

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Carter S9133

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State of Virginia, Monroe County: at Monroe February Court 1833

On this 18th day of February 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Monroe now sitting William Carter a resident of the County of Monroe and State of Virginia aged seventy-three years 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 7th, 1832; that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated; He entered in Albemarle County Virginia in the month of September 1778 in a company commanded by Captain John Grayson of said County and State aforesaid who marched with him to Staunton [in] Augusta County where he was put under the Command of Captain Alexander Henderson and Colonel Boyer [Lt. Col. William Bowyer]. After about ten days delay at Staunton, he was marched from there under the officers just named direct to old Fort Red Stone [Redstone] and from there he was taken to Fort McIntosh where he remained about a month and then he was marched to Fort St. Lawrence [sic, Fort Laurens] on the Tuscaraba [sic, Tuscarawas River]. At Fort Laurens he was put under Colonel Gibson [John Gibson] the commandant of the Fort. After staying at Fort Laurens about two months he was marched back to Fort McIntosh under the command of Captain Henderson where he continued until the five months expired, the time he enlisted for. Here he received a written discharge from Captain Henderson which discharge was burnt several years ago when he had the misfortune to have his home burnt. After his discharge from the Army, he returned to Albemarle County and in the year 1780 he moved to Burks [sic, Burke] County in North Carolina and about the first of June 1780 he volunteered his services in a Company of Mounted Riflemen commanded by Captain Moses Goss [sic, Guest]¹ to go against the Tories who had assembled at Ramsour's Mills. He was marched by Captain Guest to Ramsour's Mills where they arrived the morning after the Tories had been defeated². The next morning he was marched to different parts of the state wherever they could hear of the Tories being assembled. Captain Guest's company was under the command of Colonel Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] of Wilkes County North Carolina. They were left scouring the Country until about the first of September when they were rendezvoused near the Court House of Wilkes County N.C. From here they were marched on towards King's Mountain in South Carolina on the waters of Broad River. They met with a detachment of about 400 men commanded by Colonel William Campbell who took the command of Colonel Cleveland and his own forces and marched them on direct for King's Mountain where it was reported the British and Tories were collected to the number of twelve hundred or upwards under the command of General Furgeson [sic, Major Patrick Ferguson]. Here Col. Campbell arrived about three o'clock in the evening of the 24th September³ with all his force and immediately

1 [Moses Guest W11072](#)

2 The battle of Ramsour's mill took place on June 20, 1780.

3 The applicant's recollection of the date is incorrect. The Battle of King's Mountain occurred on October 7, 1780.

gave the enemy battle. After an engagement of upwards of three hours, the Americans succeeded in killing about a hundred and taking eight or 900 prisoners. The Commander of the Tories & British, General Ferguson, was killed in the engagement. The morning after the battle he was marched back to Burke County, N. Carolina, where he again received a written discharge from Captain James Shepherd under whose command he had been placed a few days previous to the battle of King's Mountain. This discharge was burnt at the same time that his first discharge above named was burnt. The whole time that he was in the revolutionary war engaged in the service of his country was about ten months, five months he served as an enlisted soldier in a Company of Riflemen, and five months he served as a volunteer in a Company of mounted riflemen. He has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services. He was born in Albemarle County Virginia on the 26th day of April 1760 but has no record of his age. He lived since the revolutionary war ten or eleven years in Burke County North Carolina; he then moved to Virginia and settled in Greenbrier County, that part of which now forms the County of Monroe where he has lived ever since. He is known in his personal neighborhood to Patrick Donnelly, Andrew Miller, George Nicholl, James Boyd and Robert Campbell who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

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

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/William Carter, X his mark

[William Adair, a clergyman, and Patrick Donnelly gave this rendered supporting affidavit.]

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William Carter – (10 months Virginia Troops)

I the undersigned William Carter make the following Re-declaration of my Revolutionary Services to went

I am in my 75 year of age – am a native of Albemarle County Virginia during the War of the Revolution. I moved with my father to Burke County North Carolina.

In the year 1778 I entered in Albemarle County Virginia for five months or during McIntosh's expedition. – I was enlisted by Capt. Grayson and marched with him to Staunton Virginia myself with four or five other soldiers of Capt. Grayson's company were left by him at Staunton to join Capt. Henderson's Company from Amherst – in a few days Capt. Henderson came on to Staunton – I marched with his company across the Allegheny Mountains by Red Stone old Fort, to Fort McIntosh. Joined General McIntosh's Army and marched with it to Fort Laurens and then back to Fort McIntosh – we started about the first of September, but I cannot say positively when we were discharged, but I think about the last of February or first of March – Three companies went out at the same time.

I think it was in the year 1780 and after moving to North Carolina as before stated – (in June) I volunteered as a minute man, Joined Capt. Gess company of Cavalry, we went from Burke County to Ramsour's mill, then about and through the County wherein we could hear of the Tories collected together, was at least 5 months in this service. J. W. Kelly wrote my Declaration – September 13, 1835
Witness

J. W. Kelly

S/ William Carter, X his mark

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Somerville January 12th, 1838

Sir

I received the letter of George M Crump to J. R. Poinsett Secretary of War stating that my name is not found on Capt. Moses Guest's list and also your note appended to it requesting me to give you a statement of all my services in the Revolution "under what officers I served and at what times." In

compliance with your request, I here with sent you the following Statement:

In the first place, I enlisted in September, 1778, in Capt. John Grayson's Company of Virginia militia said Company rendezvoused in Staunton Augusta County Virginia and marched to the River of Ohio under the command of said Capt. Grayson and Col. William Bowyer and assisted to build Fort McIntosh, stayed at said Fort, about two or three weeks, and then marched to Fort Lawrence; about 70 miles further own: at the latter place we were commanded by Col. Gibson – from the last mentioned place we came back to Fort McIntosh and were discharged sometime in the month of February following, embracing a period of about five months.

In the second place, In 1780, about the first of June I volunteered into Capt. Moses Guest's Company of Cavalry, of North Carolina and went on to Ramsour's Mills, in the edge of South Carolina and continued under the command of said Guest until about the first of September at which time I was transferred with several others to Capt. James Shepperd's [James Shepherd's] Company of Cavalry and went with him to the Battle of King's Mountain, and returned with some prisoners (say about 900) to the Moravian towns, there we separated the Tory from the British prisoners and took the latter to the Virginia line or thereabouts at which time the Virginia troops took charge of them and Capt. Sheppard's Company were discharged and consequently I was with the rest of them. Being at least 70 miles from home.

In consequence of my being transferred from Guest's company to Capt. shepherd's, It is probable my name appears on shepherd's roll of the man to King's Mountain, Instead of on Guest's role there I think my name will ^{would} [be] found if Capt. Shepperd's role of Light Horse men to King's Mountain can be found by the Secretary of War.

N. B.

The officers in command at the Battle of King's Mountain were as follows

General Campbell Commander-in-chief

Col. Cleveland

Capt. James Shepperd with several others whom I cannot now recollect

Sir

I expect you will do your best, to preserve my pension for me and for your endeavors accept my grateful thanks.

I remain your old friend

S/ William Carter Senior

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Nicholas Courthouse Virginia February 22nd, 1838

Dear Sir

I do hereby certify that I served during the Revolutionary War under Capt. Moses Guest which Company formed a part of the Regiment commanded by Col. William Campbell from North Carolina and Col. Cleveland also commanded the said Regiment a part of the time we marched from Wilkes County North Carolina to Ramsour's Mill from thence we were marched to King's Mountain during which march I was transferred to a company commanded by Capt. James Shepherd on whose roll perhaps my name may appear. I was in the Battle of Kings Mountain and fought under Capt. Shepherd I served under both these Captains in all five months or upwards – from King's Mountain I was detailed to guard the prisoners taken in that Battle to the Virginia Line at which place I was discharged by the officer in command which discharge was consumed by fire – while under the command of Capt. Guest Thomas Ferguson was the Lieut. of Guest – Thompson Epperson was orderly Sgt. – Michael Israel, C. Ross, James Ferguson, James Nailor – were my messmates in part – when transferred to Capt. James Shepherd – Williams was our Lieut. – Richard Sorrels was orderly Sgt. – Richard Sorrels, George Carter, Joel Kirby – who are all that I now recollect of my messmates – I enlisted under General McIntosh or rather John Grayson for five months against the Indians on whose roll my name will be

found, we marched from the County of Albemarle in Virginia we rendezvoused at Staunton Virginia and marched from thence under Capt. Grayson to within 10 miles of Pittsburgh Pennsylvania there we joined head quarters under General McIntosh from thence we marched to the Tuscarora River where we built a Fort at which place we stayed during the winter and treated with the Indians at which place I received my discharge which was consumed by fire. This service was performed in the year 1778 – the last Service was performed in the year 1780 as to my service I would refer you to my former declaration. I am unable to procure any additional testimony as it is probable at so distant a period all those under whom I served – and those whom I served with, are now numbered in the Dead.

I am very respectfully

your Obedient Servant

William Carter

To: John W. Kelly Esqr. [Carter's attorney]

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Virginia, Nicholas County, to wit:

Personally appeared William Carter Senior late of Monroe County Virginia before me a justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, and made oath that he had been placed on the pension roll in the year 1831 or 1832 and regularly drew a Pension of \$33.33 per year from the Government of the United States until the 4th day of September 1834 when his Pension was suspended – that James A Shanklin Esq. of Union Monroe County Virginia was his agent at the time his pension was suspended. Given under my hand this 7th April 1838.

Test.

S/ Ro. Hamilton

S/ Nathan Hanna, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months in the North Carolina and Virginia militia.]