

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Gardner R20372

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State of Indiana, Spencer County

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the act entitled "an act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution," Approved on the 15th of May 1828 I John Gardner of the County of Spencer and State of Indiana do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution for the term of Eighteen months or during the War and continued in its Service until its termination (that is the end of the war). At which period I was a Sergeant in Captain Benjamin Coleman's Company in the Regiment commanded by Col. Archibald Lytle of the North Carolina Line. And I also declare that I never received any certificate for the reward of \$80 to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May 1778.

And I further declare that I was not on the 15th of May 1828 on the Pension List of the United States.

Witness my hand this 13th day of December in the year 1828.

S/ John Gardner, X his mark

Before me John W. Graham an Associate Judge of the Circuit Court of Spencer County State of Indiana personally appeared William Overlin and Miner Seright of the said County who did severally make oath that John Gardner by whom the foregoing declaration was subscribed is generally reputed and believed to have been a Soldier of the Army of the Revolution in manner as therein stated.

Witness my hand this 13th day of December A.D. 1828

S/ J. W. Graham

Revolutionary claims

Treasury Department

12 January 1829

John Gardner of ___ in the County of Spencer in the State of Indiana has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An Act for the benefit of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a Sergeant in Captain Coleman's Company, and the Regiment of the North Carolina line; and that he received a certificate for the reward of \$80, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th day of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the third of March, 1826, nothing.

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records of his office.

By order of the Secretary

S/ F. A. Dickins

The name of John Gardner cannot be found among those of the North Carolina line, to whom Certificates for the gratuity of \$80 were issued.

There was a man on the Revolutionary Pension Roll of the Indiana Agency who has been paid to March 1827, but who has been reported as "Dead."

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

War Department
Bounty Land Office
12 May 1829

The records of this Office, do not show that John Gardner of the North Carolina line ever received or is entitled to bounty land of the U. States.

S/ Robert Taylor

Washington City December 23rd 1829

The Hon. Samuel D. Ingham,
Sir,

The enclosed letter to Mr. John Gardner, a Soldier of the revolutionary war is herewith returned; and in behalf of Mr. Gardner, I have to state, that the only testimony in his power to procure were in support his claim, was by myself presented during the 19th Congress – but which appears was not on the 14th of May last, to be found in the War department. Hezekiah Hargrave, what at the time of Mr. Gardner's first presenting his claim, was the only living witness in his behalf known to him. Mr. Hargrave is now dead, which puts it out of the power of Mr. Gardner, to renew his testimony. I will be very much obliged if you will be so good as to give the subject a further examination, and advise me of the result.

I have the honor to be very respectfully your obedient Servant,

S/ R. Boon¹

"Mr. Gardner served in the 5th Regiment North Carolina line; commanded by Col. Archibald Lytle served in Major Blount's Battalion."

Boonville Warrick County, Indianan Dec. 28th 1828

I Simon Lewis a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Warwick in the State of Indiana do Certify that sometime in the year 1826 Hezekiah Hargrave came Personally before me at my office in Boonville and by his Affidavit identified John Gardner a Revolutionary Soldier and proved the Service of said Gardner in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War, also the company to which he belonged, the time of his service & the time of his discharge together with other particulars not now recollected, which affidavit the said Gardner says is now on file at the War Department where it was left by the Honorable Platty Boon while a Member of Congress – I do further certify that in my

1 BOON, Ratliff, (1781-1844) a Representative from Indiana; born in Franklin County, N.C., January 18, 1781; moved with his parents to Warren County, Ky.; attended the public schools; moved to Danville, Ky., and learned the gunsmith's trade; moved to what is now Boon Township, Warrick County, Ind., in 1809; on the organization of Warrick County was appointed its first treasurer in 1813; member of the State house of representatives in 1816 and 1817; served in the State senate in 1818; elected Lieutenant Governor of Indiana in 1819; upon the resignation of Jonathan Jennings became Governor and served from September 12 to December 5, 1822; reelected Lieutenant Governor in August 1822 and served until January 30, 1824, when he resigned to become a candidate for Congress; elected as a Jacksonian to the Nineteenth Congress (March 4, 1825-March 3, 1827); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1826 to the Twentieth Congress; elected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-first through Twenty-fourth Congresses and as a Democrat to the Twenty-fifth Congress (March 4, 1829-March 3, 1839); chairman, Committee on Public Lands (Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Congresses); unsuccessful candidate for election to the United States Senate in 1836; moved to Pike County, Mo., in 1839; died in Louisiana, Mo., on November 20, 1844; interment in Riverview Cemetery.
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opinion said Hargrave's affidavit is entitled to full credit -- that living he was considered an honest and respectable Citizen and had long served as an Associate Judge of this County. This certificate is given at the Request of Mr. Gardner, because of the death of Judge Hargrave-- but the Affidavit can undoubtedly be obtained by Application at the War Department.

S/ Simon Lewis, JP