

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Garner R3919

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State of Tennessee, Hardin County

On this the Sixteenth day of December in the year of Our Lord 1834, personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of Our Court of pleas and quarter Sessions now Sitting for said County Henry Garner a resident of Hardin County State of Tennessee aged about 75 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 the 7th 1832 – That he was Born in Rowan County State of North Carolina in the year 1760 as he is informed and believes, having no record of my age cannot say what day and month, hear [sic, here] I resided before the Revolution – and in the year 1780 and as well as he now recollects, he was hired by Sixteen men to serve a Tour in the Militia, so I entered the Service of the United States as a volunteer Soldier and for the Sixteen men, in Rowan County State of North Carolina under Captain Peter Hetrick [sic, Peter Hedrick] and Colonel Haynes. We then Marched to Salisbury and there Joined General Rutherford's [Griffith Rutherford's] Army after our Joined General Rutherford we marched to Camlet [sic, Camden?], here we lay for a long time, then we marched to the neighborhood of Charleston, the British having possession of that place at this time, so we turned our course and marched about forty miles from Camlet, here we lay during the Winter, so soon as the winter broke up we marched directly back to Salisbury and stayed there for some time, then we marched into this State of Virginia where I was discharged. I served in this Tour not less than Eighteen months. I received a written discharge signed by my Captain but it is now lost or destroyed.

I again entered the service of the United States as a drafted soldier sometime in the year 1781 the day and month when I entered not now recollected in Rowan County North Carolina, under Captain Frederick Smith and Colonel Hayes – after Our rendezvous which took place in Rowan County we marched to Deep River and there Joined General Butler [John Butler] after our Junction with him we marched within twenty miles of Wilmington North Carolina, here we staid a short time, while here we understood the British was marching to make an attack upon us, so we retreated from this place and went to the Raft Swamps, here we had a Battle with the British and General Butler was defeated.¹ I was in this Battle – from here I understood the British marched back to Wilmington, and we went to Cross Creek in North Carolina and lay there a short time, when I was discharged, this was about the time General Washington fought the Battle of Little York [Cornwallis surrendered the British forces at Yorktown on October 19, 1781], from the great length of time cannot say that the precise time. I

¹ I was unable to identify any action at Raft Swamp which fit the description given by the veteran. There was an action at Little Raft Swamp on September one, 1781 between loyalist forces commanded by Colonel David Fanning and patriot forces commanded by Colonel Thomas Wade in which Fanning's forces were overwhelmingly successful. John Butler is not known to have been at this engagement. There was another engagement at Raft Swamp October 15, 1781 in which patriot forces under Major Joseph Graham were overwhelmingly successful in an engagement with loyalist forces under the command of Colonel Duncan Ray. Again, General John Butler is not known to have been at this engagement

cannot say positively how long I served in this Campaign but I am certain I served not less than six months for which service I claim a Pension. I received a written discharge signed by my Captain but it is now lost or destroyed. That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose Testimony he can procure who can Testify to his services but he is well acquainted with Charles B. Nielsen & Bowan Davy both of my neighborhood they can Testify as to my character for veracity, good behavior and their belief and the neighborhood's belief generally of my being a soldier of the Revolution, he also states that no clergyman resides in his neighborhood consequently cannot procure one to Testify for him. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a Pension or Annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. I continued to reside in Rowan County North Carolina two years after the revolution, then I moved to the State of Virginia and there I live about eight years then I moved to the State of Kentucky and lived there three months, then I moved to East Tennessee and lived there three years then I moved back to Kentucky and lived there about 24 years then I moved to Hardin County Tennessee where I now live. Given under my hand.

S/ Henry Garner, X his mark

Sworn to and Subscribed in Open Court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jno. Houston, Clk

[Charles B Nielsen and Bowan Davy gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 5: On November 1, 1852 in Harden County Tennessee, John F Garner filed a power of attorney in which he states he is 64 years old and one of the heirs of Henry Garner, a soldier in the revolutionary war in the service of North Carolina; that Henry Garner died October 17, 1835; that the affiant's mother Nancy Garner died in October 1819; that Henry Garner and Nancy were married in 1783 in North Carolina. He never states that Henry Garner it was his father, but such is clearly the implication.

his seal.

John F. Garner
for all the heirs of
Henry Garner deceased



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