

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Garretson S35962

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State of Tennessee, Jefferson County: Circuit Court January term 1829

John Garretson this day presented in open court and amendment to his declaration, in order to be enrolled on the pension list of the United States, which said declaration appears to have been recorded in the County Court of said County, and which said declaration and amendment are in the words and figures following, to wit:

State of Tennessee, Jefferson County: March Sessions 1828

On this 10th day of March in the year of our Lord 1828, personally appeared in open court being a court of record, having the power of fine and imprisonment, and being constituted a court of record, by the act of the General assembly of State of Tennessee, John Garretson aged 71 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820, that he the said John Garretson enlisted in Georgetown in the State of South Carolina for the term of 3 years or during the war in the month of August 1776, under Captain Peter Horry in the 2nd Regiment commanded by Colonel Moultrie [William Moultrie], on the Continental establishment, that I continued to serve in the said Regiment until late in the year 1779 or early in the year 1780 and was then discharged by Colonel Marion [Francis Marion], who then commanded the 2nd Regiment upon Colonel Moultrie being promoted to a Brigadier General, that this declarant was marched from Georgetown where he enlisted to Charlestown where he joined the Regiment from thence to Fort Johnson to repair a Fort and put it in a state of defense, from thence to Sullivan's Island, and was in the battle in defense of that place, and continued to serve and was in the battle at Savannah in 1779 in the combined attacked under General Lincoln and Count d'Estaing, and there by the falling of a Stockade this declarant had his right arm broken, and at the same time received a rupture with which he has been afflicted ever since, and becomes more troublesome as this declarant advances in years and is often unable to stir from his house – And declarant further States that he was discharged solely on the ground of his being ruptured, and unfit for the Service, and this declarant now here produces his discharge, signed by Colonel Francis Marion – And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or other wise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed to owing to the rupture received in the battle of Savannah [September 16-October 18, 1779], as taught an English school for upwards of 30 years, with his support, but has now become almost unable to attend to that pursuit, unless the school is convenient to his lodging from the cause before stated together with a constant

Rheumatism, both of which become more troublesome as this declarant advances in years. This declarant saith he has a wife aged 51, greatly debilitated and almost blind in both her eyes – a son named Freeborn aged 17 – Elizabeth a daughter aged 14 – William aged 10 – Benjamin aged 8 – Owen aged 6 and James aged 3. This declarant has no real estate

has one horse worth	\$30.00
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S/ John Garretson

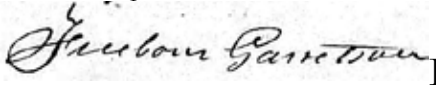
That since 18 March 1818 this declarant states he has made no changes in his property, either by selling or buying except it was for the immediate use of his family, and that his property in value is about the same probably a little worse, and that in March 1825 he attended the County Court in Jefferson and filed his declaration in order to be placed on the pension list Roll – and that he is not able to tell what became of it, as it was entrusted to the care of another person, that he has never received a pension, and doth hereby relinquish every claim to the giving of one except the present.

Sworn to in open court.

S/ John Garretson

S/ Napoleon B. Bradford, clerk

[On November 1, 1831, veteran applied in Fayette County Indiana for a transfer of his pension payments to him in that County since he has recently removed there. Freeborn Garretson filed an affidavit in support of his father's request for a transfer of his pension payments.



[p 10 appears to be perhaps a discharge but it is completely illegible.]

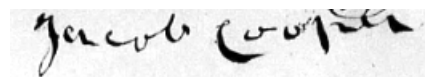
Tennessee, Greene County

This day personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for said County Jacob Cooper aged 73 years and made Oath in due form and saith that he is personally acquainted with John Erickson & that in the year 1776 he was well acquainted with said Garretson in the Army of the Revolution at which time Garretson had Enlisted as a private soldier for and during the War and then belonged to Captain Horry's Company in the 2nd Regiment of South Carolina in the Continental line and that late in the year 1779 he saw said Garretson in Charleston South Carolina about the time of his being discharged in consequence of having his arm broke and being ruptured which rendered him said Garretson unfit for military service. Also that he believes said Garretson had his arm broke and was that he was ruptured in the attack made by General Lincoln in conjunction with the French Army on the Town of Savannah in the State of Georgia as he is confident said Garretson was in that Action – and to the best of his Recollection the above stated facts are true.

Sworn to and subscribed or me this 16 January 1829.

S/ Jacob Cooper

[Attested by Moses M. Wilson, JP]



Jefferson County Tennessee

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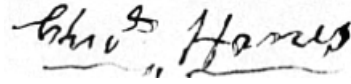
This day Personally appeared before me Christopher Harris and made oath and saith that he is

personally acquainted with John Garretson and to the best of his knowledge and recollection that in the year 1778 or 1779 said Garretson was in the Army of the Revolution and believes that said Garretson was a private Soldier, and belonged to the 2nd Regiment of South Carolina in the Continental line and that he also understood from good authority that said Garretson was ruptured in the Siege an attack made by General Lincoln in Junction with the French Army on the Town of Savannah in the State of Georgia in the fall of 1779 and was discharged as being rendered unfit for the Service.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23rd day of December 1828.

S/ Jos. B. M. Reese, JP

S/ Charles Harris



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing February 11, 1829, for service as a private for 3 years in the South Carolina Continental line.]

Another version transcribed by Jerry Saylor. This version includes some of the items not included in the above transcription. posted 3/8/11

John Garretson's Revolutionary War Pension Application S35962

See letter Jan 29, 1830 to Hon P.
Lea H.R. Transferred 14 Nov 1831
from E. Tennessee to Indiana _____.

Indiana
East Tennessee

John Garretson of Jefferson Co in the State of E. Tennessee who was a private in the company commanded by Captain Harry _____ of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Moultrie in the S. Carolina line, for the term of three years from August 1776 to 1779. Inscribed on the Roll of East Tennessee at the rate of eight dollars per month, to commence on the 11th day of February 1829.

Certificate of Pension issued the 11 of March 1829 and sent to Hon Pryor Lea M.G. present

Arrears to 4th of March 1829 \$6.17
Semi-anl. All'ee ending 4 Sep 1829 \$48.00
 \$54.17

Revolutionary Claim Acts
March 18, 1818
And May 1, 1820

State of Tennessee
Jefferson County Circuit Court January 1829

John Garretson this day presented in open court an amendment to his declaration in order to be placed on the pension list of the United States; which said declaration appears to have been recorded in the County Court of Said County, and which said declaration and amendment are in the words and figures following to wit:

State of Tennessee

Jefferson County March Session 1828.

On the tenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight, personally appeared in open court being a court of record having the power of the fine and imprisonment, and being constituted a court of record by the act of the General Assembly of State of Tennessee, John Garretson aged seventy one years, who being first sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18 of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820 that he the said John Garretson enlisted in Georgetown in the state of South Carolina for the term of three years or during the war in the month of August 1776 under Captain Peter Henry in the Second regiment commanded by Colo. Moultrie in the continental establishment that I continued to serve the said Regiment until late in the year 1779 or early in the year 1780 and was then discharged by Colo. Marion, who then commanded the Second Regiment, upon Colo. Moultries being promoted to a Brigadier General, that this declarant was marched from Georgetown where he enlisted to Charlestown where he joined his Regiment from thence to Fort Johnson to repair a Fort and put it in a state of defense, from thence to Sulivans Island, and was in the battle in defense of that place and continued to serve and was in the battle at Savannah in 1779 in the combined attack under Genl. Lincoln and Count de Estaing and there by the falling of a stockade this declarant had his right arm broken and at the same time received a rupture with which he has been afflicted ever since and becomes more troublesome as this declarant advances in years and is often unable to stir from his house.

And declarant further states that he was discharged solely on the ground of his being ruptured and unfit for the service and this declarant now here produces his discharge signed by Colo. Francis Marion. And in pursuance of the act of the 1st of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18 day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent there by so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of Congress entitled "An Act to Provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States on the Revolutionary war" passed the 18 day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule annexed and by me subscribed - this declarant owing to the rupture received in the battle at Savannah, has taught an English School for upwards of thirty years for his support but has now become almost unable to attend to that pursuit, unless the school is convenient to his lodgings from the cause before stated together with a constant Rheumatism, both of which become more troublesome as this declarant advances in years - This delcarant saith he has a wife aged fifty one, greatly debilitated and almost blind in both her eyes - a son named Freeborn aged 17 - Elizabeth a daughter aged 14 - William aged 10 - Benjamin aged 8 - Owen aged 6 and James aged 3 - This declarant has no real estate -

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what became of it, as it was entrusted to the care of another person, that he had never received a pension and doth hereby relinquish every claim to the getting of one except the present.

Sworn to in open court

Napoleon B. Bradford CK John Garretson

State of Indiana

Fayette County

On the first day of November 1831. Before me Moses Fay a justice of the peace within and for the county and state aforesaid personally came John Garretson who on his oath declared that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain Peter Henry in the regiment commanded by Col. Francis Marion in the service of the United States, that his name was placed on the pension roll of the State of Tennessee from which he has lately removed - That he now resides in the State of Indiana in the said County of Fayette where he desires to remain and wished his pension to be there payable in future. The following are his reasons for removing from Tennessee to Indiana the most of his family had previously removed and he is now old and infirm and believed it would better his situation to follow them and settle in with them, and further saith not.

John Garretson



Sworn and subscribed to before me on the day and year afsd [aforesaid].

Moses Fay Justice of the Peace

State of Indiana

Fayette County

Before me Moses Fay a Justice of the Peace within and for said County personally appeared Freeborn Garretson of lawful age who after being duly sworn deposeth and saith that the said John Garretson who deposed to the above affidavit is the same identical pensioner described in the above affidavit and that he now holds the original certificate in his possession. Sworn and subscribed to before me this 1st day of November 1831 and I certify that I varily believe that said witness is a man of veracity to wit, the said Freeborn Garretson.

Freeborn Garretson



(Reminder attests that Moses Fay is an officer of the court)