

Pension Application for William Carr

S.12445

William Carr Junr
State of New York
County of Orange SS.

On this Fourth day of September in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Orange being a court of record in the said State now sitting William Carr, Junior a resident of Orange County and State of New York aged seventy one years who being first duly sworn 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 into the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He entered into the service in the month of August in the year 1777 the particular day we recollected under Captain John Minthorn of the Militia of the State of New York—George Vance was first Lieutenant—Deponent was first Lieutenant—Deponent went as one of a class in said company for three months the said company having been divided—that he resided in the town of Warwick when he entered into the service. We marched through Sugarloaf and what is now called Blooming Grove and Monroe to Fort Montgomery on the North river that he staid there about one month Governor George Clinton commanded at that time—there were a number of Continental troops there Captain Moody commanded a company of Artillery.—

From the said fort and above a week, before the same was taken Captain Minthorn and Captain John Wood of the New York Militia were ordered with their companies to Ramapo now in the County of Rockland in the said state passing through Smith's Clove a distance of about twenty miles Colonel Malcom of the Continental Army was lying at Ramapo with part of a regiment and recruiting—Deponent remained at Ramapo until in the month of October and for some short time after Fort Montgomery was taken the precise days not recollected—

When Deponents company and the company commanded by Captain Wood were ordered to New Windsor in the said County of Orange passing through Blaggs Clove and what is now called Salisbury to New Windsor we were under the command of Major Moffat of the Militia—there was a regiment or part of a regiment of Continental troops commanded by Colonel Webb—Governor Clinton was there but Deponent cannot now recollect the names of the officers there—after remaining about twenty four hours Captain Minthorn and Captain Wood with their companies—were ordered to Esopus in the County of Ulster—Deponent thinks a part of the regular troops preceded them up the river—Deponent marched with his company up the river direct towards Kingston (Esopus) when within four or five miles of Kingston we were met by Governor Clinton who had just come from Kingston which had been burned by the enemy—and we were ordered to Hurley a few miles west of Kingston—when we laid a few days—and were then ordered to New Windsor in Orange County returning the same route we went —we remained there a short time and were dismissed—Deponent had no discharge kept no memoranda of dates and cannot say precisely when he was discharged but is sure he staid in the service the three months for which he entered—

Deponent does not now recollect a single person now living who was with him at that time—Many he knows to be dead and others who removed out of the country he believes to be dead—

According to Deponents best recollection his next service was in the year 1778—he belonged to a company of Militia in the town of Warwick commanded by Captain John Sears—

They were divided into classes—each class furnishing a man this Deponent went for one of the classes—and received some compensation from them—he was ordered to Peenpack on the Frontiers in the County of Ulster, now the county of Orange and State of New York—under Captain Abraham Westfall of New York Militia—Deponent then resided in Warwick aforesaid and went direct with William

Johnson, Vincent Wood and others all of whom are dead with the exception of one Williams who went to Kentucky and from whom Deponent has not heard in a number of years—Deponent remained at Peenpack to guard the frontiers from the incursions of the Indians for nine months at which time the company to which Deponent belonged was dismissed at Dewits Fort by Major Dewit. There were no continental troops there—Deponent cannot say precisely when he went to Peenpack—nor when he was dismissed it was however in the spring when he went and he was dismissed in the winter—

He kept no memorandum of dates nor did he receive any written discharge—he knows however that he served the full period of nine months—that the affidavit hereto annexed of William Johnson relates to the above term of service that the said Johnson is now dead—that said Deponent got the affidavit of the said John Sow on account of his being very infirm he had been unwell two years—his affidavit was taken after a meeting had been held in Goshen of the Soldiers of the revolution and a resolution adopted to Petition Congress on the subject—

Deponent deemed it important to have the testimony of said Johnson in case of his death—and James Wood Esquire of a Justice of the Peace in and for the town of Warwick before mentioned went with this Deponent to the said Johnsons house where he was sworn.

And Deponent further said that in the summer of 1779 and in July he was hired by a number of Persons belonging to his company to go to the Frontiers at Peenpack.—The Indians having made incursions in that Quarter—

Deponent was out at that time as he thinks about six weeks he was stationed part of the time at Deckers Fort part of the time at Jacob Chambers at which place guards were kept a battle was fought with the Indians at this time fifteen or twenty miles from where Deponent was stationed on the 22d day of July—in which many men and officers were killed—Colonel John Hathorn of the militia commanded as Deponent was informed—at the end of six weeks Deponent was discharged and returned home—

And Deponent further saith that his next service was at Shendaken in the County of Ulster about forty miles from Warwick aforesaid and on the frontiers—where the Indians had made frequent incursions—Colonel Paulding commanded—Major Dewit of the Militia was also there—We went from Warwick to Peenpack under Captain Minthorn as Deponent thinks—a portion of us were sent on to Shendaken through Mamakating hollow Warwasing—upon arriving at Shendaken we were put under strange officers—whose names are forgotten by Deponent except the Colonel and Major—Deponent was in the service at this time three months—returning the way we went—having been duly discharged. Deponent has no distinct recollection of the time he went out on this service—but recollects that he returned in the fall of the year—and he thinks it was in the year 1779—George Wood and William Knapp were with him and Deponent further saith that his next service was at West Point—

It was in the fall of the year in 1780 as deponent thinks—he went under the command of Captain Andrew Miller of the Militia—cannot recollect the other officers of the company—he was engaged at Fatigue duty raising batteries—Deponent was there six weeks when he was dismissed—we went there through Blooming Grove & Cornwall across the Mountains to the Point—

There were a number of United States Officers at that time at West Point—but Deponent cannot now recollect their names—there was no intercourse between us and the regular troops.

And this deponent further saith that to the end of the war he was in the service as a militia man a greater part of the time from the spring to the winter at Ramapo and Paramus and at Peenpack on the Frontiers. Deponent cannot state the various time nor the particulars—Deponent always went when it was his duty to go—either as a member of his class or on occasion of general alarms and he also went on various occasions as a substitute for his brother David Carr and his brother Robert Carr—

Deponent has no hesitation in saying from his general recollection of his services and the various places at which he was stationed that besides the nine months above stated he was out in actual service from the time he first entered the same to the end of the war at least four months and one half each and every year—On these occasions deponent was generally under the command of Captain

Minthorn—sometime under Captain Andrew Miller and sometimes under Captain Shepherd. Deponent recollects distinctly that on some occasions that after serving out his own term of duty he continued on as a substitute for one of his brothers and served their term out. The militia in that part of the country in which deponent resided – or a portion of them of them [sic] were on duty during the spring summer and fall of each year—either at Ramapo and the neighbourhood thereof or on the Minisink frontiers.

Deponent further saith that he was born in the year 1761.

That he has resided since the revolution & still resides in the town of Warwick. He has a record of his age at home.

He has no documentary evidence—

Enoch Jackson, Robert Furman, Noah Morford reside in his neighbourhood who can testify to his veracity and their belief of his revolutionary services. (Signed) Wm Carr, Jun'r

Subscribed & sworn the 4th day of Sept 1832. Asa Dunning Clerk

Letter in file dated September 21, 1928, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.12445, it appears that William Carr was born in 1761, place not stated.

While a resident of Warwick, Orange County, New York he enlisted in August 1777 and served three months in Captain John Minthorn's Company, Colonel Hathorn's New York Regiment.

In the spring of 1778 he belonged to Captain John Sayre's New York Company; he then enlisted in Captain Abraham Westfall's Company, Colonel Tusten's New York Regiment and served nine months.

He enlisted in July 1779, served six weeks, he officers not named, and again in the same year, enlisted and served three months in Captain John Minthorn's Company, Colonel Pauldings, New York Regiment.

He enlisted in the fall of 1780 and served six weeks in Captain Andrew Miller's New York Company.

He continued to serve at various times, whenever called upon, amounting in all to over six months, under Captain Shepherd and other officers not named, to the close of the Revolution. He stated that his entire service was as a private and that on various occasions he went out as a substitute for his brothers David Carr and Robert Carr.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 4, 1832 while a resident of Warwick, New York where he had resided ever since the Revolution.

In 1836 he had moved to Southport, Chemung County, New York because his children had become residents of that town. He died January 14, 1843.

The names of his children and that of his wife are not stated.

There is no claim for pension on file on account of the service of David Carr or Robert Carr of Orange County, New York.