

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Carter S3125

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State of Tennessee, Smith County: SS

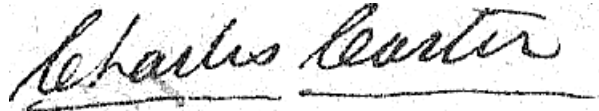
On this 30 day of November personally appeared in open Court before John Chambers, Isaac Goodall, Jos D McMurry, the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for said County now setting, Charles Carter, a resident of the County of Smith and the State of Tennessee, aged seventy years the 3rd day of September 1832, 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 - Applicant was born in the County of Dinwiddie, State of Virginia on the third day of September 1762 as appears from a record now in his possession which he copied from his father's family Bible about forty years ago. Applicant was living in Dinwiddie County when called into service where he had lived from the day of his birth. He was called into service in the year 1778 & thinks it was in the month of September of that year. He was enrolled in the company of Capt. Peterson Goodwin in 1778 and called into service and served in the capacity of what was called a minute man - the company to which he was attached immediately marched to what was called Cabbin point [Cabin Point] below Petersburg and joined a Regiment but does not remember who commanded it he recollects that Maj. Holt commanded in that capacity. The Regiment marched from Cabin Point to Smithfield where the company to which applicant was attached was discharged - Applicant served six weeks in this tour - Shortly after returning from the first tour of service he was again called out into service under Capt. Hardway & Maj. Holt & joined the Regiment at Petersburg - The Regt. marched from Petersburg to Richmond and was there commanded by Generals Demarcus [Lafayette] and Mulenburg [Peter Muhlenberg]. He was discharged between Petersburg & Richmond but cannot say how long he was out. Sometime after returning from the 2nd tour he was again called out under Capt. Pegram & was marched to Richmond -- there to Petersburg where he joined the Regiment of which Holt acted as Major but does not recollect the General -- From Petersburg the Regiment was marched to Smithfield - from there to the burnt mills and there discharged -- Applicant will here state that while in service under Capt. Hardway as above stated & while at Cabin Point there was an artillery company who were discharged for a time, & a new company was raised by taking five from each company of the Regiment which was allowed to volunteer if they thought proper & if they would not were to be drafted - They were drafted in every company except Capt. Hardway's - Applicant volunteered & induced four others to join him & become attached to the artillery company. The artillery company marched to the burnt mills & continued in service about one month when when [sic] the regular artillery company assumed their duties. From the year 1778 until 1781 applicant was kept in constant readiness and a minute man & was in service almost the whole of that time in short periods of service - The duties he had to perform will be understood by the department and are very similar to those performed by a regular - He was kept on the roll until peace was made & in effect continued to serve from the time he was enrolled until peace was made which was 3 years - He cannot now recollect the names of any of

the commanding officers except those above mentioned as he entered the service at 16 years of age and was very young during the whole time he was in service - Applicant as above stated lived in the county of Dinwiddie when called into service - After the war he moved to Maclenburg [Mecklenburg] County Virginia & there lived upwards of 40 years - He then moved to Roan county Tennessee & lived there nearly 2 years from there he moved to Smith County Tennessee where he has lived since that time. Applicant never rec'd a written discharge for his service owing to the nature of it. A minute man being held in readiness like a regular Soldier was never discharged for any definite period - he would be allowed to home until an emergency occurred for calling him into service again which, in many instances, would be in a few days after his return from service - He was kept in the same readiness at home when not in actual service that he would have been if in the camp.

Applicant can prove his service as above stated by John Bonner a respectable citizen of Wilson County Ten who has known applicant from his boyhood & is acquainted with his service - his certificate will be hereto annexed. 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.

S/ Charles Carter



Sworn to in open Court the 30th Nov 1832
S/ J. Beckett, Clk.

We, John Legon, a Clergyman residing in the County of Smith, State of Tennessee, & John Bonner residing in Wilson County, Tennessee, hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Charles Carter who has subscribed & sworn to the above Declaration; that we believe him to be 70 years of age, that he is reputed & believed in the neighbourhood where he resides, to be a soldier of the revolution, & that we concur in that assessment.

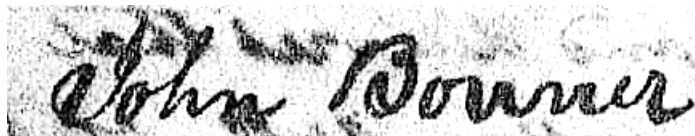
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In addition to the above John Bonner states that he was raised in about 5 miles of Charles Carter the applicant, that the applicant was born in 1764 - He has known said Carter from his boyhood & went to school with him. In the winter of 1781 affiant saw sd Carter in actual service at Cabin Point attached to a company of artillery - Affiant marched with Carter from Cabin Point to Mackey's Mills & from there to Babb's old field at which place departed left the army & left Carter in service. Deponent has no doubt but sd Carter performed the services above stated as he lived near him & knows that he was almost constantly in the service as above stated.

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S/ John Bonner



S/ J Beckett, Clk

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]