

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Samuel Garrison R3930                      Mary Garrison                      VA  
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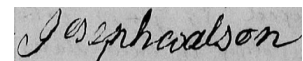
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on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 1840 personally appeared before me Starling Wood one of the justices of the County Court for the County of Madison aforesaid Mary Garrison a resident of said County aged seventy three years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838, entitled “an act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows”

That she is the widow of Samuel Garrison deceased who was a private in the Army of the Revolution. that he enlisted and served for three years in the regular sevice. he enlisted about the year 1776. That after his term of regular service he again served in the Army of the Revolution as a volunteer or substitute twice or more – in all about 5 years. But these facts she can only state from information received from him & others She understood when she married him & before & always since that he was a soldier in the Revolutionary war & believes he served near five years She states from her personal knowledge that he joined the Army once as a volunteer or substitute in a rendevous at her father’s house in Albemarle County Virginia. She has no documentary evidence in her possession & never had as she knows of, by which she can establish the services of her said Husband. she further declares that she was married to said Samuel Garrison in August 1786 in the County of Albemarle State of Virginia – she was married by [blank] Smith a protestant minister. Her name was Mary Johnson before her marriage That she resided with her husband in Albemarle County Virginia till about the year 1812 when she removed with him to Madison County Kentucky where she has ever since resided with the said Samuel Garrison as wife, till his death which took place on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of July 1818 & since his death she has remained his widow having never intermarried. She has no record family or otherwise of her marriage & knows of none – that she was not married to said Garrison prior to his leaving the sevice, but the marriage took place previous to the year seventeen hundred & ninety four to wit – at the time above stated – she cannot state the exact day – but knows that it was in August 1786.                      Mary herXmark Garrison

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Be it remembered that on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 1840 personally appeared before me Starling Wood one of the justices of the Madison County Court Joseph Watson [pension application S31455] a resident of said County aged 85 years who being first duly sworn according to law states upon oath – That he knew Samuel Garrison when a boy in Albemarle County Virginia. that he was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. That he enlisted in the regular service as a private & that he served three years. That he enlisted in Albemarle County & that he served in Virginia. That the name of his Captain was Wood or Woods. But does not recolect the Regiment or the name of any other officer that he cannot state what battle he was in but knows he was in several. That he first enlisted shortly after the Declaration of Independence but does not know the precise time. That he served two or three tours as a volunteer or substitute after his term of regular service had expired That he served in all about 5 years. Said Watson was himself a soldier & knew said Garrison well both before & after his service in the Revolution. That he married Mary Johnson about the time of the last period of his sevice – which was about the year 1786 and prior to the year 1794 in Albemarle County Virginia where he resided till about the year 1812 when he removed to Madison County Kentucky where he resided till his death in July 1818. That he knew said Mary before & after her marriage with said Garrison. that she lived with said Garrison as his wife till his death at the time above stated. and has ever since remained his widow



I William Johnson [R5650] a resident of the County of Estell and State of Kentucky aged eighty seven years state that I was acquainted with Samuel Garrison before the war of the revolution. He enlisted in the regular servis in the Virginia light horse. I do not know how long he searved, but I saw him married to my Sister Mary, in the year of seventeen hundred and eighty two I think. I know that I was married myself in seventeen hundred and eighty three on the 24th day of October. I know that she was married befor I was. Mary Garrison Widow of Samuel Garrison was married in the County of Albemarl Virginia and resides at this time in the County of Madison Kentucky I have often heard Samuel Garrison speak of his servises in the revolution, in the light horse and I have heard others speak of his searvise in the revolutionary war I searved in the militia so that I am unable to speak of the lenght of time he searved but I know he left home to enter the servis – given under my hand this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 1847

William hisXmark Johnson

I, Isom Lane [Isham Lane S13705] a resident of the County of Madison and State of Kentucky aged eighty nine years state that I was acquainted with Samuel Garrison before the war of the revolution and after the close of the war Samuel Garrison was a soldier in the regular army in the commensment of the war after he returned from the army he was in the south, he was a substitute for Absalum Lowery in the militia in the same company with myself, commanded by Captain John Goodall in Colonel Harvy's ridgment, we was draughted for six months, we marched from the County of Albemarl to Williamsburg and from there we went to Little York where Cornwallis was taken [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781], this was in the year seventeen hundred and eighty one after the surrender of Cornwallis we marched the prisners to Winchester and there we ware discharged I have often heard Samuel Garrison speak of his servis in the regular army, he musterd in the same Company with myself at home when he enlisted I do not recollet the date he enlisted in the regular army but I know he enlisted and after he returned he was in the militia in the maner and time as stated above. I was aquainted with Samuel Garrison and Mary Garrison befor thier marriage and that Mary Garrison who makes application of a Pension is the Identical person who lived with Samuel Garrison as his wife and she is his widow at this time I was invited to the marriage but was not able to go but I have no dout but they ware married they lived together as husband and wife until his death. given from under my hand this 29th day of July 1847

Isom HisXmark Lane

#### NOTES:

On 29 July 1847 Mary Garrison stated that before his death Samuel Garrison applied for a pension under the act of 1818 for impoverished Continental soldiers. She also referred to the family record below as recording the birth of their first child, John Garrison.

The file includes a copy of a bond signed on 13 Aug 1786 by Samuel Garrison and Robert Davis for the marriage of Garrison to Mary Johnson "spinster." Samuel Garrison signed the bond with his mark.

The following appears on a printed page with the poem An Ode for Music, by William Collins:  
Sammuel Garrison was born december the 14 [year illegible]  
John Garrison was born August the 5 1787

On 14 Nov 1855 Thomas Garrison assigned power of attorney to pursue the claim of his deceased mother, Mary Garrison.