Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Garth S31056

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The declaration of John Garth in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th June 1832. On this 20th day of August 1832 John Garth personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Scott County Resident of said County and State of Kentucky age 70 years 15th August 1832 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 of the 7th June 1832

The s'd John Garth states that he was a resident Citizen of the County of albemarle in the state of Virginia during the revolutionary war & during that war served five tours of militia duty of 2 months each. The 1st tour was performed at albemarle Barracks in the year of 1777 or 1778 [see endnote] under he cannot recollect the officers at this late period. The 3 next tours were served at the s'd albemare Barracks & such was the nature of this service that he cannot recollect the officers detailed with the Militia on these occasions

the 5th & last tour was under Capt Leak [sic: Mark Leake] & Reubin Linsey [sic: Reuben Lindsay] our Col. That he was in the whole retreat of Lafayette in Virgina [24 May - 1 Jun 1781] That after the first tour he served about two tours a year but he cannot recollect dates precisely – he thinks his last tour ended in July 1781

his whole service amounted to 10 months faithfully served

John Garth

Joseph Burch [pension application W12388] appeared in open Court & having heard the declaration of John Garth as to his revolutionary services he says that living in the same county with s'd Garth & in same militia company commanded by Nelson Morrison he knows that s'd Garth served the last four tours of which he speakes & as s'd Garth is older than he is has no doubt that he served the 1st tour mentioned by him.

NOTE: Albemarle Barracks were constructed at the end of 1778 to house prisoners captured at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777, who were kept there from Jan 1779 through Feb 1781.