

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Carney (Carner) R1710

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State of Tennessee Smith County Sct: October 9th 1818

This day before me Parry W. Humphreys one of the Judges of the Circuit Court in & for the State of Tennessee now presiding & in said County of Smith came John Carney in the 70th year of his age who is a citizen of said County & being by me first duly & legally sworn the truth to declare & speak touching his service in the Army of the United States in the time of the revolutionary war – with a view to obtaining a pension under the act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & Naval Service of the United States in the revolutionary war declares & says that in the County of Caswell about three weeks after the battle of Guilford in the State of North Carolina he enlisted for & during the War with a Lieutenant Tilman Dixon [sic, Tilghman Dixon] of Charles Dixon's Company in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Charles Dixon [sic, probably Henry Dixon] of the North Carolina line his enlistment was in the month of March or April & he continued in service until the month of August [indecipherable word] months or the month of August of the next year when he was furloughed with permission to return home being in bad health he remained at home a [indecipherable word] a week & set out for the Army & got as far as Ramsour's Mill near the Yadkin River in North Carolina at which place he met with Sergeant Guidson Hagh [sic, probably intended to be a reference to Gideon Hogh whose affidavit appears below] whose affidavit is here enclosed by whom he was informed it was unnecessary for him to proceed any further as the company was dismissed there were with him a number of the same Company to which he this affiant belonged & he then returned home having no further call for his Services – that he was in service from the time of his enlistment until his return home in manner above stated about fifteen months without intermission – he was not out of the States of North & South Carolina. He joined the main Army at Campden [sic, Camden] after the battle of the Eutaw Springs & there was no considerable engagement after the time of his enlistment in which he was – that he has no further evidence to offer of his service – that his own affidavit & that of his Sergeant Hagh.

He further says that he is very poor, has no land but little personal property & no means of subsistence but his own labor that he is by reason of his age, infirmities bad health & poverty in such circumstances as to stand in need of assistance from his Country for support.

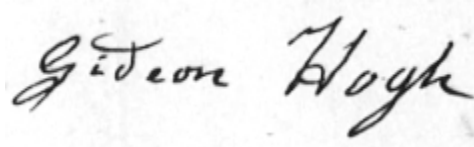
Sworn & subscribed before me the day & year above written.

S/ Parry W. Humphreys  
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S/ John Carner, X his mark

North Carolina Caswell County: This day personally appeared before me Gabriel Jones an acting Justice of the peace for Franklin County Gidian Hogh<sup>1</sup> and made oath and saith that John Carney was a regular Soldier and served under General Green and Colonel Hennery Dickson [sic, Henry Dixon] & Captain Charles Dickson [sic, Charles Dixon] & Lieutenant Tilmon Dickson [sic, Tilghman Dixon] and the said Hogh further saith that the said Carney was sent home on a furlough to his own knowledge. Sworn to and subscribed this 28th day of August 1818.

S/ Gideon Hogh

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gideon Hogh". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

S/ Gabriel Jones, JP  
N. B. also Isam Carney

#### Schedule

Declaration in order to be continued on the Pension List, under the act of Congress of the 1st of May 1821 –

John Carney a resident of the County of Sumner and State of Tennessee on the \_\_ day of September 1825 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record for the County and State aforesaid, being 87 years of age, who first being duly sworn according to law, doth upon his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820 that he the said John Carney enlisted in Buckingham County & State of Virginia for the term of five years; and John Wheeler, John Adcock, Joseph Adcock and James Wheeler enlisted at the same time, & that he served out his time fully with them under General George Washington and were all finally discharged at Norfolk in Virginia I General Washington. That he then traveled to his father's in Caswell County North Carolina, where he reenlisted in the North Carolina Continental Establishment, during the war, that he continued to serve in Corps in the company commanded by Captain McCall and was finally discharged at the war from service by Major Thomas Washington in the presence of Captain McCall at Ram Sour's Mill [Ramsour's mill] in the State of North Carolina. That in the battle at the Eutaw Springs he was badly wounded by a ball passing through the small part of his leg, then by breaking both the bones of his leg and also at the same time he received a shot in the hip – that he thereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present, That his name has been placed on the pension This; that the number of his pension certificate is unknown to him; that he never before exhibited a Schedule of his property because he was destitute of Education, and was not instructed in what way to proceed by which he could obtain his right, and still depended upon his pension Certificate coming to hand but which has not yet arrived – And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, he solemnly swears that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provision of an act of

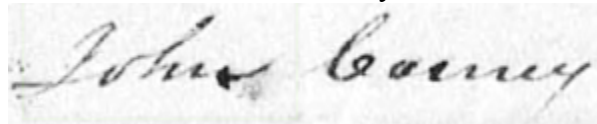
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<sup>1</sup> Sic, Gideon Hogh FPA S38846

Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that he has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed. That on the 18th day of March 1818 – he was in possession of a title to one hundred acres of extremely poor gravelly Black jack ridge land in Rockingham County State of North Carolina, that the said tract of land is not worth the taxes, & as far as he knows it has long since been sold for taxes, as he has not paid any taxes for it for 30 years, at that time and ever since he has lived in such indigent circumstances, that he could not procure money to defray his traveling expense to that section of the country and knowing that it was of little value, it still remains so if it has not been sold for taxes. As for other property he has none with the exception of seven small hogs worth about five dollars – That his family and himself & wife & four children, to wit, his daughter Sarah 19 years of age with a child, Samuel 17, John 15, Jane 13, as to his occupation is coopering but his feeble and helpless situation is such produced in part from the wound which he received that he cannot support from his own labor and his children claim nearly all the profits arising from the fruits of their labor. That his situation has been growing worse from year to year ever since his first application, which was identified by Gideon Hagg a Sergeant and messmate while in service but who is now dead, That he does not know at this time any man living who knew him in the Service.

Sworn to in open Court  
16th of September 1825

S/ John Carney

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Carney". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

S/ Anthony B. Shelby, Clerk

State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 9th June 1819

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid do hereby certify that it appears from the muster roll of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that John Carney was mustered as a private Soldier for 12 months on the 5th of April 1781 and was omitted in 1781. Given under my hand the date above

S/ Wm Hill

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State of Tennessee Franklin County: On this 15th of May 1827 personally appeared Gideon Hogh aged 73 formerly a Sergeant in Captain Tilman Dixon's Company of the first Regiment of North Carolina Continental line commanded by Colonel Henry Dixon at this time a resident citizen of County and State aforesaid before me James Nelson an acting Justice of the peace in & for said County, Being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration that he the said Gideon Hogh is now and was at the time when he the said Gideon Hogh was in actual Service in the company & Regiment above mentioned and engaged against the common enemy in the United States, and is at this time well acquainted with John Carney who is now present & do know that he the said John Carney did serve with me in the same Regiment of Continental Court, above mentioned, & in consequence of the act of Congress passed the 18th of March 1818 making provisions for the Continental Corps having been thus engaged; I was called upon by the same John Carney shortly after the passage of said Act to

certify for him in order that he might receive thereof which I did so –  
S/ Gideon Hogh

[fn p. 11: on January 21st, 1844 in Sumner County Tennessee, Mrs. Elizabeth Carney, 79, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Carney, a pensioner at the rate of eight dollars per month for his service in the revolution; that she married him 56 years ago the first of June next in the year 1788; that her husband died October three, 1843 in the evening.]

[fn p. 13: on January 31st, 1844, and Sumner County Tennessee, Mrs. Director Witt, 77, testified that she is the sister of Mrs. Elizabeth Carney, the widow of John Carney, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she was present at the marriage of John Connie to her sister in 1788; that her sister and John Carney lived together as man and wife until his death; that she, the affiant, was married in 1790 and that the oldest child of her sister and John Carney was born one year before her marriage.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing October 9, 1818, for one year service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]

[The statements in this file are so remarkably different in the description of the services rendered that I believe they relate to two different men by the name of John Carney—one who served primarily in the Virginia Continental Line, and then served briefly in the NC Continental line; and the other who served only for a limited time in the NC Continental Line. But this is merely my opinion for whatever it may be worth. It is possible that the same man, being very advanced in years, gave remarkably different accounts of his services.]