

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Gardner S8548

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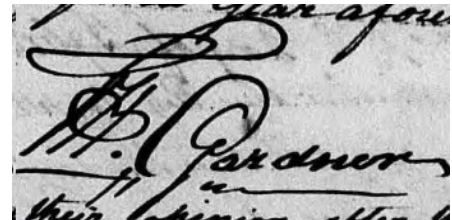
Virginia Louisa County (to Wit)

On this 11th day of February 1833 Personally appeared before the Court of the County of Louisa now sitting Thomas Gardner Aged Seventy three years (and a few months) who being first duly Sworn according to Law doth on his Oath make the following decaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress June 7th 1832. That he was born in the County of Hanover and State of Virginia, on the 6th day of September 1759 as appears from the famaly register, which he has frequently seen, he was raised in the County of Hanover untill he entered into the army which was in the latter part of the year 1776 or the early part of the year 1777 in the Militia to Guard a Magazien of Arms and amunition in s'd. County of Hanover at a place known by the name of Gold Hill on the Pamunky [sic: Pamunkey] River a few miles above Hanover Town, at which place after serving a short Tour of duty he enlisted under Capt Benjamin C. Spiller of the County of King William in the early part of the year 1777 for three years or dureing the War, and some short time after, the company met at the City of Williamsburg, and soon after the Company joined the regiment at WmBurg I was appointed one of the Sergeants of s'd. Company to serve in the State line of the Virginia troops designated the 2^d Regiment, and to the best of recollection the Regiment while we remained at Williamsburge was under the Command of Col'l. George Mason. The regiment left the City of Williamsburge to the best of my recollection in the latter part of the year 1777 to joine the Northern Army and did joine them at Camp Valley Forge on the Scuykill [sic: Schuylkill] River State of Pensylvania at which place the troops Comprising the aforesaid 2^d Regiment was inoculated for the Small pox. After joining the Northern Army the field Officers to s'd. Regiment was William Brent Colo. Commd't. Charles Dabney Lieut. Colonel and John Lee Maj'r. The names of the Captains who commanded the companies at the time I received my discharge was Dudley, Tabb, Boswell, Hudson, Moody, Long, Welch and McElheny [John Dudley and Henry Dudley (pension application R13891), Augustine Tabb, Machen Boswell R19364, John Hudson, James Moody, William Long, Nathaniel Welch, and John McElhaney]. the adjutant Samuel Cary, the Quarter Master Serg't. George Michie, he further states that to the best of his recollection he was Appointed Serj't. Maj'r. to the aforesaid Regiment either on the march to joine the Northern Army or a short time after the arrival of the Reg't at Camp Valley Forge. The Reg't. left the Camp Valley Forge soon after the Brittish Army Evacuated Philadelphia [18 Jun 1778] and marched through the State of New Jersey to Sandy Hook. The 2^d Reg't. of the State line of which I was the Serj't. Maj'r. Was after joining the northern Army Attach'd to Gen'l. Peter Mughlenburgs [sic: Peter Muhlenberg's] Brigade which Brigade marched in the rear of the Army on that year, and was not engag'd in the battle at Monmouth [28 Jun 1778]. the Brigade arrived at Monmouth Meeting house sometime in the evening of the same day. after being there some short time the Brigade advanced some few Hundred yards, and was then taken back near the meeting house and form'd in line While in that position Capt. Fontleroy [sic: Henry Fauntleroy BLWt1087-300] of s'd. Brigade was killed by a shot of the Cannon, some short time after the Brigade fell back a few miles and remain'd there untill nearly sunset. The Reg't. to which I belong'd lay on their arms during the night after the battle, and it was stated that the battle would be renewed early next morning, intelligence came the next morning that the British Army had in the Course of the night arrived at Sandy hook, and imbarck'd on board of their shipping; the next day after Battle we were the most of the day employed in burying the dead. I very well recollect that either in the year 1778 or 79 we crosed over the North River and march'd to a place caled the White plaines [sic: White Plains] in the State of New York. White Plains was represented to me as being no great distance from Kings Bridge where the British had a detachment of Soldiers. Our Troops had Winter Quarters for 1778-9 at Camp Middlebrook [NJ]. I do not at this late period remember whether the Reg't. to which I belonged return'd into the State of Pensylvania until the

14th day of December 1779 on which day we cros'd over the Delaware River, some small distance above the City of Philadelphia on as cold a day as I ever recollect of remembering, and went into the Barracks in the City of Philadelphia and remained there untill the 24th day of the same month, on which day we took our line of march (as it was stated) to joine the Southern Army. he further states that he serv'd the three years agreeably to his enlistment first as Serj't. and then Serj't. Maj'r. untill he was discharged at Fredericks Burge [sic: Fredericksburg] (a Town) in the State of Virginia. he further states that after the receipt of s'd Discharge he returnd to the County of Hanover and after some short time he was recommended by the County court Hanover, to the Executive of the State of Virginia as a Commissiond Officer, and received the Commission Sign'd by the Govenor as Ensign to one of the Militia Companies for the County of Hanover State of Virginia, and served a Tour of duty as Ensign in Guarding British Prisoners from the County of Hanover to the Town of Winchester in Frederick County State of Virginia. he further states that he serv'd a double tour of duty as ensign and Adjutant at the time that Gen'l. Arnold invaded the State of Virginia [Benedict Arnold, Jan 1781]. the length of time he was employed in these tours he cannot at this time recollect. He further states that in the latter part of the year 1783 he verily believes he moved from the County of Hanover the County of his nativity, to the County of Louisa, and has resided in the County of Louisa ever since say about Fifty years. I omitted to state in the foregoing part of this declaration that Gen'l. Mughlensburges Brigade Accompanied Gen'l. Waynes [Anthony Wayne's] Brigade as a reserve at the time of Gen'l. Waynes Storming Stoney Point fort [sic: Stony Point, 16 Jul 1779]. he also states that whilst on a march to the north he saw Colo. Lee's Troop of Horse with a parcel of British Prisoners that he Captur'd at powlers Hook [sic: Henry Lee's Legion, Paulus Hook, 19 Aug 1779] (or some such name) and I understood that he captured them without shedding a drop of blood or firing a single Gun.

He hereby relinquishes any claim whatever to a pension or anuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscrib'd the day and year aforesaid

A close-up photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive ink. The signature is written on a document with some visible text above and below it, including the words "year aforesaid" and "this". The signature itself is highly stylized and difficult to read, but appears to be "T. Gardner".

Virginia Louisa County Feby 11th 1833

At the request of Thomas Gardner of Louisa County & State of Virginia I do hereby Certify that I lived for maney years with my Uncle the late Colo Charles Dabney of Hanover and State aforsaid and that I frequently heard him say Thomas Gardner whose declaration is hereto annexed, was a Sergeant under him in the Second State Reg't. of which he was Lieut. Colonal, and as well as I recollect he said he was Sergeant Major and served in that office under him in the war of the Revolution. Given under my hand and seal the day and date before written [signed] Charles Dabney

NOTES:

In the [bounty-warrant records of the Library of Virginia](#) is what appears to be a certificate of the service of Thomas Gardner signed by Col. Charles Dabney, but the online image is not clear enough for reliable transcription.

A document in the file states that Gardner died on 13 April 1836.