

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Garrison S32260

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State of Illinois, Greene County

On this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 1833 personally appeared in open Court before Samuel D. Lockwood Judge of the Circuit Court for the County of Greene & State of Illinois James Garrison a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged eighty-six years the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March last, who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he was born March the 11<sup>th</sup> 1747 in the State of Pennsylvania near Frederickstown [sic, Fredericktown]. That he was living in Wilkes County North Carolina in the year (he thinks) 1775 when he volunteered and entered the service of the United States as a private commanded by Captain John Hamlin, Major Jesse Walton, Colonel Benjamin Cleaveland [Benjamin Cleveland] and marched to Cross Creek to subdue the Scotch Tories – that he was in the engagement at Cross Creek [probably a reference to the engagement at Moore's Creek Bridge, February 27, 1776], and that he served three months, mounted upon horseback, finding his on horse and equipments.

That in the Spring of 1781 he was living in Wilkes County N. C. when he was drafted and entered the service of the United States, a private commanded by Alexander Gordon, Colonel Joseph McDowell & served three months that he was marched to Ninety Six & was present when that place was surrendered by the Enemy and that he was in the battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781]. That he received two discharges – one from each of his captains but that he considered them good for nothing and suffered them to be destroyed. That he has no record of his age and knows it only by what has been told him from his youth.

That he lived several years after the Revolutionary War in North Carolina, then moved to South Carolina lived there about 16 years, then moved to Warren County Kentucky lived there about 12 years, then moved to Hamilton County Illinois, lived there about 10 years – then moved to Greene County Illinois where he has lived in the same neighborhood where he now resides for the last four years. That about three years ago he proved his service as a revolutionary soldier before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Hamilton County Illinois.

That he sent a copy of the Record of the proof to Washington City by the Honorable John McLean<sup>1</sup> (U. S. Senator) who died and that he has never heard what became of the said copy. That he

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1 McLEAN, John, (1791-1830)(brother of Finis Ewing McLean and uncle of James David Walker), a Representative and a Senator from Illinois; born near Guilford Court House (now Greensboro), Guilford County, N.C., February 4, 1791; moved with his parents to Logan County, Ky., in 1795; pursued an academic course; moved to Illinois Territory in 1815; studied law; admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Shawneetown, Gallatin County, Ill.; upon the admission of Illinois as a State into the Union was elected to the Fifteenth Congress and served from December 3, 1818, to March 3, 1819; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1818 to the Sixteenth Congress and for election in 1820 and 1822 to the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Congresses, respectively; member, State house of representatives 1820, 1826, 1828, and served as speaker; elected to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Ninian Edwards

supposes a copy of said Record might yet be obtained that he is not able to be at the expense of obtaining it at present. That he recollects to have seen several officers at Eutaw Springs among whom he recollects particularly Colonel Washington [William Washington] and Colonel Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] & General Green [Nathanael Greene]. That he cannot recollect the number of any Continental or militia Regiments or any important circumstance is relative to his service except those already mentioned. That he cannot recollect the names of the officers under whom he served only those above mentioned. That he is known to many persons in his neighborhood who can testify concerning him, among whom he would name Charles Kitchens, a clergyman and Allanson Dawdy and Jesse Garrison.

That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

That he 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 the Agency of any State, or territory.

S/ James Garrison, X his mark

Sworn to in Open Court before  
S/ Moses O. Bledsoe, Clk

[Charles Kitchens, a clergyman, Allanson Dawdy & Jesse Garrison gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$22.50 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 3 months in the North Carolina militia infantry and for 3 months as a private in the North Carolina militia cavalry.]