

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Garriss S5173

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State of North Carolina, Northampton County

On this 4th of September 1832 personally appeared in open court Henry Garriss aged 76 years before the Court of Pleas &c now sitting, a resident of the County & State aforesaid and being duly sworn maketh oath to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, That in the year of 1780 he was drafted a private in Captain John Peterson's Company in the County of Northampton No. __th Reg. North Carolina Militia Colonel B. Exum [Benjamin Exum] for the space of three months that he marched to Wateree River in South Carolina – was in the skirmishing at the battle of Camden [August 15-16, 1780], & retreated from that place to North Carolina to Halifax where he was discharged. His discharge was signed by Captain Peterson but is lost. Again he was drafted in 1780 or '81 a private in the County of Northampton in Captain Jesse Dupree's Company, Colonel Linton [Lt. Col. William Thomas Linton] __th Regt. N. C. Militia, marched to Cross Creek where Fayetteville is, under General Arrington [sic, William Henry Harrington?], took several Tories and had them shot. Colonel Linton was a very bloodthirsty man, at Fayetteville he was discharged as his Officers. He has no documentary evidence to support his claim but refers to the testimony of John Winborne¹ herewith pled to which he refers. He further states that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency of any State that he hereby relinquishes all pensions except the present.

Sworn to in open Court date aforesaid.

S/ Henry Garriss, X his mark

The court then proceeded to propose the interrogatories to the Questions suggested by the War Dept. & here insert the answers

1st Ans: I was born in South Hampton County Virginia in December 1756

2nd I have no record of my age

3rd I was living in Northampton when called into the service where I now live & have lived ever since

4th I was drafted on every occasion on which I served.

5th General Arrington & Colonel Linton of the militia. This Colonel Linton was a most diabolical man. He would have a man shot for the slightest offense

6th I was discharged in the first tour by Captain Peterson & in the second by Captain Dupree, but I have lost them

7th Colonel Lockhart, Collin W. Barnes, Esqr., Jesse Sykes, Jackson N.C. will testify to my good name and their belief in my military services in the revolution

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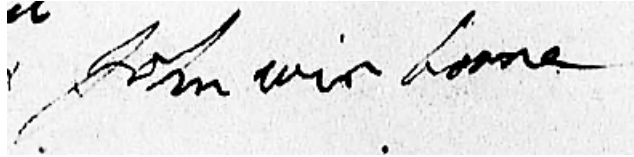
This day appeared in open Court John Winborne who being duly sworn saith that he is 68 years of age that he well knows Henry Garriss the applicant & that said Garriss was in 1780 a soldier in

1 [John Winborne S7937](#)

Captain John Peterson's Company North Carolina Militia Colonel B. Exum commander – and that he served faithfully in said company.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court date aforesaid.

S/ John Winborne

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature is written in a cursive style and appears to read "John Winborne".

[Hardy Cobb, a clergyman, and John Nicholas Tyner gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in the County of aforesaid Henry Garriss who being duly sworn deposed & saith, that by reason of old age he cannot swear positively to his length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades, For three months I served as private in Captain Peterson's company, Colonel Exum's Regiment North Carolina Militia, and for three months in another tour of duty I served as a private in Captain Jesse Dupree's Company Colonel Linton's Regiment in all six months and for such service I claim a pension. Sworn to before me this sixth of March 1833 with the words Henry Garrison in a line and the second line.

S/ Henry Garriss, X his mark

S/ James Crump, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]