

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Garner W7495

Lucy Garner

VA

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State of Virginia Halifax County, To wit.

on this 24th day of July 1840 Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the county & state foresaid Lucy Garner aged 79 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 the 7th 1838 entitled and act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows.

That she is the widow of James Garner late of Halifax County & State aforesaid who was a private in the war of the revolution: that she does not pretend to know anything respecting the services of her late husband but has always understood from him and old soldiers who served with him and believe their statement to be correct, that he served a considerable length of time in the army of the revolution for the particulars of service length of service rank in line Regments, Officers &c. she refers to the army records of the periods and the accompanying certificates of old soldiers who served with him in the army of the revolution all of which she prays may be considered as part of her declaration. She has heard him say he served eighteen months in the war of the revolution, and only claim a pension for services that length of time. She further declares that she was married to the said James Garner February the 25th 1790 that her husband the aforesaid James Garner died on the 10th day of January 1815. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the 1st day of January seventeen hundred & ninety four – To Wit at the time above or on the other side [of the page] stated

[signed] Lucy Garner

State of virginia: Charlotte County to wit: [4 Jan 1840]

I Thomas P Franklin [pension application S8517] do hereby Certify that I was well acquainted with James Garner, late of Halifax County, in the war of the reverlution, and know the fact haveing surved with him, that in 1781 or latter part of 1780 he was drafted in the militia for 3 months under Capt [Thomas] McReynolds and marched to Portsmouth Virginia: which turm he surved faithfully for I was along with him in the same company the whole time. That in the year 1781 he was drafted again in the militia for 3 months under Capt Cummings, and marched by way of Prince Edward court House, and joined the Main Army under [Gen. Robert] Lawson & Lafayette in Goochland County. He surved this tour, I know faithfully, for I was with him. He surved also in 1780 I know a tour of 6 months under Capt Herndon, in the militia and marched to the South, and, as I understood, was engaged in the battle at Camden, in August 1780 [16 Aug 1780]. I was not with him on this occation, but recollect being present when he marched and that he did not return in 6 months. His widdow Lucy Garner, is still living in Halifax County, and has never intermarried since his death, to my knolledge. I am in the 78th year of my age, and a pentioner of the United States

Thomas hisXmark P Franklin

State of Virginia: Halifax County to wit:

On this 24 day of June, 1843, personally appeared before me Lewis Garner a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Lucy Garner, a resident at present of Halifax County, State of Virginia, aged 82 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed on the 3^d of March, 1843 granting Pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary War.

That she is the widow of James Garner, deceased, who was a private in the War of the Revolution, and died on the 10th of January 1815. That under the Act of Congress of the 7th July 1838, she was allowed a Pension for 5 years, commencing on the 4th March, 1836, at the rate of \$20 per annum, and terminating on the 4th of March 1841, which certificate she has recently received, and will shortly

surrender to the proper agent in Richmond, upon payment of the amount. The Certificate of Pension is dated 3^d March, 1843, and signed by John C. Spencer Secretary of War, and Countersigned by J. L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions. She further declares, that she is still a widow.

[signed] Lucy Garner

NOTE: A letter dated 27 Jan 1843 from the Pension Office states that the claim for the 1780 tour of six months service in the militia was denied because it was believed that military tours in Virginia were never for longer than three months. A note on the pension certificate states that Lucy Garner died on 3 Sep 1846.