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Pension Application of Joshua Carnes R1709

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State of Maryland } SS

Charles County }

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 1855, personally appeared before me, Peter W. Carne Judge of the Circuit Court of Charles County in the State of Md. William R. Carnes a resident of the County of Charles and State of Md. aged 41 years, who, being duly sworn according to Law doth on his said oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he is the son of Joshua Carnes deceas'd who died on the 11<sup>th</sup> of May 1832 in Charles County Md. aged 73 years, and that his mother died in the same County some time in August 1838 aged 65 years and that he has one sister named Frances E. Crampsey, being the wife of John Crampsey, aged 51 years, who resided in Charles County Md. That his father the aforesaid Joshua Carnes, Enlisted or Volunteered in the Service of the United States, or State line in the year [blank] in Stafford County in the State of Virginia at a place known then as Drummonds old fields, under Captain Hamilton it is believed, and was attached to Gen'l Green's regiment [sic: Gen. Nathanael Greene, who commanded the Southern Army from 3 Dec 1780 until the end of the war], but was detached and placed under some other officers, the names of whom now cannot be recollected; that he was with the southern army in North and South Carolina and is believed to have been in the Battles of Guilford Court House [15 Mar 1781], Cowpens [17 Jan 1781], & Charlestown [sic: Charleston SC]; and lastly at Yorktown when Cornwallis Surrendered [19 Oct 1781] He further states that his said father, the said Joshua Carnes had lost one of his eyes, it is not recollected which, when a youth and of course had but one when he entered the Army. And that the said declarant can not procure any witness at this late day to identify his said deceased father and presents the above narrative of what he has been told by his said father

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, that his said father's name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State, or, (if any) only on that of the Agency of the State of Maryland

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid            W. R. Carnes

NOTES:

An application dated 12 Sep 1854 is less detailed than the above except that it states that Joshua Carnes served four years and five months and married Catharine Randal in Stafford County on or about 7 Dec 1797. The file includes a copy of a bond signed on 7 Dec 1797 by Joshua Carnes and William Randall for the marriage of Carnes to Catherine Randall.

On 12 Jan 1855 Daniel Jenifer of Port Tobacco MD stated that Joshua Carnes was his manager for several years, had frequently spoken of his services, and had asked his help in obtaining what he was entitled to.

The claim for a pension was denied for lack of evidence of service.