Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Carrell W6899 Rhoda Carrell f86NC Transcribed by Will Graves 11/5/10

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State of North Carolina County of Johnston: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1832

On this 29th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting, James Carrell a resident of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina, aged about 67 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 7, 1832. That he volunteered in the service of the United States, about seven or eight months before Lord Cornwallis was captured at Little York under Captain Folsom, Lieutenant Thomas Moore. He rendezvoused at Wilmington and was there placed under command of Colonel Raiford – Stayed in service at Wilmington three months from Wilmington, Declarant was ordered to Waccamaw Swamp – Stationed at Waccamaw a few weeks – thence marched to within eight miles of Charleston at a place called the Cross Roads – Declarant had been stationed at the last mentioned place about two or three months when he heard of the capture of Cornwallis by Washington at Little York. After this period he was employed in suppressing disturbances by the Tories in the neighborhood of Charleston a month or two when he received a furlough signed by Colonel Raiford and Captain Hadley – by which furlough Declarant was permitted to return home and remained until he was again called into service. He was never again called to the service in consequence of the quiet of the times which succeeded the victory of Yorktown –

In answer to the Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, Declarant states that he is 67 years of age – that he volunteered at the age of 16 years – that he believes his age is recorded at home in the Family Bible – that at the time he volunteered in the Service he was living in Cumberland County North Carolina. That he does not remember the names of any Continental officers who were in the same service with him but those already named under whose command he was placed. That excepting the furlough spoken of above he received no discharge. He stated as [one or more indecipherable words] him in his neighborhood his brother William Carrell who knows Declarant volunteered as Stated & knows of his absence, and his return as stated above and Solomon Whittenden¹ who can testify as to his reputation for being a Soldier. Declarant avers that he served in all ten months and about ten days. He has no documentary evidence of his service & knows of no one whose testimony he can procure who can prove his actual service. He lived in Cumberland County until about 41 [? last digit is very

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¹ This man's signature looks like "Sol Whitenton.' See below

unclear] Years ago when he removed to the County of Johnston where he has ever since resided.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

Test S/ Rm Landers

S/ James Carrell, X his mark

[William Carrell and Jonathan Whitenton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]



[p 10: marriage bond issued in Johnston County North Carolina on January 30, 1792, to John Carrell, bondsman, to secure the marriage of James Carrell to two Rhoda Stevens.]

[p 15: On August 21, 1855 in Dale County Alabama, Rhoda Carrell, 78, filed for her bounty land entitlement stating that she is the widow of James Carrell; that she married him in Johnson County [sic, Johnston County] North Carolina February 1 [no year stated in this document]; that they were married by the Reverend William Taylor; that her name prior to her marriage was Rhoda Stephenson; and that her husband died May 16, 1834 in Johnson County North Carolina.]

[p 17: On September 20, 1858 in Dale County Alabama, Rhoda Carrell, 80, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of James Carrell; that she married him February 1, 1792; that her husband died May 16 1834.]

[Facts in file: Rhoda moved from Johnston County North Carolina to Dale County Alabama about 1836 to live with her son James; Rhoda and James Carrell had the following children referred to in the file: Margaret, the oldest, was born in the spring of 1793, died about 1836, married Briton Landon who was born September seven, 1792; John who in December, 1858, was referred to as the oldest son and was then in the 64th year of his age; James (who signed his name "Carroll" who moved to the Dale County Alabama in 1836; David (who signed his name "Carrel") moved to Dale County Alabama, about 1835.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 10 months service in the North Carolina State Troops.]