

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Hezekiah Carr: W3509

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[The first declaration is from a printed form, with handwritten entries shown in italics.]

DISTRICT OF *Columbia*, SS.

On this 18th day of *April* 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the *circuit court of the united States* for the said district, personally appeared *Hezekiah Carr* aged 58 years, resident in *Virginia (but now)* in the said district, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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:" That he, the said *Hezekiah Carr* enlisted in *Petersburg* in the state of *Virginia* in the company commanded by Captain *John Smith* of the *3 Maryland regiment Maryland line in the year of [Horatio] Gates's defeat [at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] and about four months previous thereto*; that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States until the *end of the war*, when he was discharged from service in *Annapolis* state of *Maryland*, that he was in the battles of the *Cowpens [17 Jan 1781] Campden [Battle of Hobkirk's Hill near Camden SC, 25 April 1781], and the Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781], Gates's defeat and Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 March 1781] where he was wounded with a ball & 3 buck shot* and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services, *his discharge being worn out, except the enclosed certificate of bounty land.*

Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid.

I certify that it appears by the return made by the Commissioners, that Heze Carr, late a Drummer in the 3rd Maryland Reg't. is entitled to lot No. 472 Containing 50 acres, of the Lands Westward of Fort Cumberland, in Allegany County [MD]. [signed] John S Brewer Reg't office
15 July 1811

State of Virginia, Chesterfield county Sct

On this fourteenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and twenty two, personally appeared in open court, before the county court of Chesterfield (which is a court of record, the act of Assembly establishing the county courts, expressly stating they shall be courts of record) Hezekiah Carr, aged fifty eight years, resident in said county of Chesterfield, who being first sworn in open court according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war, that he entered the Army of the United States as a Drummer in the year 1780 as he believes, certainly before General Gates' defeat as he was in that action - that he enlisted in Capt. Jack Smiths company of Infantry of the Maryland line, (and continental establishment) third regiment and first Brigade, that he was present at the battle of the Cowpens, & at that battle was attached to Mangis [Lt. Nicholas Mangers's] company, who commanded as captain, but he believes was in fact a Lieutenant, that he was the officer who was afterwards killed in a duel with a Lieutenant Beally he believes; that he was at that time in [Col. John Eager] Howard's Regiment, that this was the first battle in which he served as a soldier, with a musket; that he was then transfered to the 3rd Regt in other words to the company called Capt. Jack Smiths (he being at that time a prisoner of war on parole) as well as this affiant recollects; and in that company he served in the engagement at Guilford courthouse, where he was wounded by a musket ball and three buckshot - that he was then conveyed to troublesome old Iron works, where he remained untill he recovered from his wounds. That he was present at the Battle of Camden was at the seige of ninety six, and served in the forlorn hope under Selden and Duvall [see note below]; = And finally that he was in the engagement at the Eautaw Springs, where Colo. [William] Washington of the Cavalry was made a prisoner, and that he saw Lieut Isaac Duvall fall at the head of our company. - we were then marched to James Island [in Charleston County SC], embarked at fort Johnson, landed at the Governor's wharf at Anapolis, Maryland and honorably

discharged by Capt John Sprighill of the 4th Regiment, who was then engaged in discharging the men of the 3rd Regiment: That he applied for a pension in 1818, and was put upon the pension list, and received a warrant, and under it received pay, untill it was suspended in March 1820, as well as he recollects - his warrant is not numbered, but is dated 18th April 1818:

And I Hezekiah Carr, do solemnly swear, that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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 the 18th 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 me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed (but on the contrary that my schedule contains more property than I possessed on the 18th March 1818, having acquired since that time my lot & house and horses).

Schedule

One & a quarter acre of land, with an old framed dwelling house on it of the value of \$125; one horse of the value of \$50: one cow \$15, one hog \$5 an old table, six old chairs, set of old knives & forks, a few plates & a dish, a set of cups and saucers, 2 potts, a dutch oven, & an old frying pan, altogether of the value of \$15: some old ropes & coal pit tools \$5: There may be some other small & unimportant articles in the family not recollected: The above horse is under an execution from the Superior court of law for the county of Chesterfield in favour of Jerman Baker for the payment of \$115.75 with interest from the 1st March 1821 till paid \$8.35 cents Costs.

I the said Hezekiah Carr, have been by occupation a waggoner, am aged fifty eight years, and now unable to pursue that occupation having for about four years discontinued it, in consequence of my age and inability to encounter the labour & hardships necessarily incident to such a trade. I have a wife an four children residing with me, to wit, Edith Parsons Carr, my wife aged about 45 years of general weakly constitution; Joseph Carr my son, aged 11 years now going to school enjoys the same share of health and strength as is usual for boys of his age; Rachel Carr my daughter aged 10 years, engaged in going to school of general unhealthy constitution; Caroline Carr my daughter aged eight years of general healthy constitution; and Delilah Carr my daughter aged 3 years of general healthy constitution. I think fit to add that if my creditors should force me to pay my debts, I should not have any property left, indeed my property would be nothing like sufficient to pay my debts. there is now unpaid a judgement ag't me in favour of one of my nephews for \$400.00 & costs, with interest for about twenty years, independent of some small claims. Hezekiah his+mark Carr

NOTES:

Carr stated that he served in "the forlorn hope" at the siege of Ninety-Six SC, 22 May - 19 June 1781. "Forlorn hope" was the name given to two assault forces that attempted to breach the British fortifications on the day before the siege had to be abandoned. Captain-Lieutenant Samuel Selden and Lt. Isaac Duval led one of the forlorn hopes. Lt. Duval was shot at Eutaw Springs as he mounted a captured cannon, took off his hat, and gave three cheers. He died within half an hour. (Patrick O'Kelley's *Nothing but Blood and Slaughter*, Vol. 3. Booklocker.com, 2005.)

On 28 July 1841 Edith Parsons Carr, 67, applied for a pension stating that she married Hezekiah Carr in Amelia County VA in 1790, and he died "a few days before Christmas 1823."