

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Carmack (Carmac)<sup>1</sup> W3772 Mary Carmack f60NC  
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State of North Carolina Guilford County: Be it remembered that at a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions begun and held for the County of Guilford at the Court House in the Town of Greensboro on the third Monday of May A.D. 1832 it being the 21st day of said month present William Parmar, Robert H Pork & Isaac Odell Esquires the following declaration was filed in the words & figures following, to wit,

Original Claim Declaration in order to be placed on the pension list, under the Act of the 18th of March 1818. –  
North Carolina

Guilford County: At a court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions opened & held for the County of Guilford, the same being a Court of record, personally appeared in open Court John Carmack, resident in said County, aged seventy-four years who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 & the first of May 1820, that he the said John Carmack enlisted for the term of twelve months in the Town of Hillsboro County of Orange on or about the first of November in the year 1781 in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Hall in the 10th Regiment commanded by Colonel Abraham Shepherd in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment. That shortly after he enlisted he was marched to Oxford Granville County North Carolina where he was met by Troops from different parts of the State and thence marched to the high hills of Santee in the State of South Carolina where he encamped the most of the time of his Service but was often sent out from the hills to disperse combinations of Tories with them both before his enlistment & after he had frequent skirmishes, many of the wounds of which he still carries; but from the great injury his memory has sustained from his palsied affliction, he cannot give a full description of all his marching during his term of service: but that he continued to serve in said Corps until the first of November 1782 – when he was discharged from the service in the State of South Carolina – that he received a discharge which has been lost many years since, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present & that his name is not on the roll of any State except North Carolina that he has always<sup>1</sup> been a strong Stout & healthy man until a few years ago when he was taken with a palsy or a severe trembling in the whole of his left side which has prevented him from laboring has formerly to secure a support, that he has not before applied for a pension because he was unwilling to live on the bounty of his Country as long as he

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was able to earn a Subsistence by his labor, but by age and infirmity of Body he is now rendered unable to labor – that he is therefore induced to make this his just application for support to the government of his Country – And which support he now greatly needs. That owing to the death & removal of all suitable persons he is unable to prove his [indecipherable word]<sup>2</sup>.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of 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 I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed, that is to say 2 Beds, four Chairs, One Table One pot, 1 skellitt, 1 [illegible] four plates & one Dish five Knives & forks, one axe Mattock & broken Iron wedge that the property above enumerated is substantially the same as that what he had on the 18th March 1818 & that no change by gift sale or transfer has taken place in his effects since that time that he then was & still he is extremely poor, He further states, that he is a farmer by occupation, that from old age and decrepitude in his shoulder & left side he is now unable by labor to make a subsistence for himself & his family and stands in need of the aid of his government. That he has been twice married that by his first wife he had seven children – Levi, Polly, Betsey, two [indecipherable word] were dead born Sixth died in three days after birth & John the youngest, that Levi the oldest son left him several years ago for the West of whom he has never heard. That Polly is dead that Betsey is poor the last account he has had of her in Davidson County of this State shuffling among different families for a support, that John is very unhealthy & by working a small piece of [indecipherable word] land and the assistance of friends makes a [indecipherable word] subsistence, that his last wife, now about 45 years old is very sickly and utterly unable to give him any assistance but is confined a great portion of her time to her bed that by his last wife he has had six children Lucretia who is married, has two children and is very poor, Nancy, Maria, William about 11 years old E from & Polly about four years old –

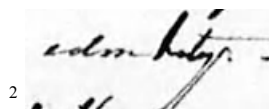
S/ John Carmack, X his mark

[p 8 On November 22, 1845 in Guilford County North Carolina, Mary Carmack, 71, filed for a widow's pension as the widow of John Carmack, a pensioner at the rate of \$96 per annum for his service in the revolution; that she married him in 1791 or 1792; that she has no family record; that her husband died June 1, 1844; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 22: is a copy of the marriage bond issued in Craven County North Carolina on January 31, 1789, to John Carmack and Elisha Beasley to secure the marriage of John Carmack to Mary Daugherty.]

[p 24: the widow was still living after the end of the Civil War and applied for the reinstatement of her pension benefit.]

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing May 29, 1832, for one year's service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line. Veteran's widow was initially pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1844 , increased to \$96 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1848.]