

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Carver S8158

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State of North Carolina Cumberland County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions December Term 1833

On this 7th day of December 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Court aforesaid now sitting William Carver Senior a resident of Cumberland County State aforesaid aged Eighty __ 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 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated (viz.) In the month of August 1777 he was drafted as a private soldier in Captain William G McDaniels Company of Militia for a tour of six months this was in the County of Cumberland. Was marched from said County to the Town of Wilmington where his company was stationed for some time from Wilmington we were marched to old Brunswick Town where we were stationed for some months. The Tories becoming troublesome in the neighborhood of Cross Creek (now Fayetteville) we were marched back to that place in pursuit of them and after scouring the County the six months having expired I was discharged.

[Paper torn and text missing] the month of February 1778 Captain McDaniels Company was attached to Colonel Thomas Brown's Regiment. In the month of April 1778 he again entered the service as a volunteer private soldier for a tour of three months in Captain Peter Robeson's Company of militia during this tour he was marched through the Counties of Bladen, Robeson, Richmond & Cumberland in pursuit of the Tories that on the expiration of his Service of three months he was discharged. Early in the following winter within the month of December or beginning of January 1779 the Tories being very troublesome in the aforementioned Counties he again entered the service as a volunteer private soldier for three months in the company under the command of Captain Peter Robeson and was employed during the three months in breaking up the Tories in the Counties of Bladen, Robeson, Richmond and this County after which service he was discharged. During the first of these services Captain Robeson's company was attached to Colonel Robeson's Regiment & during the last service it was attached to Colonel Owens Regiment. That in May 1779 Captain Robeson raised a volunteer company of Light Horse for the balance of the War, who were called minute men which this Declarant joined who was always to hold themselves in readiness to perform any service which the Country might require that he continued in this company to the close of the war, was very frequently [paper torn text

missing] but the calls were so frequent & the length of tours of service so various that it is impossible for him now in his extreme old age and defective memory to pretend to specify them. He however is fully impressed with the belief that putting the various tours of actual service together which he performed as a minute man and they will at least amount to twelve months, though, he again states that it is out of his power to specify more fully this Service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Test: S/ A. McLean, Jr., Clk

S/ William Carver, X his mark

the following answers were returned to the Interrogatories directed to be put by the War Department.

1st I was born in the County of Cumberland State of North Carolina in the month of April 1753

2. I have no record of my age

3rd In the County of Cumberland State of North Carolina

4th I have already stated my answer to this Question in my Declaration

5th I recollect Colonel Caswell & Major McRee I knew many others but my memory is so bad that I have forgotten them.

6th I do not recollect. If I did & I believe so I have lost them.

7th Colonel John Black late Sheriff of this County John Kelly Esquire, Joshua Jessop Esquire as Member of the Present Court and others that I could name.

[Jonathan Evans & Neal Shaw gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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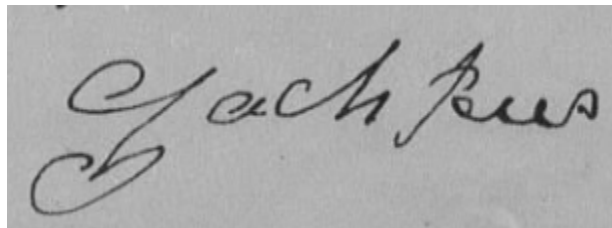
State of North Carolina Cumberland County

This day Zachariah Reeves¹ of said County aged seventy-four years personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for said County & maketh oath that he is well acquainted with William Carver Senior of said County that he knew said Carver before the commencement of the Revolutionary War, that he knows that he served as a private soldier under the captaincy of William G McDaniel and Captain Peter Robeson at several tours more than twelve months. And he further maketh oath that he the said Carver was a staunch & active Whig during the whole War, and he further knows that said Carver was one of the old Cumberland Association of Whigs formed in the year 1775 for Defense of the Liberties of the Country.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 7th day of December 1833

S/ Jonathan Evans, JP

S/ Zach Rees

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "Zach Reeves". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

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I Robert Johnson of the County of Bladen aged 71 years maketh oath that he is well acquainted

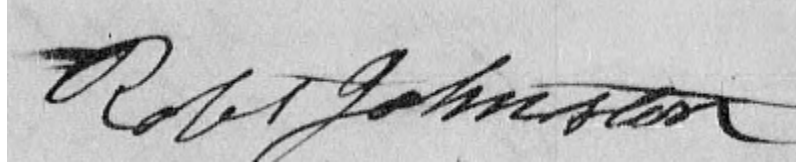
¹ [Zachariah Reaves S41973](#)

with William Carver Senior of Cumberland County that he knew him during the Revolutionary War, that he knows that said Carver served in Captain William G McDaniels Company during said war for about six months, that said Carver and his family were active Whigs during the whole War.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 7th December 1833

S/ Jonathan Evans, JP

S/ Robt Johnston

A black and white photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "Robert Johnston". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

[fn p. 10: finding by the clerk of court of Cumberland County North Carolina that the veteran died March 29, 1836 leaving no widow but survived by eight children, to wit, Lisy, Peggy, David, Brasille, Clary-- intermarried with William R. Carver, John, James and Nelly; that David, Brasil and Clary, wife of William R. Carver are all of lawful age now reside in Cumberland County; that Lisy, Peggy, John, James & Nelly all removed some years ago to the "Weston Country" to parts unknown.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for one year service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]