

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Gorsage S2579

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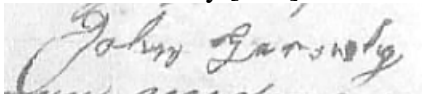
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State of Tennessee, Sullivan County

On this 26 day of November 1832 personally appeared before me Wm Rockhold one of the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for Sullivan County John Gorsage a resident in the County of Sullivan & State of Tennessee aged ninety 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 the 7th 1832, that he entered the Army of the United States from Sullivan County Tennessee as a drafted Militia man in the year 1780 in the latter part of that year under Captain Topp [Roger Topp] & Lieutenant Cox Commanded by Colonels Shelby [Isaac Shelby] & Fletcher and was marched from North Carolina into the South State & Joined General Marion's [Francis Marion's] Camps was on scouting parties against the British & Tories on the Pedee & Santee rivers & near the Bay & at Moncks Corner & not in any General engagement and was discharged by Colonel Fletcher which Discharge is lost or worn out & did serve four months in said tour or a little over before he returned home Deponent further saith immediately after returning home in 1781 he was again drafted in the same County & State then called North Carolina and marched under Captain Koil [probably Captain Robert Kyle] to the Cherokee Nation a part of which was Aliens [? aliened?] to Great Britain & was commanded by Colonels Sevier [John Sevier] & Anderson [perhaps John Anderson] & was marched almost all over said Nation assisted in burning their towns retaking property &c Recollects of Being at the Chota towns Hiwassee towns Wills [?] town and at the Lookout Mountain &c &c. Deponent further saith that he served three months the last mentioned tour & well knows he did not leave the service until ordered home but does not Recollect by whom he was discharged & if he did received any written discharge it is not in his possession & he supposes it is lost or worn out, Deponent further saith that he was Drafted in 1780 to serve a two months tour to Kings Mountain [the Battle of Kings Mountain was fought on October 7, 1780] & was in a neighborhood where he was the only Blacksmith & was released from serving said tour by a board of officers consisting of Shelby, Pemberton [perhaps John Pemberton], Bealor & others conditional if he would strip the irons of his wagon & shoe the horses of the men to march on from his neighborhood which condition he complied with & never received one farthing for said labor or iron except [except] [he was] relieved from said tour of Duty. Deponent also says he previous to the times mentioned furnished a substitute for a three months tour against the Indians the situation of his family being such that he could not leave home. 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 State or territory.

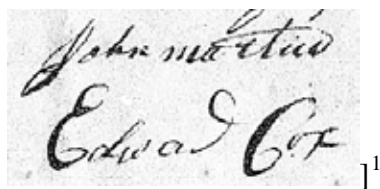
Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Garsaely [sic?]



[John Martin a clergyman and Edward Cox gave the standard supporting affidavit. Edward Cox added:

"of his own knowledge said Gorsage did serve the four month tour as he sets forth as served with him –
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John Mattie
Edward Cox]¹

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the North Carolina militia.]

¹ [Edward Cox S3170](#)