

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Garland ¹ W3011
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State of Kentucky,

I Thomas Montgomery, one of the Judges of the circuit courts in & for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that on this day John Garland, resident of Goose Creek in the County of Knox & State aforesaid, personally appeared before me & after being sworn, were declared upon his oath, that he is now about seventy-six years old; that he enlisted as a private in the service of the United States in the war of the revolution against Great Britain a short time before the Declaration of Independence supposed about the latter end of the year 1775, at Halifax town in North Carolina; that his company was commanded by Pink Eaton [Pinkethman Eaton]; that the Regiment was commanded by Colonel Sumner [Jethro Sumner] and the Brigade by General Nash [Francis Nash]; That his enlistment was for two years and a half which term he faithfully served out & was discharged; but which discharge is not now in his power. That immediately afterwards he enlisted again for three years in the company commanded by Captain John Coleman², the Regiment by Colonel Patton [John Patten]; but of what Brigade he does not recollect; That he served out the said three years & was discharged in Savannah, but the discharge is not in his power, having sent with his other discharge to General Robertson for the purpose of endeavoring to receive a pension. That he was in the Battles at Germantown [October 4, 1777], Monmouth Courthouse [June 28, 1778], Brandywine [September 11, 1777] & several others: that he was severely wounded in the head at the Battle at Brandywine & severely in the thigh at the Battle at Christian & was wounded at Germantown: That he has no other evidence in his power of his time of his services &c. That he is now poor & reduced in his pecuniary circumstances & needs the aid proposed in the act of Congress of the 18th of March, A.D. 1818, providing for certain persons engaged in the land & Naval service of the United States & makes this declaration with that view. He surrenders [?] any Pension heretofore granted him from henceforth.

S/ John Garland³

S/ Thomas Montgomery
July 15th 1819

State of Kentucky

On this twelfth day of October 1824, Personally appeared in open Court, (being a Court of record proceeding according to the Course of the Common Law being the Circuit Court of Knox County) John Garland, resident of said County, aged about 82 years, who being first duly sworn, according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of the 18th of March 1818, the 1st May 1820, and the 1st of March 1823. That he is

¹ BLWt17897-160-55

² Most likely a mistaken reference to Benjamin Andrew Coleman

³ Probably not the actual signature of the veteran since the hand writing is identical to the body of the document itself

the said John Garland enlisted for the term of two years and a half, in the latter end of the year 1775, in Halifax Town in the State of North Carolina, in the Company commanded by Captain Pink Eaton, in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Sumner, in the line of the State of North Carolina, on the Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in said Corps, or in the service of the United States until the Term for which he enlisted was expired – when he was discharged from the said service, near Fredericksborough in the State of Connecticut, That shortly thereafter he again Entered for three years in the Town and State first mentioned, in the Company commanded by Captain John Coleman in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Patton – in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental Establishment. That he served out the said three years, and was discharged in Savannah: But the discharge is not now in his power, having sent it, together with his other discharge to General Robertson for the purpose of endeavoring to procure a pension: That he was in the Battles at German Town [sic Germantown], Monmouth Court House, Brandy Wine [sic, Brandywine] and several others. That he was severely wounded in the head at the Battle of Brandywine and severely in the thigh at the Battle of Christian, and was wounded at Germantown, that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or otherwise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, viz:

1 mare	\$30.00
39 Head of Stock hogs	20.25
2 Cows & Calves	16.00
3 Small Heifers	<u>10.00</u>
	\$76.25

My Family consists of a wife, and one son, about 40 years of age who was born helpless, and still continues so, I am by pursuit a Farmer, I owe debts to the amount of about \$60, and have debts due to me in the amount of about five dollars and I stand in need of my property for support.

S/ John Garland⁴

[p 13: On 10th [?] October, 1842, in Laurel County, Ky., Susannah Garland filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she married her husband John Garland in August of the year of the Battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] in North Carolina [sic, South Carolina]; that she was married in Bute County in what she believes was North Carolina and by bans published at church; that her husband died September 17, 1840 in Clay County Kentucky and that she continues a widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

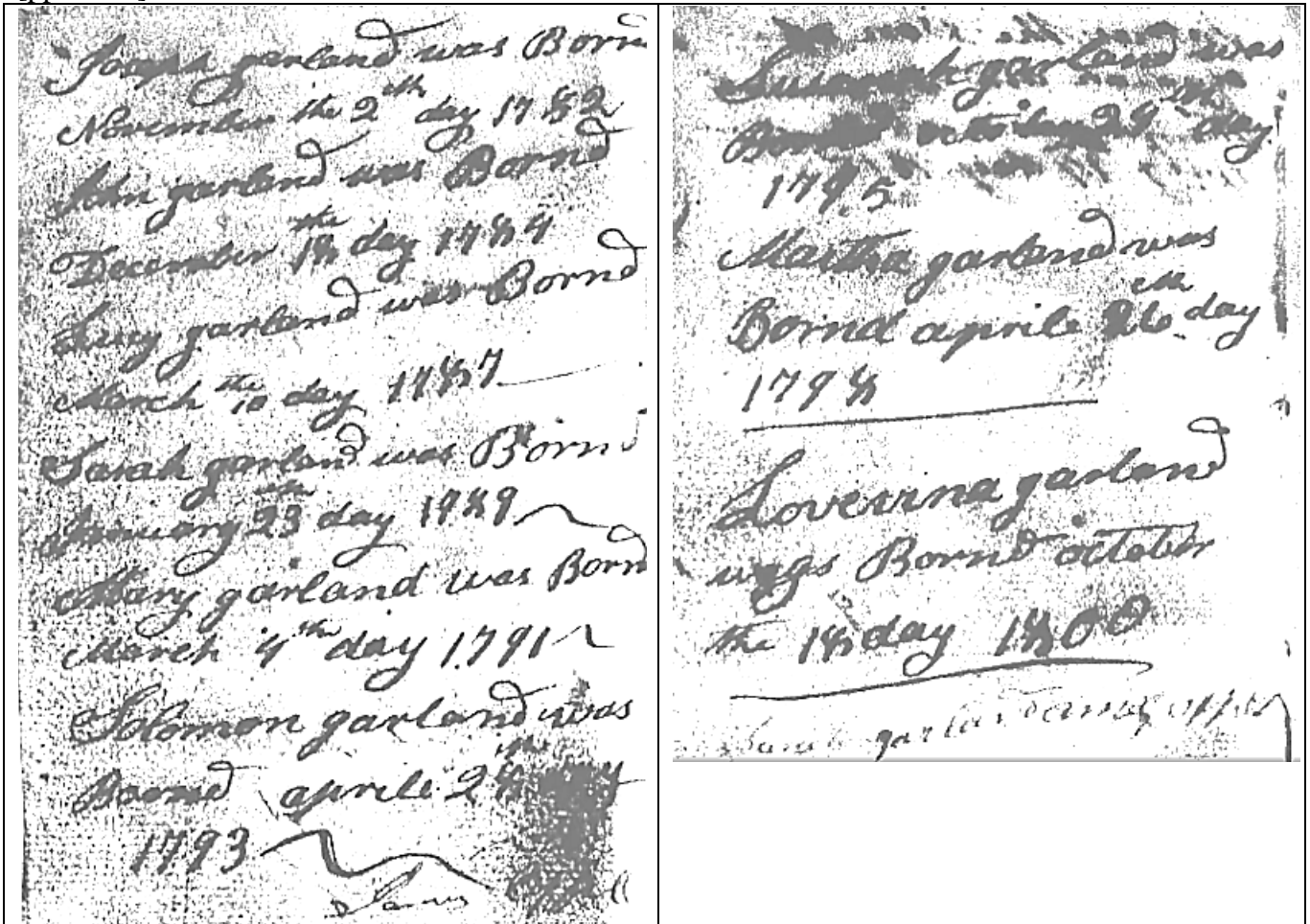
[p 19: At age 95, in April 1855, Susannah Garland filed for bounty land while living in Clay County, Ky.; she states that she was married in Bute County North Carolina in 1780 by one Herfert a justice of the peace; that her name prior to her marriage was Susanna Nicholds. She signed this document with her mark.]

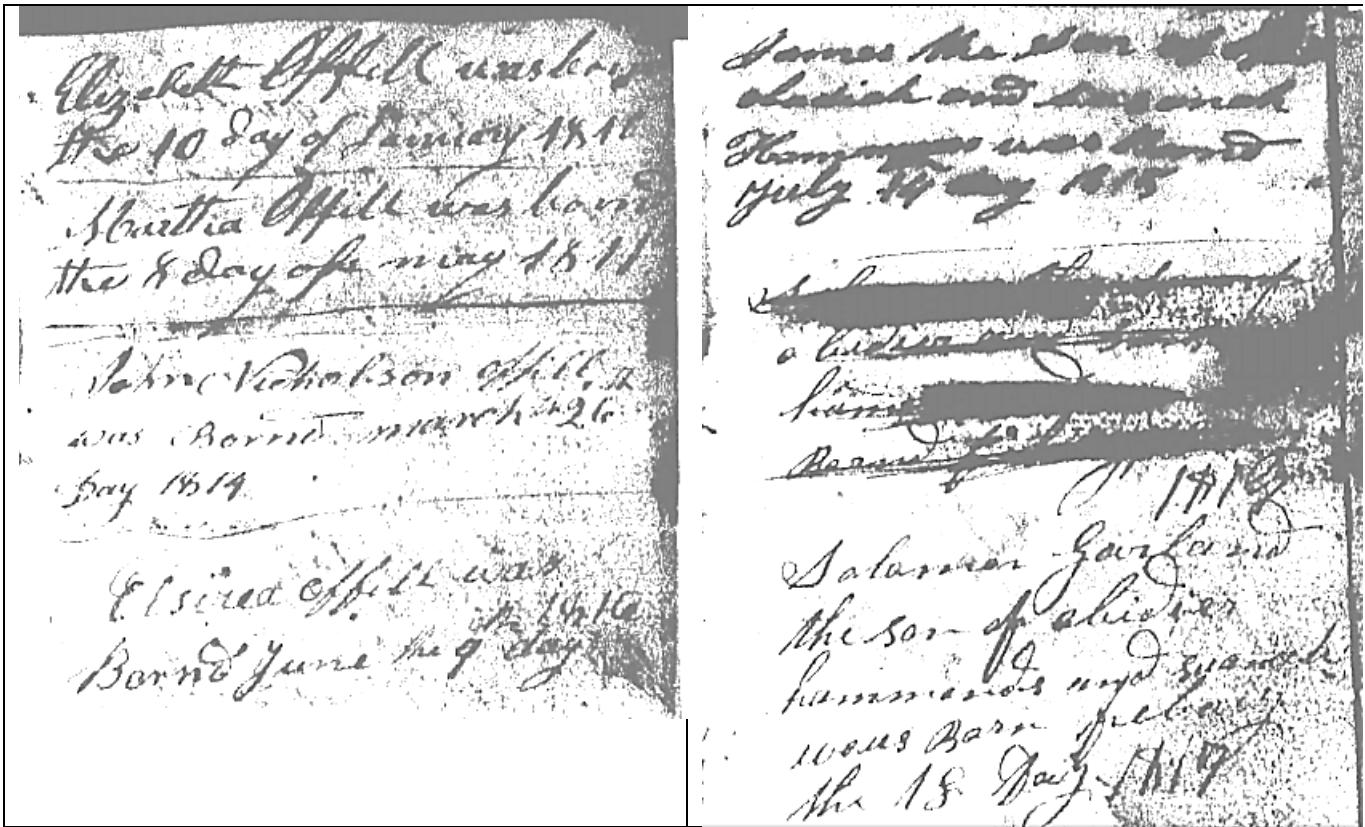
Bible record [very difficult to read]

Joseph Garland was Bornd November the 2th day 1782

⁴ Again, the handwriting of the signature is identical to the body of the application. Consequently, I do not believe it is the actual signature of the veteran.

John Garland was Bornd December 18th day 1784
 Lucy garland was Bornd March 10th day 1787
 Sarah garland was Bornd January 23rd day 1789
 Mary garland was Bornd March 4th day 1791
 Solomon garland was Bornd Aprile 28th day 1793
 Susannah garland was Bornd october 29th day 1795
 Martha garland was Bornd aprile 26th day 1798
 Lovevina garland was Bornd october the 18 day 1800
 Sarah garland [illegible one word could be April]
 Elizabeth Offill was born the 10 day of January 1810
 Martha Offill was born the 8 day of may 1811
 John Nicholson Offill was Bornd march 26th Day 1814
 Elsirea Offill was Bornd June the 9th day 1816
 James the son of Obadiah and Susannah Hammons was Bornd July 14th day 1815
 Solomon Garland the son of obidier hammonds and Susannah was Born february the 18 Day 1817]
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[p 28: On October 27, 1843 in Laurel County Kentucky, Solomon Garland of clay County Kentucky gave testimony that he is the son of John Garland late a revolutionary war pensioner and Susannah Garland his wife; that he is there 6th child and is now in his 50th year of his age; that the Bible record showing the births of the children of his parents was cut from the old family Bible in the possession of Susannah Garland.

Solomon Garland

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 23, 1824, for service as a private for 2 ½ years in the North Carolina Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$96 per annum.]