

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Garrett S1664

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State of Tennessee Williamson County: SS

On this 4th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before worshipful Jabez Owen, Wright Stanley and Wm. Johnson, Esqs., the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of said county now sitting, Henry Garrett, a resident citizen in the County and State aforesaid, aged 78 years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath makes 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, I Henry Garrett was drafted in February 1778 in Fauquier County, State of Virginia, to serve during the term of 12 months in order to fill up the vacancies caused by the death & etc. in the 3rd Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. Heath [William Heth] and in Capt. John Blackwell's company, Lieutenant Peyton. John Hawkins from Alexandria was our Adjutant in said Regt. and from the best of my recollection was marched from said county by Joseph Blackwell, a brother of my captain, to the Valley Forge in Pennsylvania, where I joined headquarters under the command of Gen. Washington. Gen. Woodford [William Woodford] was our Brigadier General. To the best of my recollection there was one company in our Regt. commanded by Capt. Peyton [probably John Peyton]. I cannot, at this remote period, recollect to particularize all the places we marched to, but I was in the Battle at Monmouth [June 28, 1778] in the State of New Jersey in June, I think, 1778. I recollect that I was one of the party called out the night after the battle to attack the enemy's Picket guard but failed of success and returned to our encampment a little before day break. My best recollection is the next place we were marched towards the White Plains in the State of New York. I was there taken sick and carried on board of a vessel to what was called the High Lands of N. York at a village which I think was called Fishkill on the North River in the summer or fall of that year. We marched from there to headquarters at Pluckemin¹ in New Jersey about the first of the winter, to the best of my recollection, near which place I was discharged from the service. While on our way to Virginia to be disbanded, in consequence of my inability to keep up with the company by reason of bad health, my 12 month having been expired.

I also entered into the service of my country as a volunteer soldier in August 1780 according to the best of my recollection in Fairfax County and State aforesaid for the term of six months under the command of Captain William Mason, James Nesbitt, Lieutenant and Joseph Adams, Ensign. I do not now recollect the names of the field Officers except that General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] was our Commander in Chief. I marched from Fairfax County, Va., through North Carolina into South Carolina on Pedee River about the Cheraw Hills and there continued until our term of service expired.

On our return to Virginia to be discharged we guarded a body of British and Tory prisoners to the Yadkin River where they were put under the care of other troops to be marched to Albemarle Court House, Va. We were compelled to change our course before we got to Salisbury, N.C., in consequence

1 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/pluckemin.htm>

of there being a considerable British force there and by reason of high waters. We were discharged from the service in February 1781 by my Capt. William Mason. My discharge in each term of service has been either lost or mislaid (not having any idea that they would ever be of any use to me after the war had ended), neither do I know of any person living by whom I can prove the aforesaid services. My residence at the time I first entered into the service for 12 months, was in Fauquier County, Va., & the second time it was in Fairfax County. I resided in Virginia seven years after the war then I moved to North Carolina resided there 21 years, then I removed to Kentucky after remaining there 17 years when I moved to Williamson County, Tennessee. My residence is in the county of Williamson, State of Tennessee. I was born, as my father informed me, 18th March 1754 in Fairfax County, Va.

The said Henry Garrett doth hereby relinquish every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity, except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State whatsoever.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Henry Garrett X his mark

Sworn to in Open Court 4th October 1832

S/ Thos. Hardeman, Clk.

[Daniel White, a clergyman, and Bennet Aden gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Henry Garret [sic] whose declaration this statement is intended to amend & explain States that as to the objection No. 14 he has this further to say that he knows of no person living by whom he can prove the said service and if he cannot get his pension without such proof he will fail entirely: he presumes the reason his name was not put on said roll of regular troops was that he did not join the troops at the usual time of enlisting on account of his joining the Army to supply the vacancies caused by death after the Army had been organized and was lying in Valley Forge where he joined them. He states positively he performed the 18 months service as stated in his said declaration. He presumes if the twelve months mentioned in his declaration cannot be allowed him, that the Department will allow him for his six months service as a volunteer as therein stated this latter part of his service not being subject to the technical objection of the other.

He further states that Bennet Aden and Daniel White are credible persons of his present neighborhood who testify to their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution and as a man of truth.

S/ Henry Garrett, X his mark

[attested in Williamson County Tennessee July 19, 1833]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 6th day of November 1784, in the name of Henry Garrett, as a Soldier of Infantry for £22.0.0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Colo. Cropper and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
22nd day of October 1841.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a

private in the Virginia Continental line.]