

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Moses Carr: S8141

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State of North Carolina}
County of Franklin} Ss

On this 12th day of September A.D. 1832, personally appeared before the Justices of the Court of pleas & quarter Sessions now sitting for said County Moses Carr a resident of said County aged about ninety 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 was born in the County of Prince William near Dumfries State of Virginia in what year he does not accurately know, but he supposes from what he heard from his mother, he is about the age of ninety years - that he was brought by his mother at an early age to the County of Granville in this state, and bred there until he arrived to manhood, when he moved into Franklin County which was then called Bute County. That he entered the service in the Revolutionary War as a drafted soldier in a company of Militia commanded by Captain Jenkins Devany at the place now called Lewisburg [sic: Louisburg] in Franklin County - he recollects the names of no other officers of the Company except Robert Hill, & he is not able to say with certainty what grade he held. that his company marched to Wake Court House, now Raleigh, thence to Hillsborough thence to Salisbury & thence to the Catawba near the nation ford, where his company joined the regiment commanded by Colonel Hart & under him by Colonel Branch. the other officers of the Regiment he does not recollect. At this station he continued during the term of service performing regularly his turn of duty - but was in no engagement with the enemy. About the expiration of his tour his company guarded a number of prisoners to Salisbury & then continued in their return home. He received a written discharge from Captain Devany dated December 10th 1780 at Camp New Providence [near Charlotte], which he has preserved & herewith transmits to the War Department as evidence of his service. From the date of his discharge he supposes he entered the service early in September of 1780. That he entered the service for a second tour in 1781 for three months as a drafted soldier under Captain Robert Hight in Franklin County & under him Liut. Nicholas Murphy & Ensign Thornton that he marched to a place called Williamsborough in Granville County [sic: Williamsboro now in Vance County]. that his regiment was commanded by Colonel [William] Linton & under him by Major Wood, but he does not now recolect where his company joined it. One of the other companies in the regiment was commanded by Captain Short. the names of the other officers he does not remember. From Williamsborough they marched to Halifax, & from thence to the Country bordering on Neuse river, where during his term of service the regiment was engaged principally in keeping the tories in check. At a place called Sasser's bridge four tories were shot & at Longfield Cox's ferry below Kinston upon Neuse, four more were shot. A number of prisoners were marched to Nash Court House, & this declarant was one of the guard until near the close of his tour. He continued the remainder of his tour near Smithfield on Neuse, & with the rest of his company returned home. After reaching home his Capt. Robert Hight gave him a discharge in writing which is dated July 25th 1781 at Camp [illegible word] Store, but he did not receive it at that place. This discharge is also preserved & herewith transmitted. This declarant states that he is an illiterate man & unable to read - & that the dates & other contents of his discharges in writing are known to him from being read to him by others One of his discharges is signed as he is told by Joel Wrenn as commander, but he did not receive it from him & does not remember having any connexion with an officer of that name. He knows of no person now alive whose testimony can be procured, who can testify to his actual service tho' there are persons, he believes, who saw him whilst he was in the army. He has lived in the County of Franklin ever since the Revolution & his reputation of service is known to all his neighbours. Herbert Hight & Jonathan M Stone, whose affidavits are attached, testify to his reputation in the neighbourhood. 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.

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NOTE: Carr's date of death written on his pension certificate was 6 March 1841.