

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Garrett Vandegrift S7780

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State of Georgia } SS

County of Habersham } On this nineteenth day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Ordinary of said County now sitting Garrett Vandegrift a resident of said County and State aged seventy five 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 Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated he entered the service in Henry County Virginia under Captain Samuel Hurston [sic: Samuel Hairston] in the militia service with Colonel [William] Preston he was stationed at Drapers Meadows [at present Blacksburg in Montgomery County] for three months at the end of which time he was discharged he again entered the service in the same County and State under Captain Cright [sic: Haman Critz] the year he does not recollect it was in the militia service under Colonel [John] Marr he served a three months tour and was again discharged by Captain Cright again entered the service same County under Jonathan Hamby [sic: Jonathan Hanby] Captain who was marched to Salisbury [NC] by his Captain at which place he was placed under the command of Major [Charles] Rose a Regular officer and march by him to Ninety Six in South Carolina [probably during the siege, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] where he placed under the command of Colonel [William] Washington under General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] he served for three months and was discharged again entered the service as a volunteer in Henry County Virginia under Capt Cright served three months under Colonel [Abram] Penn and was again discharged he has lost all his discharges has no record of his age in his possession he was born in Wake County [formed in 1771] North Carolina since the Revolutionary he removed from Virginia to South Carolina from there to Habersham County Georgia where he now resides.

He hereby relinquishes his every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid  
Garrett hisXmark Vandegrift

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace Garrett Vandegrift who being duely Sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the period or periods that he entered the Service but according to the best of his recollecton he entered the Service in the year seventeen hundred and seventy nine and served three months and was discharged and then served from time he served four tours of three months each and for such service I claim a pension

He answers to the interrogatories prescribed by the war department as follows

1 He was born in North Carrolina Wake County in the year 1759 according to the best information; 2 he has no record of his age in his possession now. 3 He was living in the in the State of Virginia Henry County when called into service, after the war removed to South Carolina Abeville [sic: Abbeville] County and then to Pendleton County then to Georgia habersham County where he now lives 4 He was Drafted the two first tours volunteered the third and was Drafted the fourth, 5<sup>th</sup> The regular officers ware General Green Col Washinton and Col [Henry] Lee & Maj Rose he cannot recollect the Number of the regiment 6<sup>th</sup> he was discharged four times by the Col. commanding his Discharges are all lost

Charles Jain and Jesse Sanford and others [are neighbors who can testify as to his character for veracity and the belief of his services]

Sworn to and subscribed this 2<sup>nd</sup> of October 1839

Garrett P Vandegrift

NOTE: Thomas Pilgrim (pension application S7319) stated that he served two tours with Vandegrift. Thomas Pilgrim was the brother of Amos Pilgrim, whose widow, the former Rebecca Vandergriff, applied for a pension (W1927). The "P" in the name in the amended declaration may be Vandegrift's sign rather than a middle initial.