

Pension Application for William Carr

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State of New York
Ontario County SS.

On this twenty seventh day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting, William Carr a resident of the Village of Geneva in said County and State aged eighty two 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 June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the united States under the following named officers and served as herein stated viz: That in April 1775, at the City of Albany where he then resided he enlisted in Captain John Vischers Company in Colonel VanSchaick's 2d New York Regiment for six months, was appointed recruiting sergeant at Albany and continued in the service and performed the duty of Sergeant for fourteen months, until he was discharged at Albany the 23d of June 1776 by Lieutenant Joseph Fitch; two or three weeks after his enlistment the company marched to Fort George and there joined the Regiment under the command of Lieut Col. Yates, was stationed at Fort George and Ticonderoga all summer & until Montgomery arrived and took the command of the troops in that quarter, marched with the army to Fort Johns under the command of Genl Montgomery, remained at and near that post until it was surrendered to the American arms on the 3d day of November, and then proceeded to LaPararie [LaPrairie] and Montreal, and by the Three Rivers to Quebec, arrived at Quebec the first of December, was in Montgomery's Division when he stormed Quebec and was killed on the morning of the 31st of December 1775; after being repulsed in that attack he retired with the Army to a place three miles below Quebec where they continued during the winter, was stationed on the Island of Orleans during apart of May under command of Colonel Warner where he performed the duty of the commissary who was sick; in the latter part of May was sent with a party of about twenty under command of Lieut Fitch to St. Johns for the purpose of securing the boats and after accomplishing that object, they were ordered and, and made the best of their way to Albany where they soon arrived and was discharged as before stated on the 23d day of June 1776 after fourteen months since as a Sergeant.

In the year 1777 in the spring he was ordered out with the militia under command of Genl Henry VanRensselaer, marched to the lines at Paisnell, Lansingburgh &c assisted in taking a part of one hundred and eighty British and was commanded by Palmateer, was then in service about three weeks and was ordered out under the direction of the Committee of Safety of which John Barday was chairman, was the same year on duty as a guard to protect the City of Albany from the British and Tories, as it was apprehended it would be fired, was in said service not less than one month—

That in 1780 the year that Colonel Brown was killed at Stoney Arabia, in the fall of the year about October he was ordered out with the militia in captain Lansings Company, in Col. Schuyler's Regiment under command of General Robert VanRensselaer of Claverack, went up the Mohawk to Ellis Flatts; there had an engagement with the Indians and British under Sir John Johnson after the engagement went in pursuit of them through the woods towards Unadilla, and was gone from Camp between three and four days, returned to Albany and there dismissed, was in the service between twenty and thirty days, shortly afterwards same fall was ordered out in the same company, went to the north to Saratoga, and near to Fort Edward, remained in service until after the British returned across Lake Champlain, was dismissed at Albany after being in service, bout three weeks.

That in 1777 a short time previous to Burgoin's surrender he went into the continental Army [Army] at Albany at the request of Quarter Master General Morgan Lewis as a forger and continued in that service until the establishment was broken up, with the exception of the militia service above stated.

That he has no documentary evidence of his services and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services.

That in 1818 he received an affidavit from Captain Vischer and forwarded [it] to the War Department and afterwards one from M Wendel both of which are lost, and since then both Vischer and Wendel have died.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) William Carr

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. [Charles Crane]