

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of William Carr S1896
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State of Tennessee, Sullivan County: August session 1832

On this 21st day of August 1832 appeared in open court before the Justices of the court of pleas &c now sitting William Carr a resident of the County & state aforesaid aged 77 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 the 7th June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States from Mecklenburg County North Carolina as a volunteer and served under Captain Barr & Colonel Polk from six to eight weeks against the Scots Tory in the year 1775 & that said services was performed at Fayetteville & its vicinity.

In 1775 in the later part of the year he volunteered from said state & County for a Colonel Alexander's Regiment and marched against the Swannanoa Indians and being on the sick list when they arrived at Cathy's Fort at or near the head of the Catawba [River] was stationed at said Fort until said term of service expired. In 1779 late in March he volunteered under Colonel I. Shelby [Isaac Shelby] from Sullivan County then Washington, North Carolina & served under said Shelby against the Creek Indians two tours immediately the one after the other in all at the least six or eight weeks.

In 1780 he volunteered for a two months tour under Captain Pemberton, Colonel Shelby's Regiment and had the command of Sergeant in the said Company & marched to King's Mountain & was in the memor [sic, memorable?] battle fought at said place and that he marched from Sullivan County North Carolina and does not recollect of any Regular discharge.

In the summer or early in the fall of 1781 [he] volunteered for three or four months & cannot recollect which from Sullivan County then North Carolina in the command of Sergeant [of] mounted horse in Captain Wallace's, Captain [sic] Shelby's Regiment and marched to Genl Marion's [Francis Marion's] camps in South Carolina on Santee [River] and after arriving at headquarters was ordered out below Moncks Corner & made prisoners of 18 or 20 British & Tories & brought them to our camps then was ordered out down or near the Bay to take one of the enemy's forts & found it vacated & partly burnt; on our return to headquarters had news of the surrender of the British Army at York; received my discharge of Colonel Bletcher [sic, ?] which was the only discharge in writing that I recollect to have received and it is lost or worn out and [he] has no witness that the above facts can be proved by except Lieutenant Edward Cox who I was under the last four months of service; total service from eleven to twelve months and served a month as Sergeant. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in this state or elsewhere and that this is the first effort that he has made to have his name enrolled on the pension list.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court.

S/ William Carr

[Edward Cox and Thomas Hamilton gave the standard supporting affidavit; Edward Cox added: "...Edward say[s] the said William served four months as sergeant under him."