

## [Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension application of William Carithers (Carrithers) W6628  
Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of Mississippi Chickasaw County }

On this 30th day of December 1842 personally appeared before me Drury Binum Glover Judge of the Probate Court in and for the County and State aforesaid Mary Carithers a resident in the State of Mississippi in the County of Chickasaw aged Eighty-eight years past who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Provision made by Congress passed the 4th day of July 1836. That she is the Widow of William Carithers a Revolutioner who served as a private in the Revolutionary War under my knowledge from the year 1777 or 1778 to the Close of the War as a Volunteer under different Officers – Under Captain Anderson [probably Captain Robert Anderson] in Ninety Six now Abbeville District South Carolina against the Tories and marching through the Cherokee Nation against the Indians this was I believe in the year 1777 or in the year 1778. The length of service she cannot recollect. In the year 1779 or 1780 she believes her Husband William Carithers was in a battle or Engagement with the Tories under Captain William Baskins at Savannah River and was made Prisoner with Captain William Baskins and in a short time after he was released from the Tories at the Battle on Kettle Creek<sup>1</sup> on the Georgia side of the River. After my said Husband's Release he served as a private and volunteer under Lieutenant James Baskins against the Indians in 1780 or 1781 and was in and Engagement under Lieutenant Baskins in the Cherokee Nation with the Indians and was frequently Engaged against the Indians in Scouting parties until the Close of the War. She declares that her Husband William Carithers found and served on his own horse and received no Compensation from the Government. She further Declares that her Husband William Carithers never applied for a pension nor did not receive a pension from the Government. She further Declares she was lawfully married to Her Said Husband William Carithers the 22nd day of June 1779 in the Fort in the State of Georgia near Savannah River previous to her marriage she lived with her Father James McGowan on Savannah River in Ninety Six now Abbeville District South Carolina. She Declares to the best of her knowledge there is no person living that was personally present at the marriage between herself and William Carithers and no record was made of the Marriage. She declares that Her Husband William Carithers died on the 23rd day of August 1826 in Abbeville District South Carolina near Savannah River his Disease was to the best of her knowledge the Conjunctive fever no suppose Cause for his Disease known to me only a severe chill followed by high fever and Departed suddenly. She declares she was married to her Husband William Carithers before his service Closed in the War and she further Declares that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed. And she

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<sup>1</sup> February 14, 1779 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/kettle.htm>

further declares from bodily infirmity and Weakness she is unable to appear in open Court of Record to make her Declaration without serious injury to herself the distance supposed to be 20 miles –

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year herein written.

Before me

S/ Drury B. Glover, Judge

S/ Mary Carithers, X her mark

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State of Alabama Fayette County }

This day personally appeared Jerrymiah Files [Jeremiah Files]<sup>2</sup> before me Griffin Lamkin a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid who being duly Sworn according to Law, Deposeth and Saith, That he was intimately and particularly acquainted with William Carrithers a revolutioner and Citizen residing in Abbeville District South Carolina – he became acquainted with him about the year 1772 and lived within a half or three fourths of a mile of him up to my removing in the year 1783 or 4 he further says, I know that he was generally in the service during the whole of the revolutionary war and that he was a good and true soldier. He was taken prisoner by the Tories in an engagement on Savannah River together with his Captain William Baskins and was released at the battle of Kettle Creek and after that I entered the service to the best of my recollection in the year 1780 or 81. After his release I was in an engagement with him in the Cherokee nation against the Indians on the head waters of Chatahucha [Chattahoochee] River under the command of Lieutenant James Baskins. At another time the Tories came through our neighborhood and robbed the Whigs to a large amount William Carrithers went with myself and others in pursuit, and we recovered the most of the articles which the Tories had stolen, William Carrithers generally served as a volunteer. He furnished his own horse and never received any compensation that I ever knew or heard of. I know that his wife had to do all the work in order to provide for their family he being in camp. I know that she Mary Carrithers the widow of William Carrithers lived with him and was respected as his wife, but I did not see them married – She was esteemed a correct and respectable woman – There was no record kept in that country of marriage at that day.

Sworn to and subscribed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December 1842

Before me

S/ Griffin Lamkin, JP

S/ Jerremiah Files, X his mark

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State of Alabama Fayette County }

This day personally appeared Abner Files before me Griffin Lamkin a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law Deposeth and saith. That he was intimately and personally acquainted with William Carrithers a revolutioner and Citizen residing in Abbeville district South Carolina. That while he (Files) was in Fort Independence in Ninety Six or Abbeville district, about the year 1779 – that it was then said that William Carrithers was married to Mary McGowin in the Fort. I know that they lived together as man and wife, and respected. After the year 1783 or 4 I had no further intimate acquaintance, but heard often from them, and always heard of their living together as aforesaid and much respected – I know that at that time there was no record kept of marriages in that country.

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<sup>2</sup> [Jeremiah Files S13025](#)

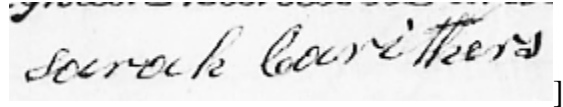
Sworn to and subscribed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December 1842 before me  
S/ Griffin Lamkin, JP

S/ Abner Files



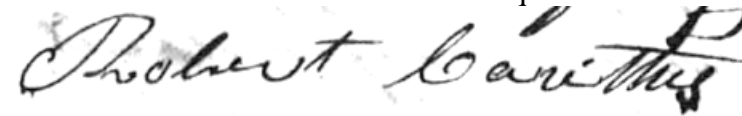
[p 38: On December 30, 1842 in Chickasaw County Mississippi, Hannah Carithers gave testimony that William Carithers husband of Mary Carithers died August 23, 1826; that he was supposed to have died by conjunctive fever. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 38: On December 30, 1842 in Chickasaw County Mississippi Sarah Carithers gave testimony identical to that given by Hannah Carithers as set forth above except that she added that William Carithers died in Abbeville District South Carolina near the Savannah River.



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[p 9: On February 28, 1843 in Chickasaw County Mississippi, Robert Carithers, son of the veteran and his widow, authenticated the family record which he states came into his possession upon the death of his father William Carithers's; that the record was made from an earlier one in a small Bible and was made at the request of his father by one John McKeney



[p 10: family record:

William Carithers Senior was born April 12th, 1754

Mary Carothers was born September the 8<sup>th</sup>, 1754

Elizabeth Carothers was born March 28<sup>th</sup>, 1780

Sarah Carothers was born January 17<sup>th</sup>, 1782

Matthew Carothers was born June the 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1784

James D Carothers was born June the 12<sup>th</sup>, 1786

William Carithers was born October the 7<sup>th</sup>, 1788

Samuel Carithers was born February the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1791

John G Carithers was born August the 26<sup>th</sup>, 1793

Hugh M. Carithers was born November the 26<sup>th</sup>, 1796

Robert Carithers was born May the 29th, 1800,

*Hannah Carithers wife of Robert Carithers was born February 9th 186 [last digit illegible]*<sup>3</sup>

William Carithers and Mary Carothers was married June 22nd 1779

[p 28: certificate dated May 30, 1843 from the South Carolina Comptroller Office listing payments made to a William Carithers for services in the militia during the revolutionary war. See below]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1848 for

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<sup>3</sup> This entry is in a different handwriting than the other entries shown above

her husband's service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>4</sup> relating to William Carrithers  
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 1088A

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[p 2: Printed form of Indent No. 2106 Book X dated January 21, 1788 “delivered to Mr. William Curruthars [sic] this our Indented Certificate for the Sum of Twenty-eight pounds eighteen Shillings and two pence Sterling (Special Bounty) and Arrears of Clothing Service in Sumter’s [Thomas Sumter’s] Brigade per Certificate from Commissioners for Adjusting Claims of that Brigade.”]

[p 4: Reverse of the above Indent]

I assigned the within Indent unto Captain William Alexander for value received  
July 8, 1788

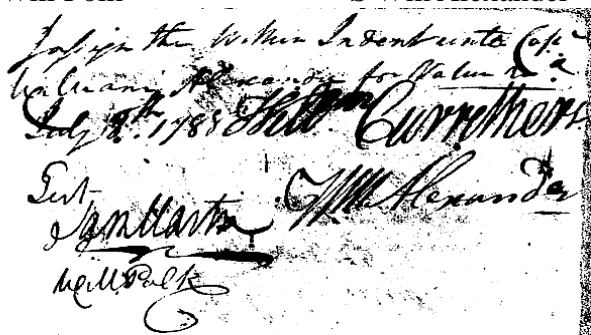
S/ Willm Currethers [sic]

Test

S/ Sam Martin

S/ Will Polk

S Wm Alexander



The image shows a fragment of a handwritten document, likely the reverse of the indent mentioned in the text. It contains several lines of cursive handwriting. The top line reads "I assign the within Indent unto Cap". The second line reads "William Alexander for value received". The third line is dated "July 8. 1788". Below the date, there are two signatures: "Wm Carruthers" and "Wm Alexander". At the bottom, there is a signature that appears to be "Will Polk".

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Dr. Sir I do Expect that I have a Public Claim in your office for Service Done a Spying, under Captain Robert Carrithers [Robert Carithers] in Colonel Anderson’s [Robert Anderson’s] Regiment, &c for which service I never received any Satisfaction and if it is in your hand I would take it Most Exceeding kind of you if you will send to me by the bearer David Logon [David Logan?]

From your Humble Servant

To Mr. Coln. Jarvis

S/ William Carrithers



The image shows a large, handwritten signature in cursive that reads "William Carrithers". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

<sup>4</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person’s surname first in the “Full name” box followed by a comma and the person’s Christian name.