

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Carter: W10590

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State of Tennessee Green [sic: Greene] County

September Term 1832.

On this 4th day of September 1832. personally appeared in Open Court before the Honorable Samuel Powel Judge of the Circuit Court of Law & equity for Green County now sitting John Carter Sr aged seventy six years who being 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 of the United States as a Volenteer, that he was a resadent of Pensylvania on the north branch of the Potomac in Cresap Town the County not recollected [sic: Cresaptown in Allegany County Maryland]. he thinks his Lieutenant was Lewis Rayns[?] and he served that Tour in scouting the surrounding country to keep down the Tories and was not in service less that three months said Tour and that he was verbally discharged by what officer he does not now recollect. Shortly after he returned home he volunteered under Cap'n. Scott for three months and was marched to Redstone[?] against the Shawnee Indians to protect the frontier settlements, and was in the service of the united states three months or more during said Tour, when he was discharged verbally but by whom he does not recollect. he states that he again valenteered under Cap'n. Owens for three months and was stationed at Owens Station between Manangahala [sic: Monongahela] and Cheat Rivers where he was again verbally discharged by whom he does not now recollect after having served between two & four months. he states that he then moved to North Carolina Surry County, he states that shortly after he emigrated to North Carolina he valenteered under Cap'n. Salathial [sic: Salathiel] Martin a resident of Surry County North Carolina who was employed in keeping down the Tories and served between two and three months principally in Surry and the adjoining counties he state that he was verbally discharged by s'd. Cap'n Martin he states that he again valenteered under Lieutenant Alin in Surry County and joined Colonel [Benjamin] Cleveland in s'd. County and was marched back and and forward through the adjoining counties as before to suppress the Tories about one or two weeks he states that he then moved to the teratory now Tennessee where he has resided ever since, which has been upwards of forty years. he states that shortly after after he moved to Tennessee now called, he was drafted in the and put under Cap'n. Trimble & Colonel Sever [sic: John Sevier] and was marched to Camden South Carolina mounted men and joined General [Francis] Marion at or near Camden [around Oct 1781] and scouted through that section of Country after the Tories & British. he states that he was not in any particular battles but frequently had skirmashes with the Tories and was discharged verbally by Colonel Sever after having served three months. he states that he served in all not less than fifteen months in the Revolutionary war. he states that his mind has failed him of late years that he canot posably recollect particulars. he further states that he was two or three Campaigns after the Cherokee Indians but he canot recollect whether it was durin the Revolution or not. he states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose Testamony he can procure, who can testify to his service. 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. he further states that there is no resadent minister of the Gospel in his neighbourhood where he resides.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

[signed] John Carter

NOTE: On 6 Oct 1845 Elizabeth Carter, 81, applied for a pension stating that she married John Carter in Surry County NC on 27 Aug 1783, and he died 10 Sep 1845. With her application is a family register kept by her husband of the names and dates of birth of their children.