

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Garner W8208 & S25099¹

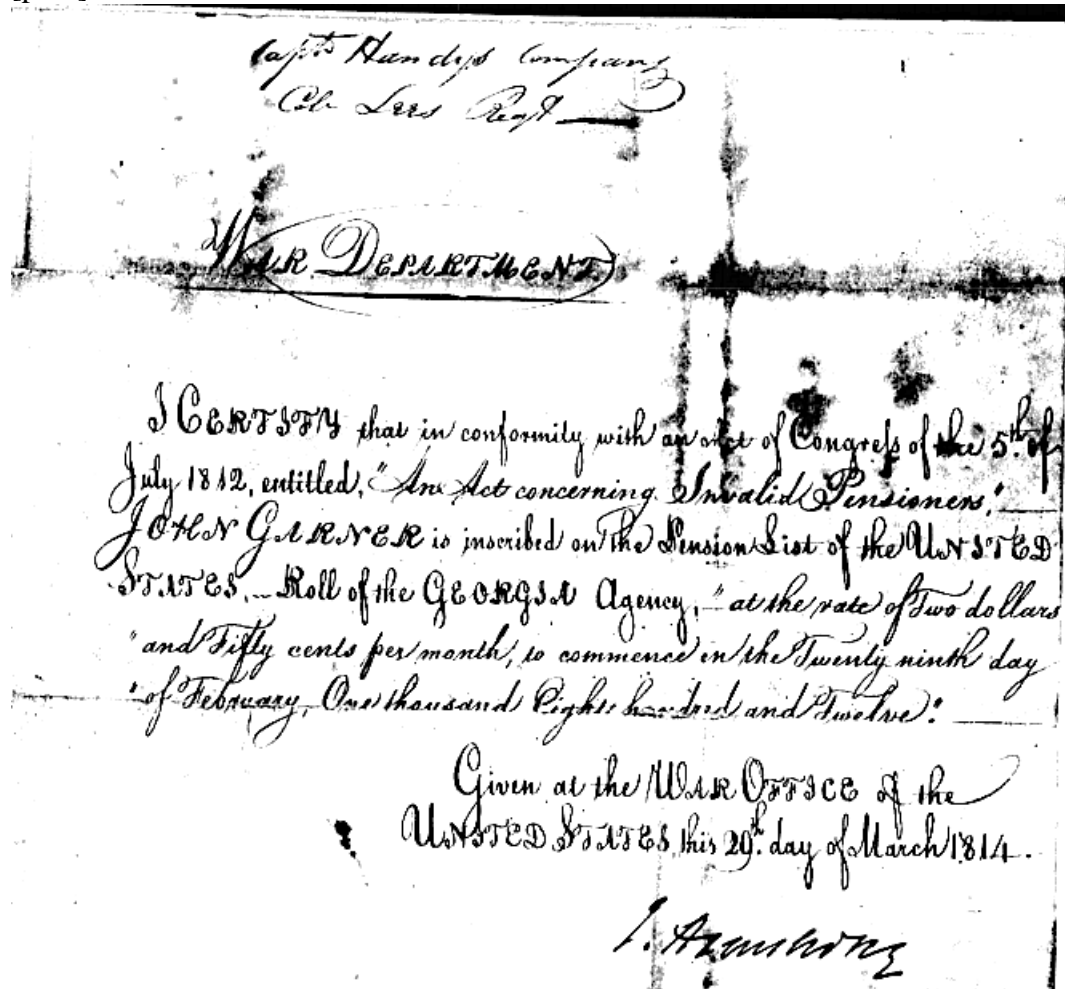
Matilda Garner f58VA

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[p 54: application for a transfer of pension benefit from George to Monroe County Alabama, dated February 25, 1824.]

¹ The S25099 appears to have been erased on the cover sheet.

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State of Alabama Wilcox County

On this 27th day of July 1834 -- Personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable John W. Bridges Judge of the County Court now in Session, John Garner, a resident of said County, & State, aged Seventy Six years, who being first duly sworn, according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the Act of Congress passed July 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States, he believes in the year 1776, with Captain __ Handey [sic]² and served in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Henry Lee, the number of the Regiment he does not remember, but he served under the following named officers, -- to wit Colonel Henry Lee, Major __ Agleston [probably Major Joseph Eggleston], & Captain __ Handy, & Lieutenant Manning that he does not remember the precise time that he left the Service, but he remembers that it was a short time after the Surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]. That at the time he entered the service he resided in Prince William County in the State of Virginia. That he enlisted for and during the war and that he lived from the time of his enlistment until he was discharged as above mentioned, the time that he served, he believes was a little over five years. After he enlisted he marched from his residence, to Petersburg in the State of Virginia where they remained a few days & then marched southward into North and South Carolina, where they had frequent skirmishing with the Tories. He was engaged in the attack which was made on the British and Tories in George Town in South Carolina, he was then marched to the Northwest part of that State, that the command of Colonel Lee, was sent against the Enemy at Augusta (Georgia) that he himself was not engaged in the contest at Augusta that at that time he was sick, & unable to do duty, he was engaged in the battle at Guilford [March 15, 1781] under General Greene [Nathanael Greene] in which battle he was wounded by a shot in the hand which caused him to lose two of his fingers entirely, & two others much disabled, after he was wounded, he still remained in the Army and returned from Guilford, again into South Carolina, he was at the Siege at Ninety Six [May 22-June 19, 1781] -- and was in the neighborhood of Eutaw Springs at the time the battle [September 8, 1781] there was fought, but not having recovered from the wound which he received at Guilford he was not in the battle. The declarant further states that afterwards and at the time he was discharged that he was stationed near Bacon's Bridge near Charleston, in said State. He further states that, under the Act of Congress of the 12th of July 1812, entitled an act concerning invalid Pensioners, he did apply and has received a pension, and that his name is inscribed on the pension Roll of the Georgia Agency, and that his name is not on the pension roll of any other Agency.

The declarant further states that he did received a discharge from Colonel Henry Lee, but does not now know what has become of it. Some years after the revolutionary war he removed from Virginia to North Carolina, he remained there a few years, & then went into South Carolina, where he resided several years then he moved into the State of Georgia, where he remained until the year 1818, when he removed to Alabama, in which State he now resides.

The declarant further States that his knowledge now of these circumstances of his Services, has deposed above upon his memory, which he finds very defective, particularly as to dates and times, that he never could read or write, and that the knowledge which he has of his age, is derived from the record of it in his Father's Bible, that in the year 1808, he visited his native place in Virginia, and ascertained his age, Since which time he has kept an account of it -- and that agreeable to his Fathers record, he will be 76 years of age on the 27th day of August

² Other veterans who served under Col. Henry (Light Horse Harry) Lee named Captain George Handy and Captain Joseph Handy as their company commander.

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S/ Jas. Garner, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 27th of July 1834

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier & served as he states.

S/ J. W. Bridges, Judge of CC

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State of Alabama Wilcox County:

On this 23rd day of September 1834, personally came into open Court before the Honorable John S. Hunter, Judge of the Circuit Court now in session, John Garner, a resident of said County and State aged as mentioned in the declaration to which this is an amendment, and states that all the knowledge he has of the particular period or date in which he entered the Service under Colonel Henry Lee his derived from what other persons have told him of the time [?] that Lee's Legion was formed, he well remembers, that at the time that Lee's Legion was raised, that he entered the Service in the State of Virginia, as he stated in his original declaration -- immediately before Lee marched into the Carolinas, but having never learned either to read or write, he cannot state with any precision as to particular dates or the happening of particular events of that day, he omitted to state in his first declaration his first entry into the Service because the period he then served was Short. He enlisted under one John Waters, a recruiting officer, in the light Horse or Cavalry, and went northwardly, as far as Burlington, under Major Lee, afterwards Colonel Lee, that at Burlington, he the declarant, received a wound from his horse, which rendered him unfit for service, and he was sent home as an invalid, and afterwards, when Colonel Lee returned to Virginia, he the declarant had recovered from his wound received from his horse and again entered the Service under Lee, in the infantry for and during the war and that the particular circumstances of his Services, as Stated in his original declaration. He cannot pretend to state the particular time at which he left the Service but he well remembers that it was after the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown, that the discharge which he received, was signed by Colonel Henry Lee, but that he did not receive it until after he returned to the State of Virginia -- that at this time he was disbanded he was at a place called Bacon's Bridge, near Charleston in South Carolina.

S/ John Garner, X his mark

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State of Alabama Wilcox County: County Court 3rd Monday in March 1835 -- Personally came into open Court John Garner -- a revolutionary soldier, aged Seventy Seven years, next August -- who in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed July __ 1832 -- Swore to the following facts in addition to and in explanation of his former declaration and his amended declaration.

1st he states that he cannot from memory give a more full account of his Services in the Revolutionary War than he has done in his original declaration. He does not know, for what purpose the Corps to which he belonged was ordered to the North, when he first entered the Service, he enlisted under a recruiting officer by the name of Waters, and that he joined Lee, at a little village in Maryland called Charles Town, from thence he went to Philadelphia & thence to Burlington, at which place, he got crippled by his horse, which rendered him unfit for Service, and he was discharged as an invalid, -- he remained at Burlington a few weeks, -- when he

recovered from his wound and returned to Virginia, where he remained until Lee returned southwardly when he again entered the service, in the infantry under Captain Handy and Served as he has Stated in his original declaration, and in his amended declarations. He further states that at the time which he enlisted under Handy, that his Brother William Garner entered the Service, also, = That there are no other facts that he now remembers, that would be important to establish his claim.

Sworn to in Open court this 17th day of March 1835.

S/ John Garner, X his mark

And the Court further declares it to be their opinion that the applicant Served as he has stated in his declaration and further certify that the applicant John Garner exhibited in open Court a certificate from the War department as follows

"Captain Handy's Company
Colonel Lee's Regiment
War department

I certify that in conformity with an act of Congress of the 5th of July 1812 entitled "An act concerning invalid pensioner John Garner is inscribed on the pension List of the United States roll of the Georgia agency," at the rate of \$2.50 per month, to commence on the 29th day of February 1812.

Given at the War office of the United States this 29th day of March 1814

S/ J. Armstrong,"

S/ J. W. Bridges, Judge of the County Court

[p 9: On October 22nd, 1855 in Walton County, Western District of Florida, Matilda Garner, 47, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of John Garner, a pensioner for his services in the revolution; that she married him on June 24 1840; that he died March 22, 1846 and that she has remained a widow ever since. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 11: is a copy of the marriage bond given by John Garner and David Hillmon to secure the marriage of Garner to "Miss Matilda Hicks"; given in Wilcox County Alabama on June 24, 1840.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental service and, in particular, in Lee's Legion. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I Certify that John Garner enlisted as a Soldier [indecipherably faint text] Lee's Legion the first December 1780 & was a [indecipherably faint text] roll September 16th 1783 he was enlisted for the War.

S/ Jos. Eggleston
M. Lee's Legion

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S/ Js. Randolph