

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Stephen Garrett R3924                      Martha Garrett                      [VA]  
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[No pension application was found.]

Pension Office/ Dec'r 28 1841

Sir [J. H. Routon, New Store, Buckingham County VA] I have examined the claim of Martha Garrett, widow of Stephen Garrett dec'd. which has been referred to this Office, and have placed her papers upon our files. It is alleged that her late husband served two tours of militia duty: to wit: 3 mos. in the Spring of 1781 and 3 mos. in the autumn of the same year. There is no positive proof in support of the last mentioned service: neither of the witnesses pretend to have seen Garrett at Yorktown siege [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781]. But there is a strong objection to the alleged service in the Spring. The witness, Patterson states that they marched in Feby. were in the Battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], and soon after returned home.

I believe that in but a very few instances, the Virginia militia in this service, continued longer than 6 weeks. There can be no reason to suppose in the present case that Garrett served so long as three months. The claim is therefore disallowed.                      [illegible signature]

Pen Off/ Feby 26<sup>th</sup> '42

Sir [Hon. A. Babcock, House of Representatives]                      Agreeably to your request I have the honor to forward you the papers in the case of Mrs Lois Cronkite [see endnote] numbered from 1 to 4 inclusive and to inform your that under the rules of the Dept. the proof was not deemed sufficient to establish the fact that she was married in 1782 Her late husband if alive would be entitled (for more than 2 years service as Corp'l in the New York Line) to a pension of 88\$ pr. an'm under the act of 7 June '32. In the case of Mrs Martha Garrel [sic] whose papers are also forwarded herewith the proof of the marriage is satisfactory but the service was not equal to 6 months. The first term commencing in Feby 81 and terminating immediately after the battle of Guilford (15 March) was considerably less than 3 mo & the other was limited by Law to 3 mo & is so estimated in the papers

NOTE: Lois Cronkhite or Cronk applied from Rensselaer County NY for a pension (application W20926) for service by her deceased husband, John Cronk (Cronkhite).