Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Robert Carter S31598

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State of Georgia } On this 7th day of January [1833], personally appeard in open Court, before Clarke County } Asbury Hull presiding Judge of the Inferior Court of said County, now sitting Robert Carter a resident of the County of Clarke and State aforesaid, aged 75 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.

He enlisted in the regular service in the County of Hanover and State of Virginia in the fall of the year after the declaration of Independence [sic] under Capt John Flemming [sic: John Fleming], 1st Lieut'nt Wm Lewis [William Lewis], 2nd John Pettus, Ensign John Clayton & Major Frank Epps [sic: Francis Eppes]. He enlisted for one year & marched down to Williamsburg & then to a place called the great Bridge where we took a Capt Fordyce in December (he thinks) 16th 1776 [sic: Capt. Charles Fordyce, killed at the Battle of Great Bridge, 9 Dec 1775] & from thence to Norfolk & remained there until the first of March [sic] & after that we were ordered to burn the balance of the Town which had been fired by the Brittish [burned by the British on 1 Jan 1776, by Americans on 2 Jan] & from thence they marched to Camps Landing called twelve miles above Norfolk [sic: Kemp's Landing 8 mi E of Norfolk, now Kempsville], & from thence to Williamsburg in June and remained there until the fall. He then enlisted for two years more & then marched to Friedricksburg [sic: Fredericksburg] where the troops had the small pox [i.e. were inoculated for small pox] & as soon as they recovered of the disease they marched to join General Washington in the North, the place not recollected. He served the two years out & was with General Washington in the Jersies [New Jersey]. He was in the Battle of Stony point [storming of Stony Point NY, 16 Jul 1779] & the white planes [sic: Battle of White Plains NY, 28 Oct 1776]. He enlisted under the same Company of Officers the second time that he did the first. His whole service was three years or more. At the expiration of his term of service he was honorably discharged but said discharge has long since been lost or destroyed. He knows of no person by whom he can establish his services. He moved from Virginia to Clarke County Georgia where he now resides. He mentions the names of Miller Bledsoe a Clergyman of Oglethorpe County Georgian and Thomas Moore of Clarke County & State aforesaid who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a Soldier of the revolution. He has no documetary testimony by which he can establish his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Robert his Cmark Carter