

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Anthony Garns S38723

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District of West Tennessee

Anthony Garns, a free man of color aged fifty nine years, a citizen of Wilson county in the State of Tennessee, came before me and claimed to be placed on the pension list of the United States in consequence of his services as a soldier in the revolutionary war – and after being duly sworn deposed and saith that he enlisted as a soldier into the continental services early in the year 1777 under the command of Captain Lemuel Eli [sic: Lemuel Ely] in the 7th North Carolina continental Reg. commanded by Colo James Hogan [sic: James Hogun], Gen'l. Francis Nash commanded the Brigade that he first enlisted for three years and during the term of the said three years he enlisted during the war, having been transferred from the seventh to the first in 1778. That he faithfully served untill the end of the war. That he was taken prisoner in Charlestown [Charleston SC, 12 May 1780], and made his escape at Haddrals [sic: Haddrell] point, and reported himself to Colo. Murphry [sic: Hardy Murfree] and joined the troops of Gen'l. Green's [sic: Nathanael Greene's] army and served untill the end of the War but was disbanded without a discharge. That he has the rheumatism and often so afflicted that he cannot labor, that his right arm is now in such a situation that he cannot labor without great pain. That he is very poor, and in such reduced circumstances that he needs aid from Government That he never had any pension from the United States or any state

Anthony hisXmark Garns

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 21st September 1818. John McNairy District Judge

Major Howel Tatom [sic: Howell Tatum, pension application R2027] a citizen of Davidson county in said state formerly a Captain in the first North Carolina continental Reg came before me and made oath that he was present in Jan'y or February 1778 when the 7th North Carolina continental Reg. was transferred to the first that soon after he became acquainted with the applicant Anthony Garns, that he knows that he was taken prisoner at Charlestown and knew him in service for more than two years. That Col. Hardy Murphry told this deponant that he served faithfully untill the end of the war. That he believes the statement made by Garns to be true. That Colo. Murphry was a man of integrity and honest, whose statements were never doubted.

Ho. Tatum Capt. late of 1st NC. Reg't

The said Maj'r Howel Tatum further makes oath that the said Anthony Garns obtained a land Warrant of 640 ac as a war Soldier, the highest allowance in land given to any soldier by the state of North Carolina, which he sold and was granted to Colo. Hardy Murfree

Sworn to & subscribed

Ho. Tatum Capt late of the 1st. NC. Reg't.

State of Tennessee } Circuit Court

Wilson County } October Term 1820

On this 27th day of October 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record (made so by act of assembly) in the fourth Judicial circuit for the County and State aforesaid, Anthony Garns, aged fifty nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820. that he the said Anthony Garns enlisted for the term of three years early in the spring of 1778 in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Capt Lemuel Eli, in the 7th North Carolina Regiment commanded by Colonel James Hogan in the line of the State of North Carolina, on the Continental establishment: and that during his said term of three years, he enlisted for during the War, & that he was transferred from the 7th to the 1st North Carolina Regiment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps, until the spring of 1782 when he was honorably disbanded from the said service at Murfreesborough [sic: Murfreesboro] in North Carolina. That he was in the battle of

Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] under Capt Lemuel Eli, of the 7th Regiment, North Carolina Continental troops, in the battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] under Capt Tilman Dickson [sic: Tilghman Dixon] of the first Regt No Carolina Continental troops and in the battle of Charleston where he was taken prisoner, under Capt Dickson. and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services, except the accompanying document, certified and sworn to, before Judge McNary, by Capt Howel Tatum. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March, one thousand, eight hundred and eighteen, 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 provision of the 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, one thousand, eight hundred and eighteen, 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. one mare worth \$30^{00/100}, a dutch oven and spinning wheel, three plates and a dish, 2 hoes and an axe, 1 spade 1 bridle a saddle and a pitcher, worth about \$15^{00/100}

My occupation is that of farmer, though I am too infirm to work – I have a wife of about 30 years of age and three step children. My wife is healthy and active, my step children are all too young to work, the oldest being only nine years of age.

Anthony hisXmark Garns

State of No. Carolina Secretary's Office 12th Dec'r. 1820

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the Revolutionary war that Anthony Garns a private in Capt. Ely's Comp'y of the 7th Reg't. was mustered on the 14th July 1777 for 3 years or the War. nothing said of his discharge

Given under my hand this 12th Dec'r. 1820 Wm. Hill