

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Jacob Carter R1746

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The State of Mississippi }
Marion County } SS

On this 5th day of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Isaac Brokfield Judge of the Court of Probate in and for the county aforesaid at the court house thereof now sitting Jacob Carter a resident in the county and state aforesaid aged seventy seven 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 June 7th 1832.

That he was drafted in the army of the United States in the year 1774 or in the defence of the State of Pennsylvania against the hostile band of Shawnee Indians with the Troops under Captain John Pierpoint immediately under the command Lieutenant Lewis Rodgers, in an expedition to Jacob Stradlers Station on Duncans Creek across the river Monongahelia [sic: Monongahela] about 20 or 25 miles where he remained and served during the period of three months that his place of residence at the time of being drafted was in the fork formed by the junction of Cheat and Monongahelia rivers [at present Point Marion] in the State of Pennsylvania, and that at the expiration of said term he was verbally discharged. And about one month after said term he again Volunteered and entered into the service of the United States Under the Command of the above named Officers, that he crossed the River Monongahelia opposite Capt David Owens Station, where he remained and served at the Fort of Station for the period of three months, from thence he was verbally discharged. That in the year 1777 he removed from thence to the state of North Carolina County of Surry and Volunteered in a Company there under the command of Capt. Sallathiel Martin [Salathiel Martin] - that under the organization of said Company he was elected first Lieutenant of said Company and the election confirmed by the County Court of said County - where he remained and served in said company in the capacity of Lieutenant for the term of three years. That in the Year 1780 in the month of July he again entered the service as a volunteer under Col. [Elijah] Isaacs and marched from Salisbury North Carolina for the purpose of forming a junction with Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates and fell in with him at the Cheraw Hills South Carolina, and thence marched for Rudgelies Mills [sic: Rugeley's Mill] about twelve miles west [sic: north] of Camden State aforesaid from thence we took the line of march for Camden [about 10 PM, 15 Aug 1780] to meet Lord Corn Wallis [sic: Cornwallis] and that on the 15th [sic: 16th] day of August 1780 he witnessed the scene of the defeat of Gen'l. Gates, the troops from thence returned holme in great confusion. and immediately after the battle of the Kings Mountain [7 Oct 1780] he was taken prisoner by the Tories Commanded by Col. Right [sic: Gideon Wright or Hezekiah Wright], that in this commencement of the action he received a short in the forehede [shot in the forehead?] which materially injured him. And that he made his escape by taking Parole and returned holme. That shortly after he entered the service as a substitute for one Peter Sally - Under the Command of Col. Smith Commanded by Capt. Right [sic: Daniel Wright] - as first Lieutenant of said Company we then took up the line of march in order to join Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] at Gillford Court house [sic: Guilford Courthouse] N. Carolina that on our arrival at said place the battle being fought the day previous [15 Mar 1781] we marched to Willmington to the Sea Cost [sic: see note below]. there we dispursed a band of tories and shortly after received the news of the Capture of Lord Corn Wallis [on 19 Oct 1781]. We on receiving the news of said Capture were Verbally discharged and returned holme.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency in any State.

[signed] Jacob Carter

Georgia }
Harris Cty. }

Personally came before me James Ramsey Justice of the peace in and for said County William Norris [pension application R7702] and after being

duly sworn deposed and saith on oath that Jacob Carter served as Lieutenant in the Revolutionary war in Genl. Rutherfords [Griffith Rutherford's] Brigade Col. Smith's Reg't. in Capt. Daniel Wright's company of Mounted Infantry, and they served three months together in the state of N. Carolina

Sworn to and subscribed this 5th day of May 1835

Wm Norris

NOTES:

Immediately after the Battle of Guilford Courthouse Gen. Greene pursued Cornwallis toward Wilmington NC, but only as far as Ramsey's Mill on Deep River. The Wilmington Campaign did not begin until the fall of 1781, and it continued until the British evacuated the city on 18 Nov.

M. E. Carter of Covington Co. MS later (year illegible) inquired about the fate of his father's application for a pension.