

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Carter S16336

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State of Kentucky County of Hopkins: SS

On this 8th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of the County aforesaid now sitting John Carter a resident in the County & State aforesaid, aged eighty-four 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 seventh, 1832.

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

He states that he was born in Chester County in the State of Pennsylvania and removed when about sixteen years of age to Chester District in the State of South Carolina where he was drafted in the last of February 1778 and served a tour of four months under Lieutenant M. Colborn [?]¹ of the South Carolina Militia. That he rendezvoused in said District and marched thence to Orangeburg where he encamped about two weeks after which he marched to the Black Swamp where he joined the American Army, that he remained at Black Swamp about two months and then marched to Coosawhatchie bridge where he was in a skirmish² with the enemy Colonel Laurens [John Laurens] was there & was wounded in the wrist & had his horse shot in the thighs -- Colonel Laurens was a Continental Officer -- Colonel Simms had the command of the Militia on that occasion. He states that after the affair at Coosawhatchie he was marched to Charleston where he served out the residue of his term of four months and was discharged & returned home -- he received no written discharge.

He states that while he was at Charleston the enemy made a [indecipherable word] of attacking the City the Americans in the City were commanded by Governor Rutledge -- count Pulaski was there. In the year 1779 he was drafted in Chester District aforesaid for one month under Captain Hardridge then marched thence under Colonel Lacy [sic, Edward Lacey] of the South Carolina Militia to Congaree River where the road from Chester District to Charleston crosses the same where he joined General Sumter [sic, Thomas Sumter] he marched thence to Colonel Thompson's [William Thomson's] at which place he was in a skirmish with a patrol of the enemy who occupied the upper story of Thompson's house -- the enemy was not dislodged -- the Americans had one man killed -- that he marched thence to the Congaree Fort then occupied by the enemy -- exchanged some long shots with the Fort which was returned & some of the Americans were wounded -- he marched thence to the plantation of General Sumter and aided in

¹ The War Department in summarizing this application interpreted this name as "McCollum"

² May 3, 1779 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_coosawhatchie.html

guarding Mrs. Sumter & the slaves and other property of the General to the Catawba River -- on the way to North Carolina at Catawba he was discharged & returned home having served out his full term -- he received no written discharge.

He states that he was afterwards drafted one month in Chester District aforesaid under Captain & Major Adair and marched directly to Orangeburg where he was stationed until his term expired -- he cannot remember his Captain's name -- he did not bear a Captain's commission but acted in that capacity. Colonel Lacey joined at Orangeburg about the time this applicant's term expired -- he is not positive whether this was in the year 1779 or 1780.

He states that afterwards (the date not recollected) he was drafted in Chester District aforesaid for one month under Captain Starlan [?]³ & Lieutenant Simons [?] marched thence to Orangeburg where he was placed in the Regiment of Colonel Richard Winn and remained at Orangeburg & at Ogeechee Swamp until his term expired when he was discharged & returned home -- he received no written discharge.

He here states that he continued to reside in Chester District South Carolina until he removed to Hawkins County Kentucky where he now resides.

He has no documentary evidence & knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services.

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.

S/ John Carter

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Carter". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized and slanted.

[William Bishop and Christopher Jackson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for seven months service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

³ The War Department in summarizing this application interpreted this name as Captain "Steele"