 1778.

3. Thomas Hill was commissioned Ensign in June 1781 according to McAllister.

4. William Letcher, often called Col. or Capt. Letcher, was about 30 years old when he was murdered by Tories on 2 Aug 1780 in his own home near Ararat in present Patrick County.

5. William Tunstal resigned as Lt. Col. of the Henry County Militia in Mar 1780, according to McAllister.

6. “Green” referred to in the certificate of Abram Penn was Gen. Nathanael Greene, who at the time of the 1781 tour by Carlin’s company was being pursued by Cornwallis through North Carolina. Carlin’s troops were discharged just five days before the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. At that time Col. Abram Penn commanded the Henry County Militia.

7. In the final notation “J. P.” refers to John Pendleton, Auditor of Public Accounts, who pointed out that a law had been enacted in 1788 barring further payment for militia services. See Hening's Statutes at Large [http://vagenweb.org/hening/vol12-24.htm](http://vagenweb.org/hening/vol12-24.htm): An act to repeal so much of every act of assembly as authorises the auditor of public accounts to issue certificates for militia service performed during the late war. Passed the 7th of January, 1788.