

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elias Gardner S6875

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State of North Carolina, Richmond County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions July Term 1832

On this the 18th day of July 1832 personally appeared before the Worshipful Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions, Elias Gardner, a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged sixty-nine years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the Act made by Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That sometime in the latter part of the year 1779, he thinks, he was drafted to serve in an expedition in aid of South Carolina; that he was persuaded by his Grandmother to hire a Substitute, which he did and has now in his possession a discharge of said Substitute (Norman Martin) under the hand of John Donaldson Lieut. Colonel of Richmond Militia dated the 15th of March 1780. That afterwards he served three months under Colonel Wade [Thomas Wade], Hunter [William Hunter] Captain, a discharge from whom he now has and exhibits bearing date of 4th of February 1781, that straightaway he volunteered under Lieut. Colonel Crawford [Thomas Crawford], in Captain Speed's [John Speed's] Company and served under him until the fight at Bettys Bridge [sic, Beatti's Bridge, August 4, 1781] in which he was engaged, which took place about the 1st of September 1781 [sic¹], that about one month after being still engaged in the Service of the United States, he was from exposure fatigue &c taken sick, sent home and continued very sick until and after the War broke up. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or an annuity except the Present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State – Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

Test: S/ M. D. Crawford, Clk

S/ Elias Gardner



[Martin D Crawford, a clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina, Richmond County: July Term 1832

John Clemmons² personally appeared in open Court and being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he was well acquainted with Elias Gardner whose declaration is set forth above during the Revolution, that he served with said Gardner a tour of three months under Captain Hunter (Wade Col. Com^d) does not distinctly recollect seeing the said Gardner at Beatti's Bridge – but fully believes that he was there and saw him frequently in service after their service under Captain Hunter aforesaid until

¹ There was an action at Little Raft Swamp on September 1, 1781 in which Wade, Crawford, Hunter and Speed were engaged and it is likely this is the engagement to which the veteran refers instead of the action at Beatti's Bridge. However, it is also possible the veteran was in both actions since most of the same officers were in both engagements.

² [John Clemmons S8215](#)

the termination of the War.

Sworn to & subscribed
S/ M. D. Crawford, Clk

S/ John Clemmons, X his mark

North Carolina, Richmond County: July Term 1832

Walter Leak³ came into Court and made oath that he believes he has seen Elias Gardner during the revolution and from various circumstances detailed by said Gardner he has not the least doubt that he was at the battles fought at Beatti's Bridge – and knows that the said Elias Gardner was a true and constant we were. Sworn to & subscribed in open Court.

Test: S/ M. D. Crawford, Clk

S/ Walter Leak,
71 years old

[Martin D. Crawford, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina, Richmond County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions January Term 1833

On this day the 25th of January 1833 Personally appeared in open Court before the Worshipful Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, now sitting, Elias Gardner resident of the County of Richmond & State of North Carolina aged sixty-nine years who being first 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 the 7th of June 1832--

That he in the first start of the revolution was drafted Sometime in 1779, that he hired a Substitute one Norman Martin, and has now in his possession a discharge of his Substitute which he sends on as corroboratory evidence of the truth of his declaration; that he served under Col. Wade as a volunteer for the Space of three months which was the first of his joining, that he has Col. Wade's discharge – which is now Exhibited dated the 4th of February 1781, which set forth a Service of three months, that directly afterwards he volunteered for nine months under Captain Speed & Colonel Wade – that he served until one month, he thinks, after the Battle at Beatti's Bridge-- which was in the fall of 1781 that he was in two Battles at that place, one of them took place the 4th day of August and the other that day of September, both engagements was on Saturday, that the Americans were whipped in the last Battle, but not in the first. The Tories were commanded at Beatti's Bridge by Colonel Fanning [David Fanning], Colonel McNeil [Hector McNeill] & Col. Elrod [John Elrod], that about one month afterwards he was stationed under Captain Speed at Haley's Ferry on Pedee [River], where in consequence of exposure he was taken sick and remained at home sick until the war broke up, that he knows that he served for the space of twelve months and thinks more but is willing to place his period of service at twelve months he hereby relinquishes all claims whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency of any State or anywhere else.

Sworn to & subscribed the 25th day of January 1833

Test: M. D. Crawford, Clke

S/ Elias Gardner

[M. D. Crawford, a clergyman, and Thomas Dockery gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories by the Court

1st Interrogatory

When and in what year were you born?

Answer, I was born in 1763 in Duplin County North Carolina

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer, I have at home a record of my age

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War

3 [Walter Leak S7136](#)

and where do you now live?

Answer, in Richmond County and have lived there ever since and now live there --

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer, I was at one time drafted but hired a Substitute, I afterward volunteered --

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer, I was with Col. Wade, Captain Hunter, Colonel Crawford also Captain Crump, he was employed a great deal in collecting provision for General Greene's Army in 1780 or 1781, that he was employed in bringing Beef Cattle to the Army that he has no documentary evidence further than a discharge from Colonel Wade dated in 1781 and also a discharge of his Substitute dated 1780 that he knows of no Person by whom he can prove the actual time of Service, but that he was known during the War to Walter Leak, John McAlister,⁴ Moses Knight⁵ & John Clements [sic, Clemmons] two of whom were with him in two Battles, viz., Walter Leak & John McAlister, that he feels confident of twelve months Service and knows he ought to be paid for his Substitute

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer, I have a discharge from Colonel Wade setting forth a Service of three months --

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer, Walker Leak, John McAlister, Moses Knight, John Thomas, John Clements & others

State of North Carolina, Richmond County: We Walter Leek, John McAlister & Moses Knight were acquainted with Elias Gardener at different times during the War and that he was a Whig & a true friend to his Country and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn to & subscribed – this 25 of January A.D. 1833

S/ John McAlister

S/ Walter Leak

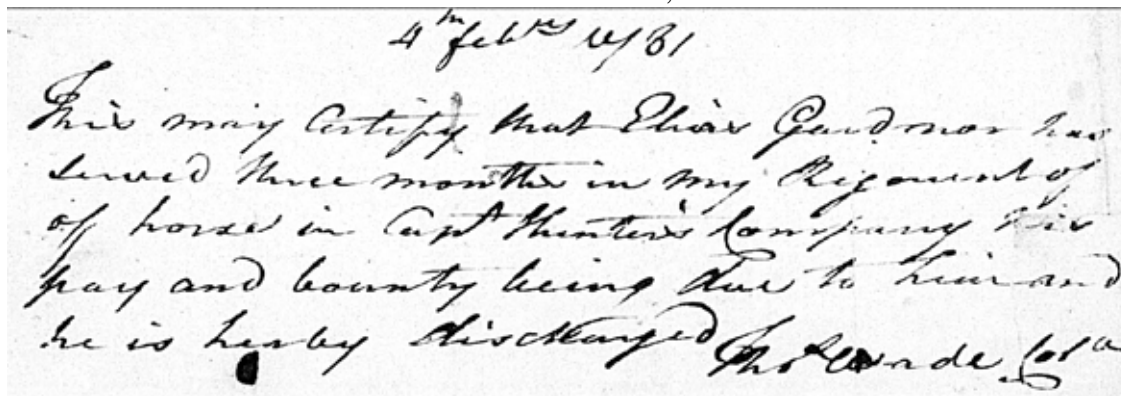
S/ Moses Knight

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4th feby 1781

This may Certify that Elias Gardnor [sic] has Served three months in My Rigament [sic] of horse in Capt Hunter's Company his pay and bounty being due to him and he is herby [sic] discharged.

S/ Thos. Wade, Col.



4th feby 1781
This may Certify that Elias Gardnor has served three months in my Regiment of horse in Capt Hunter's Company his pay and bounty being due to him and he is hereby discharged Thos Wade Col

Richmond County

4 [John McAlister W1887](#)

5 [Moses Knight R6028](#)

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North Carolina

This is to Certify that Elias Gardner a Draughted Man, to serve in this present Expedition, to the aid of South Carolina, have Hired one Norman Martin, an Able bodied Man, to serve three months after Crossing the State line, which said Martin, I have Received, & Discharged the said Elias Gardner, from the said Draught.

Given under my Hand, this 15th March 1780.

S/ John Donaldson

Lt. Col. of Richmond Militia

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$42.50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in both the infantry & cavalry in North Carolina for 12 months.]