

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nathaniel Garter (Garten) S10719

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State of Virginia Monroe County: SS

On this 17th day of February 1834 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the County Court of Monroe, Nathaniel Garter aged 74 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 7th, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he was born in Orange County State of Virginia in the year 1759 as he has always been informed, but that he has no record of his age; that he engaged as an Indian spy in the year 1777 from the first of January to the first of March by Capt. Robert Cravens of the militia in the County of Rockingham State of Virginia and Lieut. Trout; that he was marched to Tygart's Valley [Tygart Valley] the in the county of Augusta VA where he remained 3 months at Warwick's Fort [Warwick's Station?]¹ for the purpose of protecting the inhabitants from the barbarities of the Indians as they had previously committed many depredations during which time he was constantly examining the ways by which the Indians came to the settlement in order that he might give intelligence to the Company stationed at the Fort. He was not in any engagement with the Indians as they (having ascertained that the Fort was guarded) did not attack.; That he with several others pursued the Indians for some days, marching from 40 to 50 miles a day; they suffered extremely for the want of provisions. At the expiration of three months he returned home to the County of Rockingham from which place he had started, and remained there about one year; Afterward hearing that the Indians were doing much injury to the people and their property in Tygart's Valley, he was marched back under the command of Lieut. John Rice as an Indian Spy, where he remained 3 months again in active service as before stated. He returned home a second time and remained another year, from whence he was sent to Nutter's Fort at the west Fork of Monongahela River, a distance of 200 miles under the command of Capt. William Kincaid where he remained three months to guard the Farmers while at work in their fields. He returned home and moved to the county of Greenbrier (now Monroe) where he has since resided and does now reside. In the spring of 1781 being informed that James Meek's [could be Mack's]² family were taken prisoners by the Indians, on Indian Creek, he volunteered and went to Laferty's Fort on Indian Creek where he staid three weeks reconnoitering the country between the mouth of Blue Stone Creek and the mouth of Indian Creek to protect the farmers during the time they were planting their corn; for which services he received no pay. He has no documentary evidence & knows of no person who can testify to his services. He is known in his present neighborhood to Col. Richard Shanklin, Capt. William McDaniel & Capt. John H. Vawtin [could be Vawter or Vawlin or Vawler] & others who can testify as to his veracity and their belief of his services as an Indian Spy. He hereby relinquishes

¹ Possibly John Warwick's Station on Tygart Valley River in present day Randolph County WVA

² *James Meek's*

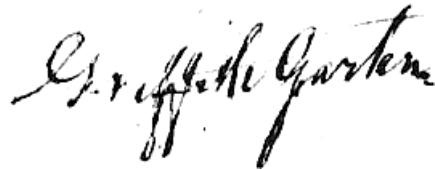
every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of our state.

S/ Nath'l Garten, X his mark {Seal}

On this 17th day of February 1834 personally appeared in open court Griffith Garten, brother of said Nathaniel Garten who being first duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he will recollect that his brother Nathaniel Garten was equipped & left home prepared to fight the Indians at three several times and he was from home each time about three months.

Sworn and subscribe to in open court the date above

S/ Griffith Garten



[James Christy, a clergyman, and Richard Shanklin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Nathaniel Garten (9 Mos. Va. Militia)

I the understand Nathaniel Garten make the following re-declaration of my Services as a Soldier in the War of the Revolution – on the 11th of August last I was either 75 or 76 years old, am a native of Orange County Virginia. I lived in the County of Rockingham during the War.

When I was under 16 years of age my brother Uriah was drafted for a 3 months tour. He was then from home on a visit. I took his place. Marched from Rockingham County in Captain Robert Craven's Company to Taggarts [sic, Tygart Valley]. On getting there our company was divided & subdivided & sent to different Stations – I went with my Captain to Warrick's Station & remained there in actual service for 3 months.

In the next succeeding Summer, I Substituted for William Campbell for three months. Went from Rockingham in Captain Kincaid's Company to the West fork of the Monongahela [River], was at Nutters & Bunns [? could be Brins or some variation]³ forts in actual service for three months.

Perhaps it was in the next succeeding Summer I Substituted again for a man whose name I have forgot. Marched from same County under Lieutenant Rice to Tygarts Valley. Was Stationed at Westfall's [?] fort⁴ for 3 months. I cannot recollect the dates of my Services, but it was all done during the war of the Revolution. I was drafted for three months tour, but my brother Uriah in whose place I had theretofore served took my place. I was as Ignorant of dates at the time of making by Declaration as I sure am with my Declaration September 9, 1835.

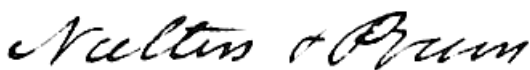
S/ Nathan Garten⁵

S/ Henry Alexander

Witness:

S/ J. W. Kelly

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia.]

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⁴ George Westfall's Fort, ¼ mile south of present Beverly in Randolph County West Virginia

⁵ I don't believe this to be the actual signature of the veteran since the handwriting is identical to the body of the document and because he signed his first declaration with his mark.