

John Carter (1730 - 1781)

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Colonel John (Col. John) Carter

Born 1730 in VA[♀]


Son of [father unknown] and [mother unknown]

[sibling(s) unknown]

Husband of **Elizabeth (Taylor) Carter** — married [date unknown]
[location unknown]

Father of Landon C. Carter

Died 1781 in **Washington, TENNESSEE**[♀]

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American Revolution Record

CARTER, JOHN

Service: VIRGINIA

Rank(s): COLONEL, CIVIL SERVICE, PATRIOTIC SERVICE

Birth: 1730 VIRGINIA

Death: 1783 WASHINGTON CO TENNESSEE

Service Description:

- JUSTICE MEM OF COMM OF SAFETY, CONV.
- MEM OF PROV. CONG. GEN. ASSEMBLY, MILITIA.

Spouse: ELIZABETH TAYLOR

SIGNED WATAUGA PETITION

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Family

- Wife 1. Mary (unknown) Carter

1. Landon2 CARTER, Capt. b. Jan 29 1760 d. Jun 5 1800

- Wife 2. Elizabeth Taylor

:2. John CARTER b: ABT. 1762 in Rockbridge, VA :3. Emanuel
CARTER b: ABT. 1764 in Rockbridge, VA :4. Susan CARTER b:
ABT. 1765 in Rockbridge, VA

Find A Grave

Find A Grave Memorial# 97101420 Carter Cemetery, Elizabethton,
Carter County, Tennessee, USA.

Stone Inscription:

Chairman of Watauga Association and of the five
commissioners who established that first written compact for
Civil Government by American-Born Freeman. Chairman of
Committee of Safety, in Revolution Colonel of Militia and in
command Watauga Fort 1776, Entry-Taker One of the first
Delegates from Washington District to North Carolina assembly,
Member two constitutional conventions in North Carolina

Biography

John Carter moved from Virginia into the wilderness in sometime in the 1771 and opened a trading post on the Holston River with a man named William Parker. The area they settled in is called Carter's Valley. The Cherokee Indians preferred that these men travel to their villages with their trading goods. When Carter and Parker refused, the Indians raided their outpost and burned the store.

John Carter moved into the Watauga River Valley by 1772. This area was the western frontier, Indian territory, and by King George III's Proclamation of 1763, off limits to settlers.

John Carter joined earlier settlers in forming the Watauga Association, the first democratic association of free American-born men of the Appalachians. Serving as chairman of the court, Carter quickly became a prominent leader. Carter purchased 640 acres of land in the "Watauga Old Fields," an area cleared for agriculture by the Indians long before the settlers had arrived.

Between 1775 and 1781 (when John Carter died of smallpox) the Mansion was built near the bank of the Watauga River. After John died, his son, Landon assumed his leading role in the community. Both John and Landon served as representatives from the Washington District to the North Carolina General Assembly.

Sources