

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Carson S1506

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State of Tennessee Weakley County: SS

On this 14th day of October 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting, Henry Carson a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged seventy-eight years, 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 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. I entered the service under Captain James Craig in Rowan County North Carolina, with Matthew Lock [sic, Matthew Locke] as our Colonel, and Griffith Rutherford our General. This I think was in August or September 1780 a few months after Charleston in South Carolina was taken by the British [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780]. I was drafted for a three months tour, and served out the time. We met at Salisbury in Rowan County & marched from there through Surry County up to the fork of the Adkin [sic, Yadkin River], in pursuit of Colonel Bryant [sic, Samuel Bryan], who had raised a band of Tories; but before we reached the place of our destination, the Tories & their commander retreated down the River Adkin, through land & Anson Counties, to the junction of the Adkin & Rocky River's, where they got into a Fort at the house of a man named Coalson [sic, Colson]<sup>1</sup>; – we then came up with them, with then by this time there will was some British, and attacked them in the Fort, and beat them out killing in the skirmish several of their number. Those of them that got away with their lives made their escape by swimming the Rivers. We then returned back to Rowan County and again went in quest of a band of Tories that had collected on the Catawba River, and had a skirmish with them at Ramsour's Mill<sup>2</sup>, in which they were defeated with considerable loss; after which the balance of them dispersed; some joining the British. We then moved about in different directions to keep the numerous small parties of Tories in check, until the end of the three months for which we were drafted. – This time I received no discharge whatever in writing from the service. – During the next three months I rode post for Major Mt. Florence the Quarter Master, and furnish my own horse, and received no pay at all for my services, not even to defray my necessary expenses. A few months subsequent to this period (the precise date from the frailty of my memory I cannot now recollect) I was again drafted for a three months tour. This time I served under Captain John Dellinger [sic, John Philip Dellinger]

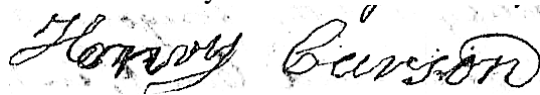
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<sup>1</sup> July 21, 1780. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/colson.htm> & [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_colsons\\_mill.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_colsons_mill.html)

<sup>2</sup> June 20, 1780. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/ramours.htm> & [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_ramseurs\\_mill.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ramseurs_mill.html)

who with his Company joined General Greene [Nathanael Greene] at Salisbury in Rowan County; from which place we marched into Guilford, from thence into Randolph, and returned back into Guilford, where we met the forces under the command of General Wayne [Anthony Wayne]. This was, I think, was in the month of January or the first of February and many of the soldiers were barefooted, and had suffered immensely from the cold. – The combined Army under General Greene & General Wayne had a fierce action with the British under Lord Cornwallis in Guilford County [March 15, 1781]<sup>3</sup> in which a few of our men lost their lives, together with a considerable number of the enemy. – The British then relocated into Virginia on Dan River, and we returned back to Rowan County, where we kept the Tories in subjection until the end of the tour. – I again received no discharge from my superior officer. – This made to three months tours for which I was drafted the whole of which I served, besides the additional three months that I rode post under the Commissary General. Before I entered the service in person in 1780, I was drafted for a six months tour, and hired Henry Girt as my substitute. He served in my place during the whole of that tour. This was some time previous to the taking of Charleston by the British in 1780. I left the service in the spring or summer of 1782. When I entered the service of the United States, and also when I quitted it, I resided in Rowan County in the State of North Carolina. – Owing to being frequently engaged in procuring provisions & carrying baggage etc., I am unable to state what were the names of the captains of the Companies with which I served, or the number of the regiments. I have no documentary evidence of my service, nor do I know of any person, whose testimony I can procure, who can testify to the same. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any cat state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Henry Carson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry Carson". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized, typical of the late 18th or early 19th century.

S/ Wm H. Johnson, Clerk

[Benjamin Barham, a clergyman, and John H Reavis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for six months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

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<sup>3</sup> Veteran is mistaken as to the presence of general Anthony Wayne at the battle of Guilford Court House. He was not at that engagement.