

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

PAYROLLS OF THE MILITIA COMPANY OF CAPT. DANIEL CARLIN, HENRY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN 1779 AND 1781

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[Each of the two payrolls consists of a single sheet folded as if for mailing, with the pay roll on the inside and the certificate by the County Lieutenant on the outside. Parts of each sheet are missing at the places marked [\*]. The heading of each payroll, the list of names, the certification by the Justice of the Peace, and the certificate by the County Lieutenant are in four different handwritings.]

[1779 Payroll]

A Pay Roll for a Company of Militia; Under the Command of Capt. Daniel Carlin Ordered into Actual Service from the County of Henry; On the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of July 1779 and Discharged the Tenth Day of September in the same Year —

Danal Carlin Capt

Thomas Carlin Lieut

William Hawkes Ensign

John Hawkes – Sergon

Isham Webb – Sergon

Thomas Wray

Thomas Hill

Philip Holt

Thomas Hairdwick

James Hoalestead

James Steward

William Steward

ISHam Royalty

John Royalty

Richard Richards

John Mcgown Junior

Edward Stewart

John Stewart

Gilbart Turney

John Jones

William Sanders

Hamp Stewart

George Ewins

Benjamon Johnston

Henry County}

This Day Came Capt Danal Carlin Befour Me Wilm Mitchell JP For the Said County & Made Oath that he was ordered on Duty By the County Liutenent in 79 For the soth on July 25th & Ser[\*]d Him Self & the aBove Offisers & Soldiers til Septem[\*]

Certifeyed under My Hand July 27th 1786

William Mitchel[\*]

Henry County Sc

I do hereby Cerefie that I order'd Capt. Dan<sup>l</sup>. Carlin to March ~~acquire~~ a Company of Milita, of Volunteers against the Tories & British in the State of North Carolin<sup>a</sup>.

Given under my hand, this 27<sup>th</sup> Day of Aug<sup>t</sup>. 1786.

[signed] Will Tunstall Co. Lt.

[1781 Payroll]

Pay Roll for a Company of Militia; Under the Command of Capt. Daniel C[\*]  
ordered into Actual Service from the County of Henry; On the Tenth Day of [\*]  
1781. And Discharged the Tenth of March 1781. —

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| Daniel Carlin Capt     | James Hairreng[*] |
| Thomas Carlin Lieut    | Peter Renfroe     |
| James Armstrong Ensign | Benjamon Bens[*]  |
| John Hawkes Sergon     | Thomas Hill       |
| William Hawkes Sergon  | William Griffin   |
| Randolph Smith         | Mumford Smith     |
| Thomas Headspetch      | John Jones        |
| Robart Headspetch      | Hamp Stewart      |
| John Christon          | John Allin        |
| John Hammons           | James James       |
| Robart Metcalf         | Philip Arm[*]     |
| Mairtain Doyl          | Charles Booth     |
| John Evins             | Wm Stratton       |
| Thomas [*]ay           | William Hammon[*] |
| Zadock Evins           | David Roark       |
| John Evins             | ELijah Roark      |
| James Holstead         | Henry Biggs       |
| John Royalty           | Elisha Shearmon   |
| Solaman Holder         | Jenkin Hanceford  |
| John Byrd              | Samuel Cannon     |
| William Mitchell       |                   |

Henry County}

This Day Came Capt Danel Carlin Be fore Me Wilm Mitchell Justis of the Pece for the Said  
County & made Oath that he was ordered on Duty in 81, in Februry 10th & Served him Self & the  
AB[\*]e Offisers & Soldiers Til March 10th 81. Certifeyed Un[\*]er

My Hand July 27th 1786 Willim [\*]hell

[\*]ry County Ss.

I Certifie that I ordered Capt Daniel Carlin

[\*]arch with a Company of Volunteers to the assistance of

[\*]l Green whilst in North Carolina Abrah<sup>m</sup> Penn Cty. Lt.

Aug<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1786

Aud<sup>rs</sup> Office 29 Oct<sup>r</sup> 1791

The Auditor can't say these Rolls head not been settled nor assert that they have, as there is no  
Check in his possession— The ~~The~~ Old books Now [illegible word] being removed to the Seat of  
Congress [several illegible words] it may be known by applicating to Comm<sup>r</sup> Davis [three words  
lined through] and the [two or three illegible words] will procure a Certificate from him [two or  
three illegible words] the next Session of Assembly [several illegible words]

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the Dessated[?] c/o Hugh Annstson[?] 20<sup>th</sup>

one 30<sup>th</sup> September 1783

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Daniel Carlin Pay Roll

the Law is repealed for issuing militia certificates. says J. P.

NOTES:

1. Many of the soldiers appear to have been from the western part of Henry County that became Patrick County in 1791. According to the pension application of Hall Hudson R5331, Carlin's company during the 1779 tour served as Rangers along the border between present Patrick County VA and Wilkes and Surry counties of NC. This area, known as "The Hollow," was notorious for Tory attacks on citizens. The phrase "For the soth" struck out in the certificate of the Justice of the Peace perhaps refers to their being sent south of Henry County.
2. These payrolls appear to have been submitted as proof of Carlin's service for the purpose of obtaining some kind of benefit from the state of Virginia, perhaps for a disability. According to J. T. McAllister, *Virginia Militia in the Revolutionary War*, Carlin was sworn in as a Captain in the Henry County Militia on 20 Apr 1778.
3. Thomas Hill was commissioned Ensign in June 1781 according to McAllister.
4. William Letcher, often called Col. or Capt. Letcher, was about 30 years old when he was murdered by Tories on 2 Aug 1780 in his own home near Ararat in present Patrick County.
5. William Tunstal resigned as Lt. Col. of the Henry County Militia in Mar 1780, according to McAllister.
6. "Green" referred to in the certificate of Abram Penn was Gen. Nathanael Greene, who at the time of the 1781 tour by Carlin's company was being pursued by Cornwallis through North Carolina. Carlin's troops were discharged just 5 days before the crucial Battle of Guilford Courthouse. At that time Col. Abram Penn commanded the Henry County Militia.