

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Robert Carson S3207

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State of Tennessee } S.S.

County of Warren }

On this the 8th day of July A.D. 1834, personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions for the County of Warren in the state aforesaid now sitting Robert Carson aged Eighty one years the 20th of November next, 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 June the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herin stated.

In August 1776 the militia of Washington County in the State of Virginia where applicant then lived were called into the service for the purpose of being marched against the Cherokee indians, by the Government of that State for which purpose applicant in Washington County in the State of Virginia, some time in the month of August in 1776 (he cannot remember the precise day but feels confident it was about the first) volunteered into the service, he attached himself to a company commanded by Captain James Thompson, rendezvoused at Abingdon in the state aforesaid and he and his company were there attached to a Regiment commanded by Col William Christian. he does not remember the names of any of the other officers of the regiment, he thinks one of the Majors come from Augusta [sic: Augusta County] in Va. from there they were in a short time marched into the Cherokee settlements, in doing which they crossed the Holston river at the Bigg (great) Island [sic: Long Island at present Kingsport TN], the Frenchbroat [sic: French Broad River] at Evans's Ferry, and the Tennessee not far from where the Tellico [sic: Tellico] Blockhouse was subsequently erected, his regiment was detained upon the Holston untill about the first of September waiting for the arival of a regiment of North Carolinians, about that time as he now thinks they were joined by five or six hundred men from N. C. Commanded as he thinks by a Col. [James] Williams, they there marched into the indian settlements and were as he thinks joined by some other soldier but does not remember where they were from or who commanded them at all events there was 1500 or 2000 of them all together or something near that number, the first Town that they visted was near the Tennessee river as he now thinks. the second was about a days march from that he does not recollect either of their names. he thinks they went to the second in a day or two from the capture of the first and remained there for something like twenty days during which time the indians applied for peace and during this time they were stationed at this Town several indian Towns were burnt. they then left this Town and burnt as he thinks two other Towns. by this time an arangement was made for the cessation of hostility and they marched back to a station upon the Holston river called (not recollected) where he was discharged in writing by his Captain Thompson, he then returned to his residence he thinks it was about the middle of November 1776 when he was discharged in this Touer he served at least three and a half months. and for which he received the then usual compensation

Early in the Spring season of 1777 there was a call in Washington County in the state of Virginia where applicant then resided for volunteers to guard and protect the frontiers against the depredations of the indians Applicant volunteered into this service for the Term of Three Months he joined a company commanded by Captain James Dasart (or Dasey) [sic: James Dysart] rendezvoused at the dwelling house of the Captain in the County of Washington and State of Virginia about the time above stated and was as well as the ballance of his company by his Capt. immediately marched to Blackamores fort [at present Fort Blackmore in Scott County VA] which he thinks was upon Clinch river in going to which they crossed the North fork of Holston River. upon their arival at the fort or perhaps it was more properly speaking a station the company who were then there were discharged and applicants company took their

place as a guard. Applicant and his company here remained employed as a guard, for three months when his Touer expired, when early in the summer of 1777 he was in the fort aforsaid, verbally discharged by his Captain and then returned to his residence in the County aforsaid, in this Touer he served at least Three Months and was paid for that time, his company was not attached to any Regiment.

In Eight or Ten days after he returned home from the last abovementioned service Col. Arthur Campell [sic: Arthur Campbell] as he understood ordered Captain James Dasart to raise a company of volunteers for one month, to guard what was then called the Glade hollow fort on Clinch River [in present Russell County]. Applicant volunteered into this service joined his company at the house of Captain James Dasart in Washington County in the state of Virginia in the first part of the summer of 1777. he does not remember the precise day he was then with his company immediately marched to the aforsaid fort in going to which they crossed the North fork of Holston River he with his company were here stationed as a guard and so remained for the space of one months, when his Touer expired, or was then as he now thinks some time in the month of May 1777 at the fort aforsaid by his Captain verbally discharged from the service, in this Touer he served at least one month. and then returned to residence in the County & State aforsaid he received pay for this Touer.

About as he now believes the middle of September in 1780 there was a call made by Col William Campbell in Washington County in the State of Virginia for volunteers to march against the British & Tories under the Command of Major Furguson in North Carolina [sic: Patrick Ferguson in South Carolina] applicant volunteered into the service in the County aforsaid and about the time above stated, he joined a company commanded by Captain Andrew Colville, rendezvoused at Abingdon in the State of Virginia and was attached to a Regiment commanded by Col William Campbell & Major (formerly Capt) James Dasart. and were immediately marched to the Watauga River where they were joined by several other regiments under the command of Cols. Mcdowell [Joseph McDowell], [Isaac] Shelby & others from there they marched and crossed the Yellow Mountain about the head waters as he thinks of the Catawba river and were shortly after joined by an other and perhaps more than a regiment of men from South Carolina, they were then marched near to Gelbert Town in North Carolina. upon their arival at this place they ascertained that Furguson had decamped, it was determined by the officers in council to pursue him with the Cavaldry, and leave the solders on foot to follow on of which number applicant was one viz of the foot. the day before the battle at the Kings Mountain [7 Oct 1780] the Cavaldry left them in pursuit of Furguson, they the foot followed on but did not reach them before the battle they were the next morning after the battle met by those who were engaged in it a few miles from the Battle ground. in this Touer he served at least one month & a half and was paid for the time. he then with his company returned to his residence in Washington County in the State of Virginia where about the last of October in 1780 he was in writing discharged by his Captain Andrew Colville this ended his military service. he has no documentary evidence of his services nor does he know of any person whoose testimony he can procure who can testify as to his services.

- 1st. He was born the 10th November 1753 on Green Bryer River [sic: Greenbrier River] in the state of Virginia, near Englishes ferry, does not recollect the county.
- 2nd He has no record of his age, arives at from the information of his parents.
- 3rd. When called into the service he lived in Washington County State of Virginia, in 1782 he moved from Washington to Green County in the same State remained there one year, then moved to what is now Jefferson County in the State of Tennessee remained there fourteen years, then moved to the County of Blount in the same State lived there Twelve years. Then moved to this the County of Warren in the State of Tennessee where he has ever since resided.
- 4th. The first Touer he served he volunteered into the service and served 3½ Months
The second he volunteered into the service and served 3— Months
The third Touer he served he volunteered into the service & served 1— Month
The fourth Touer he served he volunteered into the service & served 1½ Months

In all he served at least Nine Months.

- 5th. He does not believe that there were any regular officers with the troops where he served if there were he does not recollect their names, nor can he now state any Continental regments or any thing more about Malitia Regiments than he has stated in the body of his declaration – nor can he from memmory state any more of the circumstances of his service than he has above stated his memmory is much weakened by old age. from which cause may circumstances are not stated
- 6th. He for each Touer he served received discharges from the service and they were all given to him by the Captains under whom he served the Touers as he now believes, as stated in the body of his declaration. the first one he received he left with the pay master in Abingdon in the State of Virginia upon receiving his pay for the Touer. the other the written only he gave to his Captains to draw his monney for the respective Touers he served and has not since seen them. nor does he know where they are now
- 7th. He is known to a Clergiman residing in his present neighbourhood and Jacob Woodley Esq. Major's Wm Armstrong & Wm. M. Roberson and diverse others who can and will as he believes testify as to his character for veracity and of their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or anuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforsaid Robert hisXmark Carson