

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Henry Garrett, S1664

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State of Tennessee Williamson County

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before worshipful Jabez Owen, Wright Stanley and Wm. Johnson, Esqs., the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of said county now sitting, Henry Garrett, a resident citizen in the County and State aforesaid, aged 78 years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That, I Henry Garrett was drafted in February 1778 in Fauquier County, State of Virginia, to serve during the term of 12 months in order to fill up the vacancies caused by the death & etc. in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. Heath and in Capt. John Blackwell's company, Lieutenant Peyton. John Hawkins from Alexandria was our Adjutant in said Regt. and from the best of my recollection was marched from said county by Joseph Blackwell, a brother of my captain, to the Valley Forge in Pennsylvania, where I joined headquarters under the command of Gen. Washington. Gen. Woodford was our Brigadier General. To the best of my recollection there was one company in our Regt. commanded by Capt. Peyton. I cannot, at this remote period, recollect to particularize all the places we marched to, but I was in the Battle at Monmouth in the State of New Jersey in June, I think, 1778. I recollect that I was one of the party called out the night after the battle to attack the enemy's Picket guard but failed of success and returned to our encampment a little before day break. My best recollection is the next place we were marched to was the White Plains in the State of New York. I was there taken sick and carried on board of a vessel to what was called the High Lands of N. York at a village which I think was called Fishkill on the North River in the summer or fall of that year. We marched from there to headquarters at Pluckemin<sup>1</sup> in New Jersey about the first of the winter, to the best of my recollection, near which place I was discharged from the service. While on our way to Virginia to be disbanded, in consequence of my inability to keep up with the company by reason of bad health, my 12 month having been expired.

I also entered into the service of my country as a volunteer soldier in August 1780 according to the best of my recollection in Fairfax County and State aforesaid for the term of six months under the command of Captain William Mason, James Nesbitt, Lieutenant and Joseph Adams, Ensign. I do not now recollect the names of the field officers except that General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] was our Commander in Chief. I marched from Fairfax County, Va., through North Carolina into South Carolina on Pedee River about the Cheraw Hills and there continued until our term of service expired.

On our return to Virginia to be discharged we guarded a body of British and Tory prisoners to the Yadkin River where they were put under the care of other troops to be marched to Albemarle Court House, Va. We were compelled to change our course before we got to Salisbury, N.C., in consequence of there being a considerable British force there and by reason of high waters. We were discharged from the service in February 1781 by my Capt. William Mason. My discharge in each term of service has been either lost or mislaid (not having any idea that they would ever be of any use to me after the war had ended), neither do I know of any person living by whom I can prove the aforesaid services. My residence at the time I first entered into the service for 12 months, even in Fauquier County, Va., and the second time when it was in Fairfax County. I resided in Virginia seven years after the war then I moved to North Carolina resided there 21 years, then I removed to Kentucky after remaining there 17 years when I moved to Williamson County, Tennessee. My residence is in the county of Williamson, State of Tennessee. I was born, as my father informed me, 18<sup>th</sup> March 1754 in Fairfax County, Va.

The said Henry Garrett doth hereby relinquish every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity,

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1 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/pluckemin.htm>

except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State whatsoever.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Henry Garrett X his mark

Sworn to in Open Court 4<sup>th</sup> October 1832

S/ Thos. Hardeman, Clk.

[Daniel White, a clergyman, and Bennet Aden gave the standard supporting affidavit.]