

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Garrott (Garrett) S35961

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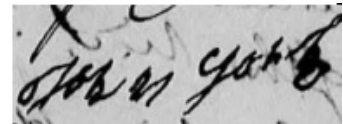
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State of Kentucky

Fayette County Sct

On this 3rd day of August 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Circuit Court for s'd State personally appeared John Garrott aged sixty two years resident in Scott county in s'd State, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States during the Revolutionary war;" That he the s'd Garrott enlisted in Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] county & State of Virginia in the company commanded by Capt Robt. Pollard [Robert Pollard S5944], of the Regt Commanded by Col James Slaughter; that he continued to serve in s'd corps or in the Service of the U.S. from the spring of 1775 until the seige of Little York when Cornwallis was taken [19 Oct 1781], when he was honorably discharged from Service at Portsmouth in Virginia, having been for sometime a prisoner & there exchanged. That he was in the Battles at Petersburg and at a skirmish at or near Jamestown, & was taken prisoner after having been wounded in the right leg [see endnote] & that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support & that he has no other evidence than the accompanying, in his power John hisXmark Garrott

I [John York pension application S35757] state that I am well acquainted with John Garrott, I knew him in the Revolutionary war. I can state of his having served at least fifteen months, & that he was a prisoner as stated by him & that he was wounded in the right leg, which disables him even at this day. Witness my hand this 13th day of July 1818.



District of Kentucky, Fayette Circuit. On this 29th day of June 1820 personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for said District and circuit and Fayette County, John Garret aged Sixty five years, resident in Scott County in said District, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, declare, and say, that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: He enlisted under Capt. Pollard of the 4th Virginia in Culpepper County Va. sometime, I think, in 1777 or 1778 to serve for three years – was wounded at the battle at Petersburg Va. in the right leg and taken prisoner, and so remained for Eight months – was discharged from the British at Portsmouth, where he was exchanged. Was also before this in the battle at Jamestown Va. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due

to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed: Two horse beasts assessed by the County assessor for my state tax \$50. One cow and calf heifer, yearling and small steer \$30. Eleven head of hogs \$16. Poultry \$2.00. Farming utensils \$5.00 Kitchen furniture, one pot, one oven and bread hoe \$6. House furniture besides one bed \$25. amount \$134. I am indebted about \$15 to different persons, towit the Black smith and Mr Castleman and have owing to me about thirty dollars, which I fear I shall never get; having been due to me already six years by Mr. Robt Huston. also ten dollars due me from Captain Turnham.

My occupation is farming on rented land, which I am very little able to pursue: my family consists of my wife, aged 47 years and two children, Jno. aged about 15 years and Charlotte aged 12 years
John hisXmark Garrett

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) in the file of Yoark, John.]

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I Henry Haun one of the Commonwealths Justices of the peace for said County Do Certify that John Garrett Sen'r. Came befour me and made oath that he Enlisted with Capt. Rob't Pollard of 4th Va Reg't. out of Culpeper County under Col. James Slaughter of the 4th Reg't. and Severd [served] the whole war of the Revolutian from that time also this Day John Yaurk [John York] made oath that the said said John Garrett Sen'r Enlist under Capt. Robt Pollard of 4th va Regt. and Served the whole Wor of the Revolutian. Givender my hand this 23d Day of Sept. 1830

Henry Haun J.P.S.C

NOTES:

As stated in his own pension application, Capt. Robert Pollard, as well as Col. James Slaughter, were officers of the militia.. Militia tours were typically for three months; there were no enlistments for three years. The acts of 1818 and 1820, as well as the Virginia bounty-land act, did not provide for militiamen. John York was similarly ineligible

If Garrott was released shortly after the siege of Yorktown in October 1781 after eight months of imprisonment, then he would have been wounded and captured in February of that year. There was no battle at Petersburg at that time. The battle of Blandford Hill at Peterburg occurred on 25 April 1781. There was also no battle at or near Jamestown before then. The battle of Green Springs Plantation near Jamestown occurred on 6 July 1781.