

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Garret (Garrett) S6879

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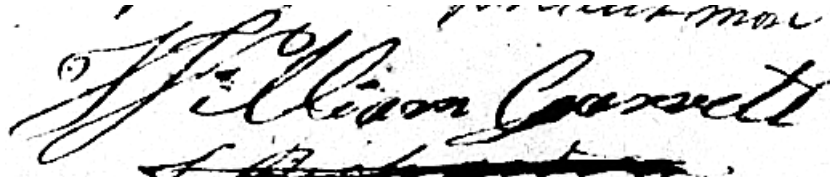
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State of South Carolina, Greenville District: To wit

On this first day of November in the year of our Lord 1819, before me the Subscriber, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, for the said State; personally appeared as William Garrett aged about Sixty Six years, resident in the State and district aforesaid, 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 Revolutionary war" That he the said William Garrett enlisted in the Continental line in the Service of the United States, in the month of April in the year of our Lord 1781, for the term of ten months; in Mecklenburg County in the State of North Carolina and in Captain Giles' [James Giles'] Company of Colonel Hill's [William Hill's] and Hampton's [Wade Hampton's] Regiments and of General Sumpter's [sic Thomas Sumter's] Brigade during the said term of ten months for which he was enlisted he the said William Garrett was actively engaged in the war against the Common Enemy; and that he was in the battle at the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781]; And that he served his time out faithfully and honorably; and after the expiration of the term for which he enlisted, he was honorably discharged by Colonel Hampton in the State of South Carolina. And he also produces further evidence of his said enlistment and services, by exhibiting the affidavit of George Graham the lieutenant under whom he the said William Garrett served during said term, as will fully appear by reference to said certificate, which is hereto annexed. And also says on oath that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support. And that he has no further evidence of his said services in his power at present more than what he has produced.

Sworn to the first day of November 1819 before

S/ William Garrett

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William Garrett". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

S/ J. S. Richardson  
Associate Judge  
of So. Carolina

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"This is to certify that Mr. William Garret has faithfully served out his Tour of Duty of three Months and General Lillington's Brigade to the Southward.

S/ John Sharp, Capt.

Charles town

March 24, 1780"

This is to certify that Mr. William Garret  
has faithfully served out his Term of Enlistment  
of Ten Months in General Sumter's  
Regiment to the Southward  
John Sharp Capt.  
Charleston  
March 24 1780

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State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County

I George Graham of the State & County aforesaid do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with William Garret formerly of the State and County aforesaid, (and now as he is informed lives in Greenville District in the State of South Carolina) That in the year 1781 about the month of April the said William Garret enlisted as a Soldier in the American Service in the Revolutionary War against Great Britain, for the Term of Ten Months, that he served his said Term of enlistment faithfully in Captain Giles's Company and Colonel Hill's & Colonel Wade Hampton's Regiments, in General Sumter's Brigade. The Certifier hereof being a Lieutenant in said Captain Giles's Company knows the above to be certain facts.

S/ Geo. Graham

Sworn to & Subscribed before us this 17<sup>th</sup> day May 1819

S/ James Cowan, JP

S/ James McComb, JP

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State of North Carolina, Macon County: October Term of Superior Court 1832

On this 8 day of October [A.] D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Superior Court of Law & Equity for said County now sitting William Garret a resident of Macon County & State of North Carolina aged about 79 from the best information having no record of my age who was born on Black River South Carolina who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the services of the United States under the command of the following named officers I entered the services under the command of John Brownfield Captain of the militia in Col. Locks [Francis Locke's] Regiment & John Peasley [John Presley] Lieutenant Colonel Entered the services the 10<sup>th</sup> of October 1778 and was discharged the 10<sup>th</sup> April 1779 – as per discharge Hence making a five months tour I was a substitute for Hugh Harris and at this time I entered the service I was living in Mecklenburg County North Carolina and entered the Army at Purysburg South Carolina & marched from there to the Three Sisters [ferry] on the Savannah River & then to Liberty Hill on the Same in South Carolina & from there to Turkey Hill and then discharged I was in no battles that tour of

this service I have no evidence but my discharge from Captain John Brownfield & Lieutenant Colonel John Peasley & I know of no body now living that served with me and the said William Garrett maketh the further declaration that he went into the service of United States as a volunteer I entered the service on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of December 1779 – and was discharged the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 1780 making a three months tour under the Command of Captain John Sharpe in General Lincoln[s] [Benjamin Lincoln's] Brigade to the southward I was living in Mecklenburg County North Carolina & marched to Charleston in South Carolina and there discharged and in no battle as I have no evidence of my services that I know of but my discharge from Captain John Sharpe and I William Garrett maketh the further Declaration to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7 day of June 1832.

That I enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1781 – about the month of April in the Catawba Nation for the term of 10 months in Captain Giles' [James Giles'] company & Lieutenant George Graham Col. Hill [William Hill] – Colonel Wade Hampton[s] Regiment of Cavalry and General Sumpter's [sic, Thomas Sumter's] Brigade I lived in Mecklenburg County North Carolina and was discharged sometime in February 1782 and my discharge is lost or destroyed I marched to the Congaree thence through South Carolina to the Eutaw Springs & there joined the Army of General Nathaniel Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] and I was in the battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] & was under the command of Colonel Washington [William Washington] during the Engagement with the British forces & from there marched after the British to Bratins [?] Swamp<sup>1</sup> close by Moncks Corner thus returned back up to Congaree & where I was discharged I do not recollect, at this time I have no evidence of this service that I know of but the Deposition of Lieutenant George Graham which was taken in the year 1819 in Granville District South Carolina but is now dead he was my Lieutenant in that Campaign I lived in Mecklenburg County North Carolina when I served the services each time I moved from there to Georgia Franklin County from there I moved to South Carolina Spartanburg District from there to Rutherford County North Carolina from there to Greenville District South Carolina from there back to Rutherford County North Carolina from there to Macon County North Carolina where I now live.

Sworn to in Open Court before me the 11<sup>th</sup> of October 1832

S/ S. McDowell, C. S. C.

I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declare that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

11Oct. 1832

S/ William Garret, X his mark

Test: S/ Silas McDowell, C. S. C.

[John Dobson and Allen Sherrill gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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“State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County

I hereby certify, that William Garret this Day appeared before me, one of the Justices of the said County, and took the Oath of Allegiance, agreeable to law. Given under my Hand this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September Anno. Dom. 17[last digits illegible]

S/ Eph. Brevard [Ephraim Brevard]”



[Brunson Swamp?]

State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County.  
 I HEREBY certify, That *William Garrett* this Day appeared before  
 me, one of the Justices of the said County, and took the Oath of Allegiance, agreeable  
 to Law. Given under my Hand this *28th* Day of *Septemr* Anno Dom *1791*

*Garret*  
*Garret, Wm.*  
*N.C., S.C. 56879*

*Edw. Wood*

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“State North Carolina  
 Mecklenburg County

These are to Certify that the bearer hereof William Garrett half Resided several years in this  
 County and in the balance of my District. And showed himself a friend to independency & half  
 behaved has been Honest man as far as have appeared to me. Given under My Hand this 12<sup>th</sup> day of  
 July 1791. Test: S/ James Porter, Capt.”

*State of North Carolina*  
*Mecklenburg County*

*These are to certify that the bearer hereof Wm. Garrett*  
*half Resided several years in this County*  
*and in the balance of my Dist. And showed himself*  
*a friend to independency & half behaved*  
*an Honest man as far as hath appeared to*  
*me Given under My Hand this 12th Day*  
*of July 1791 Test James Porter Capt.*

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North Carolina, Macon County: The Amendment to the Declaration of William Garrett made to obtain  
 the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832 as follows (to wit)

1. Objection 11 and 12

For the lack of the Certificate of a Clergyman-- and the reason not given for it not being  
 adduced are as follows (to wit) I have moved about a great deal in this State & the other States & back  
 to North Carolina Rutherford & left Rutherford County N. C. about two years since I moved to Macon  
 County wherein I now live & moved into a small part of Macon County where there is no Clergyman  
 living in about 20 miles of where I live consequently I have no acquaintance with any Clergyman &  
 had to rely entirely on witnesses who are very respectable men

2 As to the lack of the Certificate of the magistrates certifying as to the credibility of George  
 Graham as that Deposition was taken in 1819 and in the County of Mecklenburg I can't get the

necessary certificate of the two Justices of the peace who administered the oath to said Graham as I don't know anything about them for I have not heard of them in the last several years – you may see all the papers that accompanys that Deposition made out in 1819 for to obtain a pension then it is very probable that Mr. Connor<sup>2</sup> the representative in Congress from that congressional District can give some [?] information as to his standing as of Mr. Graham Mr. Connor from my District knows something about the character of Mr. Graham. Mr. Graham has been dead some years as I have been informed & there is no living witness that I know of now by whom I can prove my Services by as to the first interrogatory was born in the State of South Carolina on Black River the County not recollected as I left there when small I am about 79 years of age from the best information consequently I was born in the year 1754 – month not recollected having no record of my age – the way you wish by arrived at my age is my age when I went into the war & that time since & from what was said off my birth I affixed the period of my birth at 1754 – which makes me 78 years of age –as to 7 Interrogatory-- I am acquainted with John Dobson Esq. & Ute Sherrill both of which can testify to my being a man of veracity and their belief in relation to my being a Soldier of the revolution all of the above is sworn to & subscribed before me this the 8 day of July 1833

S/ William Garret

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm Garret". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized and slanted.

Attest:

S/ E. A. McEachen, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$68.32 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private in the infantry and cavalry for 18 months in the North Carolina and South Carolina militias.]