Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Richard Carr VAS68

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[From pension records in the Library of Virginia:]

Sessions. Rockbridge Court 1792.

It appearing to the Court that Margaret Carr, Widow of Richard Carr, who was a Soldier, & died in the service of the United States, has not heretofore received an allowance made her by this Court in October 1782 – Which on her motion is ordered to be certified. a Copy Teste A. Reid Ct.

I Do hereby Appoint My Trusty Friend William Caruthers to call on the Auditors of Public Accounts to Issue a Warrant to me for Ten Pounds Granted me by the Act of Assembly passed the 20th of December 1792 for my Immediate Relief as Widow of a Soldier Who died in the Service of the Commonwealth During the late War. Witness my hand this 7th Day of May 1793 Margarat herXmark Carr

June Rockb'g Court 1794

Ordered that the Sheriff pay Margaret Carr Twelve pounds for her Pension in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety three a Copy Teste A. Reid Ct.

Order for/pension in 1794.

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Margaret Karr

State of Ohio/ Warren County Sct.

Margaret Carr came before me one of the justices of the peace for the said County, and made oath that she is the same Margaret Carr who was placed on the pension list of the State of Virginia by an order of Council of the United States of America at the rate of Forty dollars pr annum. That she has resided in the County of Rockbridge and State of Virginia until the year 1814 and that she now resides in the County of Warren and State of Ohio.

Given under my hand & seal this 26th day of July 1817 Burwell Goode JP (LS)

Know all men by these presents that I Margaret Carr of the county of the county of Warren and state of Ohio have made ordained constituted and appointed and By these presents do make ordain constitute and appoint John Lyburn Esq of the Town of Lexington and county of Rockbridge state Va. to receive for me and for my use from the state of Virginia or the person legally authorised and empowered to pay the same, my Pension for the year 1817 amounting to forty dollars as the widow of Richard Carr dec'd who died a soldier in the army of the Revolutionary war a few days previous to the memoreable battle fought at gilford court house in North Carolina [sic: Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781] and his Receit shall be an acquitance therefore. Given under my hand and seal this 12th day of Jan'y 1819

Margarett herXmark Carr

The file contains many documents similar to the above, the last one dated 14 Nov 1820.]

[From Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection/ Rockbridge County]

To the Hon'ble. the speaker of the house of Delegates

The petition of Margaret Carr of the County of Rockbridge respectfully sheweth. That your petitioners husband Richard Carr was a Soldier in the service of the United States during the late revolutionary war, and died in the said service; that in the year 1792 a pension of \$40 was allowed to

your petitioner which she has regularly received, and which was adequate to her support until within the last two or three years past within which time she has been rendered by age and infirmity altogether incapable of contributing towards her won support; that as she has been frequently confined, and dependant on the assistance of others. Your petitioner in consideration thereof prays that the legislature will grant such addition to her pension as will be sufficient to her maintenance, and your petitioner as in duty bound will pray.

Margaret herXmark Karr

Dec'r 21st 1809 Rec'd./ Decr 26 1809 To Claims/ Rejected

To the Hon'ble the Speaker of the Genl assembly of Virg'a

The petition of Margaret Carr the widow of Rich'd Carr a soldier in the revolutionary war, from the County of Rockbridge humbly represents That her said husband engaged in the service of his Country about the year of [blank] to serve for the term of Eighteen months that within that period & while in service he died. That your petitioner was left to contend with all the difficulties incident to raising & supplying the wants of her Orphan children from her own personal exertions unaided from any other source except the benevolence of the neighborhood in which she lived, That at the close of the war her relations in Pensylvania hearing of the disaster that had befalen her came to the County of Rockbridge & removed her to that state where she resided for six years. She than by report understood that a pension was allowed to the widows of soldiers in helpless condition who had died or were kiled in the service of their Country this information induced her to return to Virg'a. that she might examine into the matter & see if her Country whose service had bereft her in the loss of her husband of all her comfort & support, It became more necessary to investigate the subject by her declineing health & inabily longer to struggle with adversity, She represents that she obtained her pension for the fi[?]ley allow'd. bearing date the [blank] day of [blank] & that from that period to the present she has recv'd. it, But that she has never recv'd any think anterior to the period afors'd. She prays that the arrears due her from the death of her husband to the first drawing of the pension afores'd, be allowed her & that the proper officer be directed to pay it to her – this application presses upon your petitioner from the circumstance that she is now entirely helpless & unable to make any exertion whatever for her support & from the circumstance of others being allowed their pensions from the receit of their wounds and death of their husbands. For the truth of this petion she refers you to the anexed and acompanying documents both as to the time of the commencement of her pension & her present low health & afflicted condition

ref'd to Claims Dec'r 7^{th} 1813/ lay over Dec'r 28^{th} / Rejected Jan'y 12^{th} 1814/ Report drawn Jan'y 12^{th} 1814