State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County

On this 30th day of April 1833 personally appeared Before me John M. Ingram one of the Justices of the Court, Bedford Garris a resident of said County aged 70 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, he enlisted on the 4th of May 1777 in the 10th Regiment Commanded by Colonel Shepherd [probably Abraham Shepherd (Shepperd)] and served under Captain Heron [probably Armwell Herron] for the Term of three years and in the year 1781 he enlisted in Served a Tour of twelve months in the same Regiment and was discharged the 29th of January 1782 he Served the Tour of twelve months under Captain Armstrong [Thomas Armstrong] he was at Battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and Siege of Charleston [Charleston fell to the British May 12, 1780] he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed Before me the Day and year aforesaid and served in all four years
S/ John M. Ingram, JP           S/ Bedford Garris, X his mark

Interrogatories

1st  When and in what year were you born?
    I cannot tell in what year I was born having no record of my age. I was born in dobbs [Dobbs?]1 County in North Carolina

2nd  Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?
    I have no Record of my age

3rd  Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?
    I was living in Nobs County North Carolina and have lived in North Carolina ever since the Revolution except about ten years I lived in South Carolina I now live in North Carolina Mecklenburg County and have lived there for the last twenty years and when I went into service I enlisted.

    I was acquainted with Captain Benjamin Coleman, Captain Tennor, Captain Hall [probably Clement Hall] and marched from Kings Town [sic, Kinston] on Neuse River in North Carolina and from there to Richmond Virginia and from thence through Maryland and Pennsylvania and near he thinks a place called the White Plains and there he joined the regular Army and then marched to West Point and from thence was marched to Constitution Island and from thence we marched under the

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Command of General Hogan [sic, James Hogun] back to Charleston South Carolina.

I received my discharge from Colonel Mabon [sic, Robert Mebane] and have lost it. Sworn to and Subscribed this day and year first above written. There is no person living in my knowledge that I can prove my Services by.

S/ Bedford Garris, X his mark

S/ John M. Ingram, JP

[Zachariah Starnes, a clergyman, and William Yerby gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do certify that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Rigford [sic] Garris a private of Captain Heron's Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted on the fourth of May 1777 for the three years, that he was a musician in 1778.

I further certify that it appears from the warrant book in this Office that a Warrant for three years service of Bedford Garris a Soldier of the revolution was issued in 1784, and I have no doubt the name should have been written Bedford and not Rigford, on the muster rolls.

Given under my hand this 19th day of June 1833.

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of $80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina Continental line.]