

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Benjamin Garvin R1079                      Margaret Bowman                      VA  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Pennsylvania    } S.S.  
County of Butler            }

On this 2<sup>d</sup> day of July A.D. 1855, personally appeared before me, Samuel Marshall, a Judge of the Courts, holden within and for the County and State aforesaid, David Garvin, aged 67 years, and William Garvin, aged, 53, years, residents of the township Cranberry in the County and State aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law, do depose and say that they are children of Benjamin Garvin, late of Cranberry township County of Butler and State of Pennsylvania deceased. that they always understood their said Father, the aforesaid Benjamin Garvin, deceased, in his life to state that he enlisted in the service of the United States at the County of Rockingham [formed from Augusta County in 1778], in the State of Virginia, about the commencement of said war, that said enlistment was for during the war, and that he continued in the service until the taking of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781], or the Battle of Yorktown That from the lapse of time they are not now able to give the names of the officers or Commandants, under whom the said Services were rendered, but recollect distinctly of him frequently speaking of Col. Jinkins Reg't. of Infanthy, in the Virginia Continental line, and thinks that he served in said Reg't., and that he was discharged about the first day January A.D. 1782, and that he had received some £50. of pay from the State of Virginia some two years after the close of his service at one time, and that they very frequently in his life time heard him speak of making application to the executive of Virginia for the Bounty lands due him for said Services, but to their knowledge, the same was never applied for, nor received by him during his life.

That the aforesaid Benjamin Garvin, their Father, was a resident of Rockingham County Virginia, where he owned a farm, That about the year A.D. 1790, he emigrated from thence with his family to Western Pennsylvania, and settled in the County of Allegheny, now Butler, where he continued to live untill the day of his death, which occured on the 5 day of August A.D. 1815.

That he left surviving him his wife, their mother, whose name was Margaret, now deceased, and that her name before her marriage with their said Father was Margaret Boyd, and that the marriage of the aforesaid Benjamin Garvin and Margaret Boyd, was solemnized in the year of Our Lord, A.D. 1782, on the thirty first day of January, as per copy of Family Record, hereunto annexed. That said marriage took place after, and not prior to the close of ther said Fathers services in said war, of the Revolution.

And that Margaret, their mother, and former Wife and Widow of their Father the said Benjamin Garvin, dec'd, after the death of their said Father, was intermarried with a Mr. Bowman, late of the Boro of Mercer, County of Mercer, Pennsylvania dec'd. that the marriage took place in the year A.D. 1825, or about that time and that Mr. Bowman her last Husband died at his residence in the Boro of Mercer, A.D. 1828, when their mother returned home to her children in the year 1828, and continued to reside among them until the time of her death. and that the aforesaid Benjamin Garvin and Margaret, their parents had all the following named Children, to wit, Elizabeth married to James Minnis resident of the City of Pittsburgh, Penna, Alexander, Nancy married with Joshua Stoolfire Esqr, dec'd, David, John, James, & William, residents of Butler County Penna, Jefferson resident of Lawrence County Pa, Margaret dec'd, Benjamin of the State of Mississippi, near Grand Gulf.

The following named now surviving, Elizabeth Mennis, David, James, William, Jefferson, and Benjamin.

And that their mother the aforesaid Margaret the former wife and widow of the aforesaid Benjamin Garvin, their Father, died at the residence of her Daughter Nancy Stoolfire, in the township of Cranberry in the County and state aforesaid, on the eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) day of June, A.D. 1844, at the age of about eighty two years. That she was a widow, as aforesaid, on the 7 day of July 1838, and so continued until the day of her death. That they have not any record of the death of their said mother or second

marriage now at hand, the same having passed into the hands of some of the Grand children, children of the aforesaid Nancy Stoolfire, and cannot now be procured.

That they make this declaration for the purpose of procuring from the Gen'l. Government of the United States for the benefit of said surviving children, the amount of arrears of Pension, which was due the aforesaid Margaret their mother, by virtue of the services of the aforesaid Benjamin Garvin dec'd, who was their Father, as aforesaid, under acts, of July 7, 1838, March 3<sup>d</sup> 1843, June 17 1844, &c. The same having never been drawn or applied for, &c.

Attest John Cavert David Garvin Samuel Marshall Wm Garvin

#### NOTES:

I could find no record of a Col. Jinkins or Jenkins in the Virginia Continental Army.

On 2 July 1855 William Graham, about 72, and Matthew Graham, about 75, stated that Benjamin Garvin had told them that after he was discharged, he "brough home with him the team of a certain Green, who had been killed in the service, or mortally wounded, by having his legs shot off. that said Green was also a resident of Rockingham, Virg. and a nigh neighbour to said Garvin, that he took said Team with him home and delivered it to the family of said Green (or Guinn)."

The file includes the family record transcribed below, certified by David Garvin as being from his Bible and copied from his father's.

#### MARRIAGES.

Benjamin Garvin was married to Margret Boyd In January the 31<sup>st</sup> in the year of our Lord 1782

#### BIRTHS.

Elizabeth Garvin was Born In November the 24<sup>th</sup> in the year of our Lord 1783

Alexander Garvin was Born In September the 15<sup>th</sup> in the year of our Lord 1784

Desest

Nancy Garvin was Born in May the 12<sup>th</sup> in the year of our Lord 1786

Nancy Clark Garvin was Born in August the 25<sup>th</sup> In the year of our Lord 1787

David Garvin was Born in October the 7<sup>th</sup> in the year of our Lord 1789

John Garvin was Born in October the 28<sup>th</sup> in the year of our Lord 1792

Benjamin Garvin was Born In the June the 30<sup>th</sup> in the year of our Lord 1794

James W. Garvin was Born In October the 14<sup>th</sup> In the year of our Lord 1796

Margret Garvin was Born In June the 22<sup>nd</sup> in the year of our Lord 1797

William Garvin was Born in November the 9 In the year of our Lord 1802

Jefferson Garvin was Born In March the 30<sup>th</sup> in the year of our Lord 1805