

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Fortune Garner

VA  
(or Gardiner, Lucy)

W24233

Transcription by FA Weyler

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[p2] Virginia certificate 6688  
Lucy Fortune dec<sup>d</sup> late widow of  
Garner or Gardiner Fortune dec<sup>d</sup> on 02Dec1826  
Prince William county  
Private under Col Gibson  
Issued 23Jun1843 @ \$80/annum

[p3] State of Virginia, Prince William County, Sct.

On this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September 1838, personally appeared before me, James D Tennille, a justice of the peace in and for the county of Prince William in the state of Virginia, Lucy Fortune, a resident of said county and state, aged eighty years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of congress passed July 4<sup>th</sup> 1836. That she is the widow of Garner Fortune, who was an enlisted soldier in the Virginia state or continental line, not certain which in the Revolutionary War, for and during the term of three years. That he enlisted in January in the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven in Caroline county in the state of Virginia and marched first to Williamsburg in Virginia and thence to the northward where he remained until the expiration of the term of his enlistment and returned home in January or February seventeen hundred and eighty and in the fall of the year seventeen hundred and eighty one went to Little York in Virginia and was at the capture of Cornwallis and was retained in service a short time after that event guarding the British prisoners, as she verily believes. She further declares that she has no documentary evidence of his services.

She further declares that she was married to the said Garner Fortune on the fifteenth day of November in the year seventeen hundred and eighty. That her husband, the aforesaid Garner Fortune, died on the second day of December in the year Eighteen hundred and twenty six. That she has not married since, but has remained his widow ever since that period. Her name before marriage was Lucy Hargrove, as by reference to the proof hereto annexed will more fully appear.

Lucy Fortune x her mark

[routine certification  
James D. Tennille J.P.]

[p4]

The deposition of Barnet Swart, aged about seventy six years, testifies that he was well acquainted with Garner Fortune and that the said Garner Fortune was a soldier in the Revolutionary army at the seige [sic] of Little York in Virginia at the capture of Cornwallis, having served a tour of militia duty himself in the fall of the year 1781 under Capt. Francis Russell, and was at the seige of Little York aforesaid, during the seige. s/Barnet Swart

[routine certification  
Tho B Hamilton, JP  
John Williams, clerk

[p5] John Williams certification of the signature of John Fox as a magistrate, perhaps on a declaration by Jesse E. Weems which is missing from the file.

[p10] Letter of 13Mar1844 from Manassas Gap, Warren County by W. G. Settle that a Mr. Thornberry had deserted his agency and the claim of Lucy Fortune had been suspended. Settle offered to pursue the claim.

[p13-16] 16Oct1848 letter by Alex Ray appealing the suspension of the Garner Fortune pension claim:

Names Bernhard Hood, Robert Satterwhite, and Barnet Swart as sworn witnesses whose affidavits were among papers of John Thornberry and proved the military service of Garner Fortune.

<http://revwarapps.org/s11346.pdf> is the pension application of a Robert Satterwhite of Caroline County, probably the person who testified to Garner Fortune's enlistment in Caroline County.

[p19] a note by a researcher that G Fortune's name is on a muster roll of Captain Armistead's company in Col Gibson's regiment.

[Basil Brawner, a well established gentleman of Manassas, is mentioned in various papers as administrator of the Lucy Fortune estate and his pursuit of the pension claim.]

[p34-39] A deposition by Bernard Hove [? Hooe or Hood] of Alexandria mentioned inviting Garner Fortune to meet General LaFayette again when he visited Washington. Fortune was too old and obese and declined to make the trip.

[p41]

I Robert Satterwhite a U.S. pensioner aged eighty six years testify that I was well acquainted with Gardiner Fortune commonly called Garner Fortune from a boy and I was raised in the same neighborhood that he was, and know that the G Fortune enlisted in Caroline County, state of Virginia to serve for the tour of three years in the Revolutionary War, and marched from s<sup>d</sup> county to the north, having served myself in the same war, I was with s<sup>d</sup> Fortune frequently in the army & know that he served out the term of his enlistment and was a faithful soldier. And soon after his return from the regular army he married Lucy Hartgrove, daughter of Humphrey Hartgrove (sometimes called Hargrove) of the County aforesaid, and after his marriage he was drafted from the militia of Caroline County aforesaid and marched under Capt. Samuel Coleman, I think about the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 1781 with myself and others to Fredericksburg thence across the country through the intermediate counties to Hanover Court House and from there to Williamsburg and thence into Charles City County where we were relieved by some other militia and returned home having spent about two months. And when the drafts were made from the militia of Caroline County aforesaid to go to York Town in Virginia, I was drafted & went under Captain Jamerson. G Fortune did not go to Yorktown in Captain Jamerson's Company with me but I know he was in the army at the seige of York having seen him there performing his duty as a soldier.

Robert Satterwhite x his mark

[certification

13Oct1840, Caroline County

13Oct1840

John V Kean JP

John L Pendleton, clerk

[p47] Prince William county certification of a declaration of John Sullivan sen<sup>r</sup> 22Jun1842 by John W Williams, register's office, is apparently misfiled.

<http://revwarapps.org/s38410.pdf> contains Sullivan's own pension declaration.

[p49] 22Dec1841 letter from Manassas Gap, Warren County to the Pension Commissioner J. L. Edwards by John Thornberry mentions testimony of Theron Newman and Andrew Sale.

[p56 one of the letters of appeal mention the statement of George Tennille whose own declaration is contained in <http://revwarapps.org/s7703.pdf> ]

[the 83 page file has numerous letters, depositions, certifications, and covers]

Addenda to Garner (Gardiner) Fortune W24233  
By C. Leon Harris. 19 Feb 2014.

[The following from [bounty-warrant records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do Certify that Gardner Fortune a Soldier in the 5<sup>th</sup> Virginia State Reg't. served the term of three years  
Given under my hand this 2<sup>d</sup> of Ap'1 1783  
[probably William White, pension application S46512, of the 5<sup>th</sup> Virginia  
Continental Regiment]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm White", with a flourish at the end.

NOTE: The file includes part of a family record transcribed below.

Garner Fortune son of Richard Fortune & Frances his wife was Born March 5<sup>th</sup> 1758  
Lucy Fortune his wife Daughter of Humphrey Hartgrove was born Aug't. 16<sup>th</sup> 1758  
Garner Fortune and Lucy Fortune his wife was Marred November 15<sup>th</sup> 1780