

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Karcher (Karacher, Karaler, Kariker, Cariker) ¹ W9488 f73NC
Frances Karcher

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

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State of North Carolina, Anson County: Superior Court of Law fall Term 1832

On this 13th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable J. J. Daniel, one of the Judges for the Superior Court of Law and Equity in said State, now sitting as such for the County of Anson, George Karcher, alias George Karaker-- a resident of Anson County aforesaid and State of North Carolina, aged eighty years, in October 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he enlisted, as a volunteer, early in the month of May 1778 under Captain Jack [James Jack], who lived then in Charlotte N. C. when he enlisted he lived in what was then Mecklenburg County, now Cabarrus, N. C. he enlisted for nine months to go northward in what was then called the nine months service – was to rendezvous somewhere in Maryland, at Bladensburg he believes, where they were to procure arms &c.-- and then join the regulars – was marched from Charlotte, N.C. under Captain Jack, Joseph Graham as Sergeant to Caswell County N. C. near the Virginia line sometime in June of the same year – where we were encamped and remained several weeks – until we heard of the Battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] – and that the British were gone to New York. I then received a furlough and returned home to Mecklenburg, with the expectation of being called out again sometime in the fall of that year. He was gone about three months from the time he enlisted until he returned. He thinks, but is not certain, that Will Davidson [William Lee Davidson] was the Colonel or commanding officer in this service. Orders were then given to [those] as who had enlisted in the nine months service to rendezvous at Charlotte N. C. 5th of November 1778. He was marched thence in the expedition to Purysburg on the Savannah River. He was then placed under Captain Goodwin [brackets Christopher Goodwin] and Lieutenant Hilton of the regular or Continental Army. After he left Charlotte, he was under Captain Jack, and the Regiment commanded by Colonel Lytle [Archibald Lytle] – drew arms near Charleston – and was then placed under Goodwin and Hilton as mentioned before – served out the nine months in this expedition from the 5th of November 1778 to the 5th of August 1779. From Purysburg he was marched to a place called the “two” or the “three” sisters – thence to Augusta – there crossed the River – thence to Stono had a general parade in Augusta – was at the Battle of Briar Creek [March 3, 1779] – saw there General Ashe [John Ashe], who ordered his forces to retreat – was in the Battle at Stono [June 20, 1779] – was

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then marched towards Charleston S. C. -- encamped at Bacon's Bridge -- whence he was marched to Moncks Corner and discharged there by Colonel Lytle -- was still under Captain Goodwin and Lieutenant Hilton. During a part of this service, he was at what was called the infantry, for scouting, under a French officer by the name of Malbury or Malmeth—or some such name [sic, Francis de Malmedy, Marquis of Bretagne] who was a Colonel or Lieutenant Colonel. Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] was the General in chief. His discharge is destroyed -- not believing it necessary to preserve it.

Before this service he also volunteered in the expedition against the Cherokee Indians -- marched from Mecklenburg where he entered the service -- under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] -- Captain John Barringer -- marched to the Pleasant Garden in the mountains -- thence over the French Broad [River] to the Cherokee land, and the Valley Towns -- was in the service about three months. He is unable to say what year this was -- but he left home early in the month of October when he was about 22 years old.²

He also volunteered in what was called the "Snowy Campaign"³ before the nine months tour spoken of before-- the exact period he is too old and unable now to recollect-- volunteered when he lived in Mecklenburg -- marched under Captain John Phifer and Cabb Phifer [Caleb Phifer] Lieutenant -- Rutherford was commander in chief -- went to Charlotte, North Carolina thence to "Ninety Six" in South Carolina -- thence to a small River beyond "96" then called "Long Cane" -- thence back to Charlotte N. C. where he was discharged by his Captain -- ~~which~~ was. In this service he suffered immense hardship -- and was out for something upwards of three months -- Then afterwards he enlisted and went through the service spoken of in the first part of this declaration. I was afterwards a minute man as we were then called at various times till after the British passed through Charlotte N. C. towards Virginia. How long this service was he is unable to remember.

He knows of no person that can prove his services except Jacob Miller⁴ of Cabarrus -- and Jeremiah Clontz⁵ of Mecklenburg -- who were in the service with him. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity 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 & year aforesaid.

S/ George Karaker, X his mark

[James Beverly, a clergyman and Edmund McLendon gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories propounded by the war Court aforesaid to George Karaker-- in his application for a pension

1st: Where and in what year were you born?

Answer -- I was born in the County of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania on the 25th day of October 1852.

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

Answer -- I have at home in a book

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

Answer -- I lived in that part of Mecklenburg County N. C. which is now Cabarrus when I entered the service -- where I remained till about 30 years ago -- since which time I have always lived in Anson where I now live

² Veteran is probably referring to the Cherokee Expedition of 1776. H

³ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_snow_campaign.html

⁴ [Jacob Miller W4033](#)

⁵ [Jeremiah Clontz S8219](#)

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?

Answer – I was always 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.

Answer – General Lincoln – Rutherford – Ashe – Lytle, Malmedy -- & such facts as or mentioned in my declaration

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

Answer – I was discharged by Colonel Lytle – Captain Phifer – these discharges are lost

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.

Answer: The Reverend James Beverly and Edmund McLendon, Esqr.

S/ George Caraker, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Witness Martin picket Clerk &c as aforesaid.

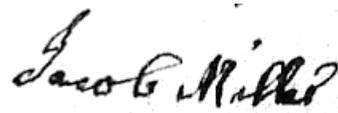
S/ Martin Pickett, CD.

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State of North Carolina, Cabarrus County

This day came personally before me Ch. Melchor a Justice of the Peace in & for said County, Jacob Miller, Senior, a resident of said County who being duly Sworn according to law Deposeth and saith that early in the Month of May 1778 George Karker now of Anson County then of Mecklenburg County, enlisted as a Soldier in the War of the Revolution (Private) in what was then called the 9 Months men from the terms of their service, being to serve 9 Months after the [sic, they] arrived at the place of rendezvous which was stated to be at Bladensburg in the State of Maryland we marched from Charlotte in Mecklenburg County and after various delays from other Counties to assemble, some time in June Encamped in Caswell County near the Virginia line after staying there several weeks we received news of the Battle of Monmouth & that the British were gone to New York, me & the said George Karcher then took furloughs & returned home with the expectation that we would be called upon in the fall (we were gone I believe about three months from the time we left home until we returned some time in August – Orders were given to rendezvous at Charlotte 5th November 1778 & then marched until near Charleston South Carolina, drew Arms commanded by Captain Jack in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Lytle & after we drew arms we were put under the command of Captain Gooden & Lieutenant Hilton we then served together 9 months in the said service safe from the 5th of November 1778 until the 5th of August 1779 and was discharged as faithful Soldiers. I believe we were discharged near Dorchester South Carolina. Sworn to & subscribed to in my presence this 7th day of September 1832.

S/ Jacob Miller



S/ Ch. Melchor

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State of North Carolina, Anson County

On the 29th day of April 1833 personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of

the Peace in and for the County aforesaid George Kariker a resident Citizen of the above County and State who being duly sworn Deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following Grades.

First I served in the year 1775 or 1776 a tour against the Cherokee Indians under the command of Captain Barringer and General Rutherford I served this time as a private three months.

Secondly in the year 1777 a tour to 96 under the Command of Captain Phifer and General Rutherford as a private served this time three months.

Thirdly in the year 1778 under the command of Captain Jack and Colonel Davidson Regiment I served as a private this time three months.

Fourthly in the year 1778 & 1779 in a tour to the South under the command of Captain Goodwin and Colonel Lytle as a private served this time nine months.

Fifthly I served at various times in the years 1780 & 1781 against the British and Tories under the command of Captains Plyler [Frederick Plyler] and Starns [probably John Sterns] as a private at the least four months. I served in the above mentioned five tours in all twenty-two months to the best of my recollection and for such service I claim a pension. Sworn to and Subscribed to before me the day and date above written.

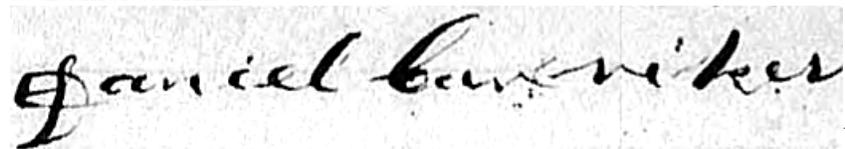
S/ George Kariker, X his mark

S/ W. Hammond, JP

[p 68: On August 31, 1835 in Pike County Georgia, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit to the Georgia agency giving as his reasons for moving from North Carolina to Georgia "the sale of his possessions in the former State in consequence of the destruction of three mills by freshets in the course of five years, and his inability from the increasing infirmity of age to rebuild and manage a mill – and also because three of his sons resided in Georgia, and his youngest son was determined on moving to this State." The veteran's application for a transfer was supported by the affidavit of John D Lee who states that he has known the veteran from the affiant's earliest recollection.]

[p 60: On December 4, 1848 in Heard County Georgia, Daniel Kariker [sic] gave testimony that he was present when George Karcher alias George Kariker was married to Frances lay in Anson County North Carolina about the year 1806 and that Frances Kariker is the widow of George Kariker who died in Heard County in October 1836.

S/ Daniel Carriker

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel Carriker". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The letters are connected and fluid, with a prominent 'D' at the beginning and a long, sweeping tail at the end.

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State of Alabama, County of Tallapoosa

On this Sixth day of January 1854 personally appeared before me, a Judge of the Probate Court of Alabama in the County and State aforesaid Francis Cariker (who I certify by reason of bodily infirmity is not able to travel to Court) a resident of said County and State aged Eighty years, who being sworn according to law, doth on her oath, they were the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed February 3,

1853.

That she is the widow of George Cariker a Revolutionary Soldier and Pensioner, who when he first received his pension, resided in the County of Anson, North Carolina. She thinks he drew his pension at that place until March 1835, when he removed to Heard County, State of Georgia, where he continued to draw his pension until October 1836, when he died. (She thinks his name on his Pension paper was spelt with a "K" instead of a "C" as it is spelt "Karker" or "Kariker" in Dutch, it being a Dutch name).

She further declares that she was married to the said George Kariker or Cariker by Court License, by Edward Windfield Esq. of Wadesboro Anson County North Carolina on the 8th day of April in the year 1808. Her name was Frances Lee. Her first child was born in the year 1809. The name of her first child was Rachael. She also declares that she has not intermarried since the death of her said husband George Cariker, and that she is still a widow. She further declares that she has appointed William Hunt of Washington City DC her Attorney to take charge of her pension certificate should it be granted, and to examine any paper, and to do all other acts in the premises the same as though she herself were personally present. She has never before made application for pension.

S/ Frances Cariker, X her mark

[p 18: On April 20, 1855 in Tallapoosa County Alabama, Frances Karaker, 81, applied for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war soldier; in this document she states that she married her husband in Wadesboro, Anson County North Carolina on April 8, 1808; that her name before her marriage was Frances Lee; that her husband died October 6, 1836 in Heard [?]⁶ County Georgia. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 20: On April 23, 1859 in Coosa County Alabama, Henry Cariker gave testimony that he is the only surviving son of Frances Cariker who died in Coosa County Alabama September 16, 1858 and that she remained the widow of George Cariker at the time of her death.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry Cariker". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

Heard County Geo
⁶ is now a widow. Heard County, GA?