

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Garland R3914

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State of Georgia, County of Upson.

On this thirtieth day of August in the Year of Lord Eighteen hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before Christopher B. Strong, Judge of the Superior Court of the County of Upson and State of Georgia and Flint Circuit in said State now sitting Henry Garland Senior a resident of the County of Upson in the State of Georgia aged Seventy years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832, That he entered the services of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated--he entered the service under the Command of Colonel ~~Henry~~ William Linton [William Thomas Linton], and Major John Powers (his Christian name he is not positive) and Captain Levi Lane in the Militia State Troops of the State of North Carolina about the first of March in the year seventeen hundred and eighty one and served eighteen months immediately ensuing at which expired he left the service, he was also a part of the time of performing said tour of duty under the command of General Nathaniel Greene [sic, Nathanael Greene] and under Major Pinckney Eaton [sic, Pinkethman Eaton] and Captain __ Smith, his Christian name not recollected, and he resided in the county of Halifax State of North Carolina at the time he entered the service he marched through the States of North Carolina, South Carolina and at Augusta, Georgia. He was a volunteer private Soldier he was under the command of General Greene at the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] in the State of North Carolina and was at the taking and storming of Thompson Fort [Thomson's Fort] in South Carolina and was at the taking of Brown & Grayson [sic, Grierson] Fort¹ at Augusta, Georgia at that time under the command of General or Colonel Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee], he was acquainted with the Regular officers heretofore named, and with Colonel William Washington commanded a regiment of light Horse. He was in Company with the regular companies in General Nathanael Greene at the Battle of Guilford and those under the command of Lee and Colonel Washington. He has no documentary evidence, and he does not know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. He hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Wm P. Yonge, Clk, S.C.

S/ Henry Garland, Senior, X his mark

[Zachariah H. Gordon, clergyman and Peter Hollaway, neighbor, give the standard certificate of veracity and belief in service.]

State of Georgia, County of Upson

¹ The siege of the forts in Augusta commenced May 22, 1781 and ended with the surrender of Fort Cornwallis by Thomas Brown on June 5, 1781

On this 27th day of May in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before Thomas Beall, John Turner, Robert Collier & James W. Stinson Justices of the Inferior Court of the County of Upson which said Court is now Sitting Henry Garland, Senior, a resident of said County of Upson and State of Georgia who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following additional declaration (to his declaration made on the 30th day of August in the year of our Lord 1832 before the Honorable Christopher B. Strong Judge of the Superior Court of the County of Upson and State of Georgia and Flint Circuit in said State which said court was then sitting, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.) And that he made the same by way of explanation to the brief of Objections to the admission of his Pension Claims made by the Pension Office War Department – Wherein they required further proof, or explanation – Viz.: That he the said deponent & applicant has failed to answer satisfactorily the first, second and seventh Interrogatories prescribed by the War department. In answer thereto: To the 1st Interrogatory He answers that he was born in the County of Halifax and State of North Carolina on the 18th day of April in the year of our Lord 1762.

To the Second Interrogatory, he answers that he has no record of his age that the record that his father kept of his age was sold before this deponent came of age with the other effects of his father's estate, and that he has no recollection who became the purchaser, and that he relies on his memory alone for the date of his birth &c.

To the seventh Interrogatory he Answers, that in addition to the names of those who testified to the deponent's character as a Soldier of the revolution to wit, Peter Hollaway and Zachariah H. Gordon, a minister of the Gospel, this deponent is well known to the following persons, to wit: John Turner and Robert Collier Esq., two of the Justices of the Inferior Court of the County, also to Lemuel G. Dawson, George Powell, Edward Holloway, Moses Wheat-- Thomas Flewellin, John Gardner, Esq. (one of the justices of the Peace for the district in which the deponent resides), Solomon Stephens, John Stephens, & William Stephens, with many others that this deponent could still refer to but deems the foregoing names a full compliance with the foregoing rule of the War Department.

This Deponent in further explanations as to the period of service, states that he served as mentioned a tour of duty of 18 months, that he was commanded by Major John Powers² (he is not entirely positive as to the Christian name) & Col. William Linton from the time he entered the Service until the battle of Guilford which this deponent believes according to the best of his recollection was two months, that Captain Levi Lane only commanded until they were marched to the Head quarters or place of rendezvous of the State Troops of North Carolina, at the High rock Ford on Haw River in said state, that he with was then transferred to the command of (then) Captain John Powers (who subsequently was promoted to Major) and that he served the balance of the Tour of duty of 18 months (say about 16 months) as this deponent by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory cannot swear positively, the deponent was commanded by Captain Smith the Christian name not recollected and Major Pinckney Eaton until he was killed attempting to take Brown & Grayson [sic, Grierson] Fort at the City of Augusta Georgia, this deponent then was commanded by Captain Smith as before who also assumed the command of Major to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Major Eaton, the deponent was under the command of the officers as before mentioned in his original declaration.

S/ Henry Garland, Senior, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court before us the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Robert Collier, JIC

S/ Thomas Beall, JIC

S/ John Turner, JIC

² This MAY be an attempt to identify Captain William Ptolemaic Powell who served from Halifax County under Colonel Pinkethman Eaton in the battle of Guilford County Courthouse. Captain Eli Lane was also under Eaton in that engagement.]

S/ Jas. H. Stinson, JIC

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State of North Carolina Secretary's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war that Henry Garland a private in Captain Lytle's Company of the 10th Regiment, enlisted on the 2nd day of April 1781 and deserted the 5th day of July 1781.

Given under my hand this 7th day of August 1833
S/ Wm Hill