

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Gerard (Gerrard)<sup>1</sup> W3999 Elizabeth Hunter<sup>2</sup> f50NC  
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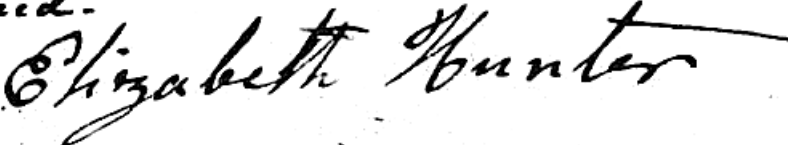
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State of North Carolina, Edgecombe County

On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December 1838 personally appeared before me Charles G. Hunter a Justice of the peace for the County above Mrs. Elizabeth Hunter age 72 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 7, 1838, entitled "an act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows." That she is the widow of Lieutenant Charles Gerrard of the North Carolina Line in the War of the Revolution who entered the service at an early period of the war and served to its close as will more fully appear by reference to the records. She further declares that she was married to the said Lieutenant Charles Gerrard on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year 1789. That her husband the said Charles Gerrard died on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 1797 that she was afterwards married to Henry Hunter on the 25<sup>th</sup> of June 1805, who died on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 1823 – And that she has remained a widow ever since as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

S/ Elizabeth Hunter

S/ Charles G. Hunter, JP

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State of North Carolina Edgecombe County: I hereby certify to all whom it may concern that Mrs. Elizabeth Hunter who has this day signed and sworn to the foregoing declaration before me is an extremely old lady and from the feeble state of her health and advanced age an attendance upon the Court for the purpose of making her declaration would be attended with great difficulty and would most likely endanger her health.

Given under my hand & seal this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December 1838

S/ Chas. G. Hunter, JP {Seal}

I also certify that Mrs. Elizabeth Hunter has this day produced to me the family Bible in which the period of her marriage with Lieutenant Charles Gerrard is recorded and I have cut it from the book and appended it to this statement by three seals. She has also produced to me a Ball that her Husband was wounded by in the cheek during the revolution and a [paper damaged and word rendered illegible] & a

<sup>1</sup> BLWt884-200—Lieut. Issued June 1, 1792 No papers

<sup>2</sup> former widow

part of the [indecipherable word] Done all up which she has now in her possession in which are now before me. Given under my hand and seal this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December 1838  
 S/ Chas. G. Hunter, JP {Seal}

[pp 3-4: family record]

<p><i>Betsey Hill Gerrard was born Sunday evening half past Seven O'clock on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> 1790. - And departed this life at 2 O'clock in the afternoon Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of Aug. 1793. - Aged three years lacking 22 days</i></p> <p><i>Thomas Blount Gerrard was born Saturday morning half past Seven O'clock the 8<sup>th</sup> of Sept. 1792. - And departed this life 12 O'clock in the afternoon Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> 1793. - Aged one year &amp; 22 days. -</i></p>	<p>Betsey Hill Gerrard was born Sunday evening half past Seven O'clock in Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> 1790 –        And departed this life at 2 O'Clock in the afternoon Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of Aug. 1793        Aged three years lacking 22 days</p> <p>Thomas Blount Gerrard was born Saturday morning half past Seven O'clock the 8<sup>th</sup> of Sept. 1792        And departed this life 12 O'Clock in the afternoon Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> 1793        Age one year &amp; 22 days</p>
<p><i>Charles Gerrard was born Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> 1753. - and departed this life at 6 O'clock in the afternoon Friday October 6<sup>th</sup> 1797. - Aged 44 years, 10 months &amp; 26 days.</i></p> <p><i>Elizabeth Hill was born Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> 1766.</i></p> <p><i>The above Couple were married Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> 1789. -</i></p>	<p>Charles Gerrard was born Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> 1753        And departed this life at 6 O'clock in the afternoon Friday October 6, 1797        Aged 44 years, 10 months &amp; 26 days</p> <p>Elizabeth Hill was born Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> 1766</p> <p>The above Couple were married Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> 1789</p>

[p 7: In a letter dated December 6, 1850 Charles G Hunter identifies himself as the son of Elizabeth

Hunter widow of Charles Gerrard deceased. In a post script Hunter asked that response to the letter be sent to St. Francisville, Parish West Feliciana, Louisiana.



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[p 9: Brevet commission of Charles Gerrard to the Rank of Captain dated December 8<sup>th</sup>, 1784.]

[p 10: Commission dated June 1, 1778, issued by the Continental Congress to Charles Gerard [sic] as Lieutenant in the second North Carolina Regiment, signed by John Jay]

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State of North Carolina, Edgecombe County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1842

On this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 1842 personally appeared before the said court Elizabeth Hunter residing in said County near Tarborough & State, aged seventy-six years on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October next who being first duly sworn according to law maketh oath to the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> of July 1838, entitled an act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows & of an act of mandatory to the act of 7<sup>th</sup> of July 1838, passed the present session of Congress:

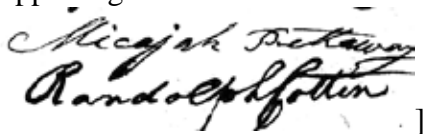
That she is the widow by her first marriage of Charles Gerrard a lieutenant of the North Carolina line of the Army of the Revolution. That she was married to the said Charles Gerrard in the Dwelling house of her mother Barbara Hill in the Town of Tarborough on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October 1789 by Solomon Sessoms then an acting Magistrate in & for the County aforesaid who is now dead. That said Charles Gerrard belonged to the second North Carolina Continental Regiment, That he remained in the Army from the time he enlisted until the close of the war. that he was in several Battles, viz., Monmouth [June 28, 1778], Germantown [October 4, 1777] & Brandywine [September 11, 1777] & others of which she has heard him speak what she has forgotten the names of the places that he was in the battle at the Siege of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780], where he was severely wounded by a ball striking him on the left jaw near the corner of his mouth & fracturing his jawbone, & lodging in his breast immediately under his collarbone, whence it was extracted. That after he was wounded he was taken prisoner & afterwards liberated on parole on honor at Haddrell's Point. That she does not know when he enlisted but that he remained in the service till the close of the war. That said Charles Gerrard died on the 6<sup>th</sup> of October 1797. That she again intermarried with Henry Hunter on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June 1805 & that said Hunter died on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August 1823 & that she has remained a widow ever since. That there is no record evidence of her marriage with either of her said husbands except the family Bible, a leaf of which containing the same was cut out by her son Charles G. Hunter, who retained a copy thereof & which is appended to his affidavit.

Sworn to & subscribed in Open Court.

S Elizabeth Hunter

S/ Jno Norfleet, Clerk

[Micajah Pettaway [the clerk later writes his name "Micajah Petway"]<sup>3</sup> & Randolph Cotton gave a supporting affidavit.



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<sup>3</sup> Probably the same man as [Micajah Pettaway \(Petway, Pettway\) S3668](#)

Also at the same time personally appeared in open Court Charles G. Hunter, who after being duly sworn according to law saith that he cut out of the family Bible belonging to his mother Elizabeth Hunter the leaf which contained the family record of births & deaths & that he retained a copy of the same, which so far as it relates to the in her marriage of his mother the said Elizabeth Hunter with Charles Gerard is as follows – Viz.:

“Charles Gerard was born December 11, 1753 and departed this life at six o'clock in the afternoon Friday October the 6<sup>th</sup> 1797 aged 44 years 10 months & 26 days.”

“Elizabeth Hill was born October 5, 1771.”

“The above couple were married October 28, 1789.”

That his reasons for cutting out said leave was to enable one Richard M. Moseby to procure a pension for his mother & that the leave was handed to said Mosby by him & that he does not know what has become of it.

Sworn to before me in open Court.

S/ Charles G. Hunter

S/ Jno Norfleet, Clerk

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State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State that Charles Gerard an Ensign in said line was commissioned on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 1777, that he was promoted to lieutenant on the 19<sup>th</sup> of December 1777. It appears from the Warrant book, that a Warrant for bounty land was issued to Charles Gerard a Lieutenant for his services in the Continental line in the revolutionary war, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October 1783, four 2560 acres of land, the quantity allowed by law to a Lieutenant for the War, which warrant was issued on the certificate of a Field Officer, and is No. 82, and drawn by himself.

Given under my hand this second day September 1842.

S/ Wm Hill

The name Gerald on the muster rolls is no doubt misspelled, and should have been Gerard.

Wm Hill, Secy State No.Ca.

[p 19: On March 8, 1852 in the parish of West Feliciana, Louisiana, the widow executed a power of attorney authorizing her attorney, HC Spalding of Washington City to pursue an increase in her pension.]

[Veteran's former widow was pensioned at the rate of \$320 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836, for her former husband's service as a Lieutenant in the North Carolina Continental line.