

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Carithers (Carithers) W6628

Mary fn52SC

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State of Mississippi Chickasaw County: On this 30th day of December 1842 personally appeared before me Drury Binum Glover Judge of the Probate Court in and for the County and State aforesaid Mary Carithers a resident in the State of Mississippi in the County of Chickasaw aged Eighty-eight years past who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Provision made by Congress passed the 4th day of July 1836. That she is the Widow of William Carithers a Revolutioner who served as a private in the Revolutionary War under my knowledge from the year 1777 or 1778 to the Close of the War as a Volunteer under different Officers – Under Captain Anderson [probably Captain Robert Anderson] in Ninety Six now Abbeville District South Carolina against the Tories and marching through the Cherokee Nation against the Indians this was I believe in the year 1777 or in the year 1778. The length of service she cannot recollect. In the year 1779 or 1780 she believes her Husband William Carithers was in a battle or Engagement with the Tories under Captain William Baskins at Savannah River and was made Prisoner with Captain William Baskins and in a short time after he was released from the Tories at the Battle on Kettle Creek¹ on the Georgia side of the River. After my said Husband's Release he served as a private and volunteer under Lieutenant James Baskins against the Indians in 1780 or 1781 and was in and Engagement under Lieutenant Baskins in the Cherokee Nation with the Indians and was frequently Engaged against the Indians in Scouting parties until the Close of the War. She declares that her Husband William Carithers found and served on his own horse and received no Compensation from the Government. She further Declares that her Husband William Carithers never applied for a pension nor did not receive a pension from the Government. She further Declares she was lawfully married to Her Said Husband William Carithers the 22nd day of June 1779 in the Fort in the State of Georgia near Savannah River previous to her marriage she lived with her Father James McGowan on Savannah River in Ninety Six now Abbeville District South

¹ February 14, 1779 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/kettle.htm>

Carolina. She Declares to the best of her knowledge there is no person living that was personally present at the marriage between herself and William Carithers and no record was made of the Marriage. She declares that Her Husband William Carithers died on the 23rd day of August 1826 in Abbeville District South Carolina near Savannah River his Disease was to the best of her knowledge the Conjunctive fever no suppose Cause for his Disease known to me only a severe chill followed by high fever and Departed suddenly. She declares she was married to her Husband William Carithers before his service Closed in the War and she further Declares that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed. And she further declares from bodily infirmity and Weakness she is unable to appear in open Court of Record to make her Declaration without serious injury to herself the distance supposed to be 20 miles –

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year herein written.

Before me

S/ Drury B. Glover, Judge

S/ Mary Carithers, X her Mark

[fn p. 9: On February 28, 1843 in Chickasaw County Mississippi, Robert Carithers, son of the veteran and his widow, authenticated the family record which he states came into his possession upon the death of his father William Carithers's; that the record was made from an earlier one in in a small Bible and was made at the request of his father by one John McKeney



[fn p. 10: family record:

William Carithers Senior was born April 12th, 1754

Mary Carothers was born September the 8th, 1754

Elizabeth Carothers was born March 28th, 1780

Sarah Carothers was born January 17th, 1782

Matthew Carothers was born June the 22nd, 1784

James D Carothers was born June the 12th, 1786

William Carithers was born October the 7th, 1788

Samuel Carithers was born February the 2nd, 1791

John G Carithers was born August the 26th, 1793

Hugh M. Carithers was born November the 26th, 1796

Robert Carithers was born May the 29th, 1800,

Hannah Carithers wife of Robert Carithers was born February 9th 186 [last digit illegible]²

William Carithers and Mary Carothers was married June 22nd 1779

[fn p. 28: certificate dated I May 30, 1843 from the South Carolina Comptroller Office listing payments made to a William Carithers for services in the militia during the revolutionary war.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1848 for her husband's service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

² This entry is in a different handwriting than the other entries shown above