

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Garner W7496 Sarah Garner VA
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City of Richmond to wit

Joseph Garner this day appeared before me a Magistrate for the City aforesaid and made oath the he is the same Joseph Garner whom the Secretary of war directed to be placed on the list of pensioners at the rate of two dollars seventy seven cents and five sixths per month that he served in the first Virginia Regiment under the Command of Colo Christie [probably referring to Christian Febiger] at the time he was disabled and has resided therein for fourteen years previous to which time he resided in the County of Fauquier and State of Virginia

Given under my hand this 8th day of September 1815. Preston Smith

United States Loan Office State of Virginia 8th Sept 1815.

Received of Thomas Nelson agent for paying Invalid pensioners the sum of fifty dollars and one cent for my pension as one of the United States Pensioners for Eighteen months from the 4th March 1814 to the 5th September 1815 for which I have signed duplicate receipts

Test/ Thomas N Page

Joseph hisXmark Garner

Georgia } Superior Court, June Adjourned Term 1818
Clark [sic: Clarke] County } [26 June 1818]

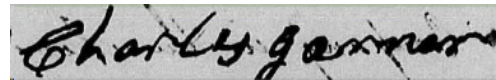
Personally came before me Joseph Garner of said County, aged sixty four years & being duly sworn on Oath saith, that in the month of October seventeen hundred and seventy four or five (but in which year he doth not now certainly recollect) he enlisted into Captain William Blackwells Company in the Seventh virginia regiment, commanded by Colo (afterward Gen'l) Daniel Morgan, that of this Company the present Chief Justice John Marshall [pension application S5731] was first Lieutenant, who is acquainted with this deponent, that he enlisted in Farquiere [sic: Fauquier] County, Virginia that he continued in service three years in the regular discharge of his duty, which was the term for which he enlisted – that after serving out his enlistment he was regularly discharged, but his discharge is either now lost or was returned to the proper office some years ago for the purpose of entitling deponent to a pension, which pension he obtained & is now a pensioner of the Government, payable at Richmond in Virginia. This deponent saith his is now old & infirm & from his reduced circumstances he stands in need of the aid and of his Country.

Joseph hisXmark Garner

Georgia } Personally came before me Charles Garner [pension application S37950] who
Clark County } being duly sworn, deposeth & saith that he well knows that Joseph Garner
seved in the company of William Blackwill in the Eleventh Virginia

Regiment Commanded by Col afterwards Gen'l) Daniel Morgan during three years.

Sworn to in open court this 26th June 1818



There is a pension of ten pounds per annum which stands in the name of Joseph Gardner on the books of this office & which has been regularly drawn up to September in the year 1815 by a person who says his name is Joseph Garner but who has proved himself to be the soldier for whom the pension was intended & to whom it was originally granted. There is no pension in the name of Joseph Garner. United States Loan Office State of Virginia 14th May 1819. Thos. M. Page P.C.

State Alabamma } [20 March 1821]
St Clair County } Personally came Joseph Garner late of Clark County State of Georgia a soldier in the Revolutionary war and made oath in the Circuit Court held for the county afforesaid and saith that the following schedule is the whole amt. of all the property he is legally possessed of. that is to say.

1 Sow & four pigs	\$4.
1 Pot	1.
2 Axes	1.50
2 Old weading hoes	1.00
2 feather Beds & furniture	<u>14.00</u>
	21.50

State of Alabamma }
St Clair County } Personally appeared this day in Open Court the above named Joseph Garner who being duly sworn saith that the above schedule is correct & the facts therein stated are true & that said Garner is possessed of no property other than that mentioned in said Schedule that he is about sixty five years of age that he has a wife & seven children four daughters & three sons, his oldest son is about sixteen years of age one seven the other about four years of age his daughters are about 18 years 16 years nine years & the other younger. that he from age is unable to work for his & his familys support & that he is the same person who was placed on the pension list under the act passed in 1818.

Joseph Garner

State of Alabama } Circuit Court April Term 1822
St. Clair County } [8 April 1822]

Personally appeared in open Court, being a court of Record according to the constitution and laws of the State of Alabama Joseph Garner Aged about sixty six years resident resident in the said County of St. Clair, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served during the Revolutionary War as follows (viz) in Captain William Blackwells Company of the Eleventh Virginia Regiment commanded when he enlisted by Colonel Feebecker [sic: Christian Febiger], that he is now a pensioner under the act of Congress of the 18th March AD 1818, that his Original Declaration bears date as he believes in September 1818 to which refer the same as being in the War Department for the particulars of his service. That his Certificate is numbered [blank] and bears date at the War office of the United States on the [blank] day of [blank]

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 in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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, viz

“three sows, three hoes, two axes, one pot & one oven” – I also declare and swear that by occupation I am a farmer to pursue which by ability daily decreases, that I cannot labour hard on account of an injury done in my left arm by a musket Ball received from the Enemy in the battle of Brandy Wine [Brandywine, 11 Sep 1777]. That I have in family a wife upwards of forty five years of age and that I have living with me six children Viz three girls the eldest about twenty years old the second about fourteen or fifteen and the third about twelve. The Eldest of the boys a little over eighteen years of age. The second about nine and the third about four years old

Joseph hisXmark Garner

[The following are from [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#) under the name Gardner, Joseph. Parts of the documents are missing from the online images at the places indicated by *.]

[*] do Certify that Joseph Gardner Inlisted as a S[*] first Virginia Reg't. on the fifth day of Septemb[*] was wounded some time the Next Spring [*]. Given under my Hand this 20th of Dec[*]

John Gr[*]/ Late Colo. C[*]

[*]shee will please examine & report on the wound [*] above soldier J Wood [Gov. James Wood]

[*]ination of Joseph Gardner who appears to be about [*]ive years of age, find a Ball has passed through the [*] the left arm, that a considerable part of the hand [*]en lost & injured, that a perfect anchylosis of the [*] & consequent withering of the Limb have taken [*] which evidently disables him much from obtaining [*]ort by hard Labour only.

[signed] W. Foushee [William Foushee]

Joseph Garner Received the [*] Disabled him &

Oct'r 15, 1788

Occasioned [*] from the Army, by Accident.

[*] in Williamsburg. [signed] James Wood Late BG.

[In the following the missing parts are inferred in brackets.]

[I do with the ad]vice of the Council hereby certify [that Joseph Garn]er aged about 35 years, late [a private in the] 1st Virg'a Regiment and whose pay [was] £24 per annum, was disabled [in the service of th]is Commonwealth by a wound [?] and that he is allowed the sum [of ? y]early, to commence from the [? 1]786

[Given under m]y hand as Governor of the [Commonwealth] of Virginia at Richmond, this [?] 1788. [signed] Edm. Randolph

Joseph Garner personally appeared before me and made oath that a Certificate signed by the Governor putting him on the Pension List with an allowance of Ten Pounds pr annum, was put into the hands of Colonel Martin Pickett in Order to draw his Arrears of Pension, in the County of Fauquier; and that the same has been Lost or Mislaid.

Sworn to this 5th day of September 1791. J. Pendleton

NOTES:

On 13 Oct 1842 Sarah Garner, about 68, of Cherokee County AL, applied for a pension stating that she married Joseph Garner in Fauquier County in 1791, moved to Georgia in 1802, then to Alabama in 1820, where they lived until he died in Cherokee County on 20 Dec 1840. She stated that her husband served "in the Company Commanded by Captain Blackwell in Col Crooper's [sic: Lt. Col. John Cropper's] Regiment of the Virginia Continental Line, that he was placed on the Invalid pension list in Consequence of wound received in (she thinks) the battle of Monmoth [sic: Monmouth, 28 Jun 1778]."

The file includes a copy of a bond signed on 22 Dec 1790 by Joseph Garner and Taply Hinson for the marriage of Garner to Sarah Oar (Orr?). The file also contains a certificate showing that Joseph Garner died on 19 Oct 1840 leaving Sarah Garner his widow and the following children: Malinda Burger, Rosa Burger, Sophia Goodwine, Sally White, Gilford Garner, Joseph Garner, and John Garner, all over 21.

On 21 Feb 1852 Sarah Garner, said to be 76, stated that she was married in Dec 1792. The affidavit was certified by Jacob Burger, 72. On 20 Aug 1852 Sarah Garner stated that she was married on 23 Dec 1792, and that Joseph Garner died on 19 Oct 1840.

The federal pension file includes the following letter:

Georgia Clarke Conty August 24 1842

Brother Gilford I Received your letter of the 17 July last Friday and has taken up my pen to answer your dozen questions and as Charity begins at home I shal commence at my own Fammily first witch at this time is Injoying a Reasoneble shear of helth and as I think mother Garner has bin hear sence Cebron[?]

was mared I shal only state that he has Bought the peace of land that Robert Melvin settled and is doing tolerable well but he speaks of geting out and coming to your contry and is agoing to state ther nex weak to hunt him a plase and says he shal se you all before he returns William mared Eliza Garner Susannah mared David Beasley Newnan[?] mared pegy Beasley Tereasy mared a man by the name of dillan a native of Ireland and Jacob mared Poley Woods daughter and Jasper is yet singel so my Family consists of myself wife and three least Boys

My two old sisters is living stil at thar same plase whar Lemuel Brown lived and mads out very well I have generally tended part of that Land until this year but my big boys Leaving me has put it out of my power the Crops in Georgia is tolerable good but just in our settlement has sufered for rane but I think we shal make a nuf but cotton is Low money scarce and times hard but coffey shuger & Baken and Everything is in purpotion to the hardnes of the times Whar pursons are not in debt but whar they are they see sights they sed Leny[?] set and tare one an others truk from them without murcy

You stated that old mother Garner wished me to procure Taply Burgers sertificate consarning her marriage but that is out of my power for I have no power to Rase the ded and he has bin ded six or Eight years But I wil do all I can for her and take it for granted she was mared or wants to be as she is getting so young as you stated tel her the old man Huff is not ded yet but has bin bed rid for a long time but if she wil hurry she may perhaps get hear in time to mary him before he die and then she wil be Able to Right on to Virginia and get a copy from the Records of her other marrage and by so doing she may kill two burds at one fling for i wil caure her canser and make her a sound as wel as a young woman for I have no doubt I cold do it in two weeks.

I know of but Little more to Right Melinda sends her love to you all and wants you to let her know how many children your wife Left behind when she departed and says you had beter stil In joy your happynes of a single Life and be the last of your children that gluts thar appetite on a materamonal Life perhaps a curs on you the balance of your days pleas Right to me as soon as Cort is over and let me know how old mother gets on with her pencion you will see below the certificate of me and my old sister witch is all i can do in so short a time but shold she fale and wil let me know what she wants me to do I wil surve her to the utmost of my power that is my old Brother the hurmet that is a grate Ell older tha me If he knows anything perhaps he knows somthing that wil benifit her case you wil pleas Excuesze my shor and disintresting letter and as time bids me stop Ile conclude but not without remaning your Friend and Brother

C G Burger

Georgia } I do Curtify that I have known Joseph Garner and Sary Garner his Wife for more
Clarke Conty } than fifty years and Beleave them to be Lawf man and wife I did not see them
mared Being small but I destinkly Recolect that they came By my farthers a
going to the parsons a methodist preacher that Lived on part of my Farthers land not more than one half
mild from my farthers to get mared with thar waters [waiters] along and I was mutch Beleave they ware
Lawfully mareded as though I had seen the purformance this the 25 August 1842

[signed] Leannah Burger

Georgia } I do curtify that I have known Joseph Garner and Sary Garner his wife for more
Clarke Conty } than forty years when first I can distinkly ricolect them they had three children
and Living in Forquier in the State of virginia in a pious settlement whar they
had bouth bin Razed and Lived as man and wife until the fall of 1802 when they moved to Georgia and in
the Fall of 1803 my farther moved to the same settlement whar we found them still as man and wife they
Remaned in Georgia many years when they moved to Alabamer and no purson dare despute thar being
Lawfully mared and I do as mutch Beleave they war Lawfullymared as though I had heard the seramony
performed this 25th August 1842

[signed] C G Burger