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Pension application of William McCarter W4736

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The State of South Carolina, York District

On this 16 day of October A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Hon. Wm. D. Master one of the Judge of the Superior Court of the said State, William McCarter, a resident of the State of North Carolina Lincoln County, aged seventy four 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 7 June 1832.

That as well as he can recollect in the year 1775 he entered service of the United States as a militia soldier under the command of Col. Thomas Neil [sic, Neel], Capt. John Miller's company against the Cherokee Indians that he was absent on duty this tour about two months. That he then resided in South Carolina in the present District of York. That he was in several engagements there with the Indians in the Indian Towns.

That he next served in the 1779—or thereabouts a tour of duty at Orangeburg in South Carolina that he was drafted to serve this tour commanded by Col. Thos. Neil [sic, Neel] & Major Hawthorne in Capt. Byers [William Byers, Sr.] Company. Here he served for this tour three months, residing still in the same place.

The next tour of service was during the Revolution at the Four Holes in South Carolina where he went by command of Col. Hill [William Hill] & Col. Howe Militia Colonels who forwarded to him a Commission as Captain of the Militia. That under the Commission he acted as a Captain of Militia at the Four Holes for three months. That he cannot fix the year of his own recollection. That he was then residing at the same place & under the Military Command of Colonel Wm. Hill & Col. Jas. Howe. That during this tour they had some skirmishing with the Tories.

The Next Tour of duty performed by him was under General Marion, then Colonel Marion where he acted as a private & a volunteer on the Santee River, South Carolina below the Eutaw Springs. This duty was performed as well as he can recollect in the year 1779 and he was out during this tour two months.

That he also served other tours of duty in the Revolutionary War as a Whig Soldier of the Militia at various times but for what length of time he cannot recollect precisely but he can certainly say that it amounted to one year in addition to the forgoing services. That only for a few days was the detachments he was in Service was connected with any regular troops and then only for a few days while at Bacon's Bridge near Dorchester who command the regular troops he cannot now remember—that he has now no discharges from service nor has he any documentary evidence of his services nor can he procure any that he is aware of—That he can prove his service by Capt. James Martin¹ and Robert Hannah [sic, Robert Hanna]².

And that he does hereby relinquish every claim to any pension or annuity whatever except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to Subscribed the day & the year aforesaid in open Court

S/ William McCarter, X his mark

S/ A. M. Whorter, CCCPIs

1 [James Martin S9391](#)

2 FPA S22290

[Robert Y. Russell, a clergyman, and George Ross gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Personally came Captain James Martin and Robert Hannah before the subscribing Justice and being duly sworn saith that they have seen the within declaration of William McCarter setting forth his services in the War of the revolution they state upon their oath their belief of the truth of said declaration and that they were personally present and intimately acquainted with the greatest part of those services, they further state that it is universally conceded by all who are acquainted with him and denied by none that he was a soldier of the Revolution in the Capacities set forth in the said declaration. Sworn to & subscribed this day of October A.D. 1832 before me.

S/ J M Martin, J. U. Ex officio

S/ James Martin, X his mark

S/ Robt. Hanna

The following questions were propounded by his Honor Judge William D. Martin to the applicant for a pension, on account of services as a volunteer in the Militia of South Carolina

Interrogatory 1st: When and in what year were you born?

Ansr: I was one in York County Pennsylvania on the 27th of January 1758

2nd Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

Ansr: I have the record of my age at my house in Lincoln County North Carolina

3rd Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ansr: When called into the service I resided in York District South Carolina; since the Revolution I have lived in York District South Carolina until within the last seven years, since which time I have lived in Lincoln County North Carolina.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?

Ansr: I first volunteered and was once afterwards drafted and every other tour I served I served as a volunteer.

5th State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Anrs: I served under both General Lincoln and Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] Continental officers and General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] and Williamson [Andrew Williamson] Militia officers, I served in Colonel Neel's and Bratton's Regiments. The general circumstances of my service is stated in my declaration.

6th Did you ever receive a commission; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?

Ansr: I did receive a commission signed by Colonels Hill and Howe – militia Colonels of South Carolina and after my tour of duty was over threw it away.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Ansr: I am known in my neighborhood to the following Gentlemen who know me and believe I was an officer of the revolution to wit Wm Wilson, Esqr, Wm McGill, Esqr, John Oats and J. P. Montgomery.

Sworn to October 17, 1832 in open court.

S/ Wm McCarter, X his mark

S/ A. M. Whorter, CCCPls.

[On June 14, 1845, Isabella McCarter filed for her pension in Lincoln County, NC as widow of William McCarter. She alleges she was married to him sometime in 1791 and that he died February 24, 1843.]

Bible Record

William Mccarter & Isabella Carson was Married January the 25th 1791

Elizabeth our oldest Daughter was Born November the 16th 1791

Abraham was Born October the 28th 1794

[illegible] was Born January the 12th 1797

[illegible]

William Mccarter was Born November 19=1802

Mary Kandry and Isabella Thompson was Born Feb. [illegible]

[affidavit of Elizabeth Wright states that the Bible record was in the handwriting of John Carson and John Hays]