

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John F. Garner S1821

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State of Tennessee, Blount County

On this 9th day of February 1833 personally appeared in open Court being the Circuit Court in and for said County of Blount before the Honorable Samuel Powell One of the Circuit Judges of the State of Tennessee now presiding in said Court in said County of Blount, John F. Garner a resident of said County of Blount aged 83 years past having been born on the 25th day of December 1749 who being duly Sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in Order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832 – that he was born in Prince William County in the State of Virginia, where he lived five or six years, when he was moved from that place, to Orange County North Carolina, about the year 1754. -- Declarant entered the Service in the County of Randolph North Carolina on the first day of September 1782 as well as he can recollect as a volunteer Soldier in a Company of Rangers Commanded by Captain Charles Gholson, Benjamin Pough Lieutenant, and Ensign not recollected. Said Company record ordered as a Company of Rangers in Randolph and adjoining Counties in North Carolina to suppress the Tories and British and had frequent skirmishes with the enemy, but no general engagement. Declarant was in Service three months and was discharged in Chatham County N. C. on the first day of December 1782, but received no certificate of discharge. Declarant immediately on the same day, to wit, the 1st day of December 1782, again entered the Service in said County of Chatham N. C. as a volunteer Soldier in a Company of mounted Rangers Commanded by Captain William Gholson and continued in Service, three months reconnoitering in Randolph and adjoining Counties in N. C. had a few Skirmishes with the Tories, and was discharged in the County of Chatham on the 1st of March 1783, but received no Certificate of discharge, -- and again entered the Service in said County of Chatham on the 3rd day of March 1783, as a light to a detachment of regulars under the Command of Major Crofton and was attached to the Company of regulars commanded by Captain Jones and was in Service as a volunteer pilot for said detachment for the term of at least three months during which time we had one skirmish with the Tories – declarant was discharged in Moore County in North Carolina the fifth or sixth day of June 1783, but received no Certificate of discharge. Declarant in the three Several terms aforesaid served at least nine months as a volunteer as aforesaid. Declarant removed from Chatham, then Randolph County in North Carolina, in the year 1795 to the County of Sevier in the State of Tennessee, where he resided one year, and then removed in the year 1796 to the County of Blount in the State of Tennessee where he has ever since resided. Declarant further states that he has no record of his age except a Registry in a family Bible, nor has he any documentary evidence of his Services aforesaid and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his Services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State or Territory.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the ninth day of February 1833.

S/ Danl. D. Foule, Clerk

S/ John F. Garner

[standard certification of reputation for veracity, age and belief of service as a soldier of the revolution given by John Russum [?, signature looks more like “Russom”], clergyman, William McTeer, George Caldwell, William Lowry, James Wilson, Samuel Henry, William McCarny & Samuel Henry, neighbors.]