

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Abraham Garrison R3927

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State of Illinois

County of pike

on the sixth day of October 1832 personally appeared before the County Commissioners Court of the County and state aforesaid Abraham Garrison aged Eighty three years of age who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress pass'd Jun the 7th 1832 That he entered the service as a Militia man under Colonel Sampson Matthews [sic: Sampson Mathews] and Captain Thomas Hickland [sic: Thomas Hicklin] Lieutenant Gwen [probably Gwin] that he entered the service on or near the fifteenth of January 1780 and serv'd three months. That he also serv'd one tour under Colonel Dickerson [sic: John Dickenson] and Capt Kinkade [sic: William Kincaid or William Kinhead] against the Indians previous to the above date of 1780 but the precise date not recollected nor the precise length of the tour and also that he was once[?] ordered out a second time and employ'd a substitute

He also produced a certificate from Alexander Crawford whome he said was his Lieutenant at [illegible word] for three tours in the fourth division in Captain John Browns company of Militia in Augusta County in Virginia baring date 178[?] and has no other documents nor knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service

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 whatever

Question where and in what year was you born Answer I was born in the New Jersey Cumberland County in the year 1749

Question where were you living when you was call'd into service

Answer I was living in Virginia Augusty County

where have you livd since the Reveluty war

Answer in Kentucky fort washing, now Cincinnatti, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois

where do you now live

Answer in Illinois Pike County

Question how were you call'd into service whether drafted or a volunteer or were you a substitute

Answer I was drafted

Question State the names of some of the Continental officers who ware with the troops whare you serv'd such Militia Rigements as you can recollect

Answer General Stuban [sic: Baron von Steuben] to the best of my recollection was a continental officer and Sampson Matthews Colonel. The fourth division – Militia

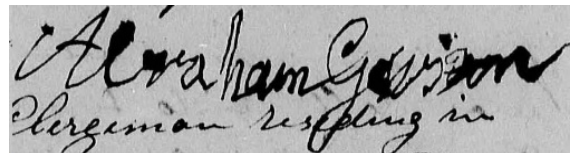
Question did you ever receive a discharg from service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it

Answer I never receivd any writen discharg

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood who can testify as to your Character for varasity and good behaviour

Answer Daniel Hoover David Hoover John Hoover and Abraham Jones

Sworn and subscribed in open Court

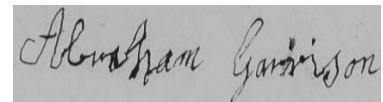


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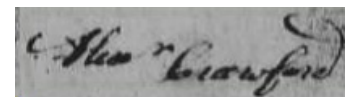
State of Illinois. Morgan County Sct. [16 May 1833]

Amendment made to an application for a pension by Abraham Garrison sworn to on the sixth day of October 1832 before County Commissioners of Pike county – and the reason of making the amendment in Morgan County is because said Abraham Garrison has removed to Morgan County to his sons residence since his first application.

I Abraham Garrison living in Augusta County Virginia was drafted as a private soldier in September 1777. The names of officers of the company I cannot recollect by reason of the loss of memory. neither can I recollect the circumstances of the campaign – for after being drafted the circumstance of my family rendered it impossible for me go on duty and I furnished a substitute one Alexander Bell who served for me and in my stead a tour of three months. In 1779 still living in Augusta County Virginia the country were greatly troubled by the hostilities of the Indians and to guard the families and property of the inhabitants forces were raised. In June 1779 I was drafted as a private soldier and we rendezvoused at the Warm Springs in Augusta County [now in Bath County] aforesaid. After being mustered into service the Captain directed me to return home the object was to guard my family and assist my neighbors for my residence was on the frontier and exposed to the incursions of the Indians. The Indian war continued through the summer and fall and I was constantly on the guard against their attacks for six months during which time I was bound to service and was not employed in any civil pursuits, except cultivating a small farm at such times as I could be spared from duty in camp. In 1780 January 10th living at my residence aforesaid I was again drafted as a private Soldier in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Hickland and under the command of Colonel Sampson Matthews we marched to Richmond on James River and through Petersburg [sic: Petersburg] and crossed James River at a place called Cabin Point [in Surry County] – thence through Sussex to Nansemond near Portsmouth where we joined the Continental Army – the only General officer whom I now recollect at this time there was General Steuben. I served on this campaign three months. I never received any discharge for any or either of my campaigns. When I returned or some time after I applied to the officers of the company in the fourth division of militia under Captain John Brown and Lieutenant Alexander Crawford when Lieut Alex'r Crawford gave me the certificate herewith annexed marked A. I was about to remove from that section of country and as my services as a Revolutionary Soldier were well known there I deemed it expedient to procure from them some documentary evidence touching that fact. The officers under whom I had actually served lived at a great distance from me. that a Captain Hickland the only one I knew any thing about then. And without great trouble and expense I was not able to procure the discharge even if at all When I applied Capt. John Brown was absent and the Lieutenant lived near and I then thought his certificate would be sufficient as he well knew my Revolutionary services as a Soldier This discharge [affixed to the page here and transcribed below] was given at the time it bears date, and is the only documentary evidence in possession of the applicant or within his knowledge touching the service



I do Hereby Certify that Abraham Garison hath servd three Tours of Duty For the fourth Division of Capt John Browns Company of malitia Augusta County Given under my hand this 11th of June 1780



NOTES:

The Pension Office gave the following reason for rejecting Garrison's claim: "Frontier service--not under military organization or authority." The officers named by Garrison were, in fact, commissioned militia officers.

On 24 May 1853 Zachariah A Garrison, Enoch W Garrison, and Lewis A Garrison of Milton IL assigned power of attorney to pursue the claim of their father, Abraham Garrison.