

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Garrison ¹ S16123

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[State of Indiana, Washington County]

Declaration of James Garrison for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 Personally appeared before the Hon: the Judges of the Washington County Circuit Court for the State of Indiana the same being a Court of Record, on the 27th day of Sept. 1832 James Garrison a citizen and resident of the County and State aforesaid who being first duly sworn in open Court made the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act aforesaid – That Declarant states that he was born in the County of Rowan in the State of North Carolina in or about the year 1761 that the knowledge of the time of his birth he derives from a Record in a family Bible in the possession of his oldest brother in the County of Rowan aforesaid where he has reason to believe said Record now is, that in the spring of 1781 he entered as a volunteer in the service of the Militia in said County of Rowan in a company commanded by Captain John Lopp, of which company Joseph Cunningham was Lieutenant, which company was attached to a Battalion commanded by Major Grimes & to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Polk of Salisbury, N. C. and attached to a body of men consisting of near 3000 under the command of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] – that in the month of April 1781 his company rendezvoused at a place called the Cross Roads at which place they commenced active service. From the place of rendezvous they marched towards the town of Wilmington in said State which town was then occupied by the British – that in short distance South of Wilmington the British had an advanced post which was attacked and carried by our men – after which the British retreated to Wilmington, from which place they were afterwards driven and the same was occupied by our men. From Wilmington our battalion marched further south to attack a band of Tories which we routed and afterwards marched back to Wilmington – on our way back to said town of Wilmington we heard the news that Cornwallis had surrendered [October 19, 1781] – after which our men were disbanded and this Declarant received a written discharge signed by Captain Lopp & Major Grimes which this Declarant has lost. He recollects Colonel Polk of Salisbury North Carolina who acted as Colonel of the Regiment to which he was attached & which was under the command of General Rutherford. The time which he actually served was six months – This Declarant hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency of any State of the United States.

This Declarant further states that at the close of the Revolutionary War he lived in Rowan County of the State aforesaid and continued to live in said County until the County of Davidson was struck off from said County of Rowan from which time he lived in said County of Davidson until the year 1827 at which time he removed to the State of Indiana – in which State he has been living ever since and now resides. This Declarant states that he has no documentary evidence of his service & that he knows of no person who can testify to the service.

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Sworn & subscribed in open Court.

S/ James Garrison, X his mark

[Anthony Hinckle and Henry Davis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Indiana, Washington County

On this the 28 day of March in the year 1855 personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace within and for this County and State aforesaid, James Garrison whom I certify to be well known to me and who is entitled to credit, deposeth and says I am ninety-five years old, and a resident of Washington County State of Indiana. I am the identical James Garrison who was in the Company, commanded by Captain John Lopp and in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Zekel Polk [Ezekiel Polk] of the North Carolina line of militia War of the Revolution, I entered the service as a private at a place called Lexington near Salisbury and I served six months or until the War closed. I was in the Battle at Guilford Court house [March 15, 1781] and after the Battle we marched down to Wilmington and we were discharged in the Piney Woods where we had formerly met, my discharge I had for many years but I can't now give any account of it. I obtained a Pension for that Service, the 4th day of February 1833, it was issued from the War Department according to my Certificate that I obtained from the war department at that time. I drew \$20 a year at the City of New Albany in this State. I never made application before for anything for my services. I made this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty land Passed by our Act of Congress March the 3rd 1855. I never have obtained Bounty land by this or any other act of Congress. I therefore in power William B. Hosea to obtain for me.

S/ James Garrison, X his mark

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 28th day of March 1855.

S/ Tilman Hartley, JP

[Facts in file: veteran died February 3, 1858]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]