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Pension Application of Henry Garnett R14340  
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VA Half Pay

[The following four items are transcribed from copies in the federal file of [bounty-warrant records now in the Library of Virginia](#). The online images of the documents in the Library of Virginia are partly illegible.]

To His Excellency the Gov. of Virginia

The Petition of Robert Garnett and others, who are heirs of Henry Garnett respectfully state that said Henry Garnett was a Captain in the regular service, & in the Virginia line more than three years and died many years ago without ever receiving the Land Bounty to which he was entitled & which they now pray may be allowed them.

The affidavits of Wm. Elliott and Edward Vawter are positive that he was more than three years in service – they refer to circumstances which corroborate their convictions of his being more than three years in service. The Auditors certificate from the Records proves every material point except the duration of his service & the large amount of depreciation ~~pay~~ he received, is a strong circumstance in support of the affidavits on that point. Mr Vawter is mistaken in saying H. Garnett was in the Continental line. He knew Capt. Garnett was in the Regular service & Virginia line and inadvertently describes the line as Virginia Continental line as appears by his reference to the service of others under Garnett and the Records show that they were in the State line. Ben Vawter [Benjamin Vawter] drew 100 acres Warrant No. 739, for three years service in the Virginia State line – which confirms Ed. Vawter statement respecting his services & shows that Mr. V. meant to state that Henry Garnetts services were of the same description. All of which is respectfully submitted by

T. Green Atto. for the Petitioners

[The following three copies were certified on 8 March 1853.]

The Affidavit of William Elliott aged 79 years [24 May 1832]  
This affiant states that he was acquainted with Henry Garnett during the revolutionary war and afterwards to his death. He knows that s'd. Garnett was a captain in the regular service in the Virginia line, during the revolutionary war. He knows that the s'd Garnett was in service three years, during the war. Wyatt Elliott the brother of this affiant was a Sergeant under the s'd Garnett, who served to the end of the war. How much longer the said Garnett was in service than three years this affiant cannot say.

Wm. Elliott

I do hereby certify that I was acquainted with Capt Henry Garnett of Essex County in the revolutionary war. The said Garnett was a Captain in the Virginia continental line in the said war and served at least four or five years and, I think to the close of the war. Benj. Vawter a relation of mine and several others of my acquaintances enlisted under the s'd Garnett for the term of three years

[24 July 1832] Edward Vawter

I hereby certify that Henry Garnett a Captain of infantry in the state line received on the 26 March 1783 a certificate for the balance of his full pay amounting to £139.12.0 as appears by the army Register in this office. Given under my hand at the Auditors office

Richmond 27 July 1832/ Js E. Heath

Executive Department/ Richmond, March 8<sup>th</sup> 1853

I do hereby certify that it appears from the Journal of the Executive of Virginia of the nineteenth day of March 1778 that the Council advised the Governor to proceed to the issuing of commissions upon

the Documents before them, in order that the second Virginia Regiment may march to head quarters without delay, which the Governor did in pursuance of said advice, & among others commissioned Henry Garnet a Captain of said regiment – his commission to date from the twelfth day of February 1777

Given under my hand this eighth of March 1853

George W. Munford/ Sec'y of the Com[monweal]th

NOTES:

The federal pension file includes a copy of the last will and testament of Henry Garnett dated 27 Aug 1805 with the following provision: “that my slaves, work creatures, plantation interests and provisions sufficient for their support annually be furnished for three years from my estate to raise the sum of five hundred pounds for Nancy and Austin Garnett, children of Austin Garnett dec'd. and also five hundred pounds to be equally divided between the children of Robert Garnett, after that sum being raised by working the plantation called Farmers' hall, I then devise the said plantation, one half to Robert Garnett, and the other half to Nancy & Austin Garnett, and that Hannah S. Neale shall have liberty to live in the mansion house and to have full use of all the land houses &c from the cross fence runing from Lydia Brooks to the white oak swamp during the term of three years after raising the above sum. it is my will that Maria, Washington, and Fenton Mariner, a son and daughters of Ann Mariner to have in young negroes to the amount of five hundred pounds which may be purchased or allotted out of my estate....” Also named as devisees were Henrietta Day, daughter of Lucy Day; Andrew Monroe and Fanny his wife; and John Segar and Eliza his wife. Codicils to the will were signed by Garnett as late as 22 June 1811.

The claim was rejected for lack of proof that Garnett served to the end of the war.