

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Job Gargis S8547

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State of Alabama, Lauderdale County: October Term of the Circuit Court of said County in the year 1832

On this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record and so created by the acts of the Assembly of the State of Alabama and having Jurisdiction in criminal cases and in civil cases to an unlimited amount Job Gargis a resident Citizen of said County of Lauderdale aged about 80 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<sup>th</sup> March 1818 and the first of May 1820. That he the said Job Gargis enlisted in the regular Service for the term of three years sometime in the year 1779 or 1780 (the precise time is not now by the said Job Gargis recollected and he has no written memorandum by which he can refer to ascertain the same) in Halifax County in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Captain Robert Rayford [sic, Robert Raiford] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Lytle [Archibald Lytle] (whose first name is not known to this declarant) in the service of the United States in the line of the State of North Carolina. That he continued to serve in said Corps until the close of the War when he was discharged from the service in the year 1783 at St. James' Island 17 miles below Charleston in the State of South Carolina. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present. That his name is not on the roll of any State but upon the production of satisfactory proof as the same fully appears in the Office of the Secretary of State in North Carolina he obtained his certificates for a portion of the Lands granted to the Soldiers of the revolution on the North Carolina Continental establishment. And the following are his reasons for not making an earlier application for a pension.

Declarant states that when the acts of Congress above referred to passed, he was in poor and indigent circumstances and would immediately have availed himself of its provisions but he was for a long time ignorant of the requisite proof and when he ascertained the same he could not procure his witnesses to attend and give their testimony, whilst he was thus engaged in his best efforts to place himself within the provisions of an act dictated by the benevolence of his Country his wife having no person to aid her in her domestic cares became so old and infirm by sickness and the rheumatic pains that she was unable to do anything and he was forced to remain by her side and afford to her such attentions as her situation absolutely required. She departed this life a few years ago in Halifax County North Carolina and he then set about the procuring of the necessary documents in order to enable him to a pension, with his papers he traveled to Washington City on foot, and by the charitable assistance of persons on the routes, but the door of his Country's Charity was closed against him because his papers were informal. He then returned to North Carolina, and it being necessary to procure the deed made by him to John C. McLemore he procured Letters to be written and sent to persons in Tennessee most likely to procure the deed or a copy of it but after waiting for a long space of time and receiving no Answers, he again took his staff and bent down with age and infirmity walked to Nashville in the State of Tennessee in order to procure it. He was for a long time detained on the road by sickness caused by

fatigue and exposure, but he finally succeeded in having his papers were made out and again sent to the War Office, but from the want of sufficient knowledge on the part of his Attorney who made them out they were again returned as insufficient. This has been his situation ever since the passage of the Act of 1818 and the reasons why he has not been placed upon the Pension roll at an earlier date and he makes this last appeal to the Charity of that Country for whom he willingly shared his blood in the darkest day of her peril for sustenance in the miserable decrepitude of an extreme old age.

This declarant further states that after the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 he had no property except the certificated claim for a Land Warrant, which he bona fide sold to John C. McLemore on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 1825 for the sum of \$240 as the same appears by the Deed which he made for the Land, a copy of which is hereto annexed and prayed to be taken as a part of the documentation with a part of the proceeds of this sale he purchased a Horse of \_\_\_ for the sum of \$50 which died in declarant's possession in some short time afterwards and the balance has been entirely consumed in the purchase of articles necessary to subsist upon, no small portion of which has been paid out in Doctors' Bills for medical services rendered to his wife and himself but it is impossible for him to specify to whom the various items were paid out as they were generally paid in small sums for such articles as he was from time to time compelled to purchase. He has now no property of any kind to be contained in a Schedule except his wearing apparel, which is but scanty, and like himself nearly worn out. He is now living at the house of Henry Grissom in Lauderdale County by the Charity of said Grissom, though he has expressed his determination to pay said Grissom should his Country ever enable him to do so. He has no family, or occupation, and has not strength or ability to earn his support by labor.

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 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or otherwise 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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, Him since the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 no changes have been made in my property of a band of what are above enumerated.

S/ Job Gargis, X his mark

Sworn to and declared in open Court on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832.

Test: S/ J. P. Waddel, Clk

A Schedule of all of the property both real, personal and mixed corporal and incorporeal as well in possession remainders or reversions belonging to Job Gargis the declarant

to wit \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

S/ Job Gargis, X his mark

State of Alabama, Lauderdale County

This day appeared in open Court Eaton Grissom & made oath in due form of Law that he has for many years been acquainted with the declarant Job Gargis, and that the said Job, has no property of any kind to or description to the affiant's knowledge, information or belief, And affiant knows of no property which the said Job ever possessed except one horse worth about \$50 which was several years ago, when said Job came to this Country from North Carolina he came on foot. Affiant states that said Job is very old and his appearance but he knows nothing of his age.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court 15<sup>th</sup> of October 1832.

S/ Eaton Grissom

S/ J. P. Waddel, Clk

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State of North Carolina, County of Franklin

On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 1833, personally appeared before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Franklin aforesaid, now sitting, Job Gargis a resident of the County of Franklin aforesaid and the State aforesaid, aged about 70 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1778 as well as he recollects, on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of December of that year, he being then a resident of the County of Halifax & State of North Carolina. That he enlisted for the term of three years with Captain Powell [William Ptolemy Powell] and served in the 1<sup>st</sup> or as he believes it was called the North Carolina Regiment of the Infantry line, under the following named officers General Allen Jones, Col. Nicholas Long, Captain Tolli Powell, & Lieutenant Patrick Martin. That under the command of these officers he was marched through the Counties bordering on the Roanoke River up said River about 100 miles thence back again to the Town of Halifax, at which place he was stationed for a long period of time for the purpose of guarding a magazine of arms and ammunition were deposited there. That when the British Army under Lord Cornwallis approached Halifax the magazine under the charge of the American Forces was removed some distance up the River. That when the British troops entered the town of Halifax the Americans, who had crossed over the Roanoke River, fired upon them, which was returned, and some of the British were said to have been killed, but only one of the Americans was wounded. About this time Captain Powell attempted to go down the River in a boat or [indecipherable word, looks like "periangre"]<sup>1</sup> when he was fired upon and taken prisoner, after which Captain Thomas Kyd [sic, Kidd?] took command of his company. This skirmish above was the only fight in which this Applicant was engaged during his term of enlistment. His principal duties during the whole period being to guard the magazine at Halifax and at times to make short excursions in the surrounding country. At the expiration of three years, during all which time he regularly discharged his duties of a common soldier, this applicant received a written discharge which has since been lost.

This Applicant further declares that soon after his discharge he turned out as one of a Regiment of 18 months men which was then required to be raised. His company was commanded by Captain Robert Lytle & attached to the first Regiment under Colonel William Lytle. He recollects no other officers belonging to the Regiment or company, and is not certain but he may be mistaken in the Christian names of the two Lytles. Under these officers he was marched from the town of Halifax where he turned out through Warren & the intervening Counties to Camden in South Carolina, before or after which he cannot now possibly recollect, his Regiment was joined to the Main Army under General Greene. After joined the Main Army, this Applicant was taken into a company of Light Infantry and assign the duty of guarding the Generals markee [sic, marquee] or tent – the Company was commanded by Captain Robert Raiford. Before this arrangement was made, however, General Greene had made his gallant attack upon the British Army at the Eutaw Springs in which action, this applicant was engaged, and was wounded by striking his foot against a bayonet. After this battle, he went on with the Main Army towards Charleston and stopped on the Ashley River about 17 miles above that city. Here the Army remained until the British evacuated Charleston when the American Forces marched in and took possession of that place. After remaining here a while, the American Army was carried over into James Island where they remained until this applicant was discharged at the expiration of his 18 months term of service. While on the Island peace was announced and a great rejoicing were made by the troops. This Applicant received his discharge, according to the best of his recollection on the 21<sup>st</sup> June in the year 1783 –He knows of no person living at this time by whom he can prove his Revolutionary Services, and if his name should not be found on the rolls of the regular troops in the

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Revolutionary war, he knows of no means by which he can establish his claim to a pension, unless the Certificate of Secretary Hill of this State, now on the files in the Pension Office, will be allowed to have that effect. A letter from J. L. Edwards, Commissioner Pensions dated March 27 A.D. 1832 and directed to this Applicant then at Nashville, Tennessee, and now in his possession, states that said certificate was retained and placed on the files of the Pension Office.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of any agency of any State.

S/ Job Gargis, X his mark

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State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Job Gargis a private in Captain Raeford's Company of the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment enlisted in 1782 for the term of 18 months, and deserted the 11<sup>th</sup> of June 1783, That in December 1823 the Legislature of this State on the evidence laid before them, allowed the said Job Gargis a land Warrant for three years service.

Given under my hand this 4<sup>th</sup> November 1833

S/ Wm Hill

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of Stayed 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 Job Gargas a private in Captain Raiford's Company of the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment entered the service in the year 1782 for the term of 18 months and deserted the 11<sup>th</sup> of June 1783, that nothing more is said of him on said rolls, and that in December 1823 the Legislature of this State on evidence laid before them direct did by resolution a Warrant to be issued to the said Job Gargas for three years service in the line aforesaid, which warrant was issued No. 1109, for 274 acres of land.

Given under my hand this 26 November 1833

S/ Wm Hill

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State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from documents in this Office, that Job Gargis obtained a Warrant for 274 acres of Land for his services as a private soldier in the revolutionary war, which warrant was issued on a resolution of the General Assembly of this State passed in December 1823 and which allowance of land was made for three years services.

Given under my hand this 25<sup>th</sup> of July 1835.

S/ Wm Hill

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State of North Carolina, County of Halifax

On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April [1836] personally appeared in open court, before the Judge of the Superior Court of Law and Equity now sitting for the County and State aforesaid Job Gargis a citizen of the County of Halifax and State of North Carolina aged to the best of his knowledge and belief 75 or 76 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he was born and raised in the County of Halifax & State of North Carolina. That he enlisted for the term of three years with Captain Ptolemy Powell in 1777 or 1778 (he is now unable to

state precisely which) at the time of his enlistment his father told him he was between 15 and 16 years of age. Captain Powell's Company was stationed at Halifax for the purpose of guarding a magazine and other public property in the Town. That he continued to serve in the said company to the close of the term of enlistment, and received a discharge which has been lost – during the period of his service at the town of Halifax, the following officers were in command – Colonel Nicholas Long had the command of all the forces there; Captain Powell and Lieutenants Forde and Patrick Martin were attached to the Company. In the year 1781 or 1782 a draft was made for men to be called into service for 18 months – as well as he now recollects every 10<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> man was bound to go, or furnish a good substitute. He was employed to take the place of some of the men were drafted from the County of Halifax; and accordingly joined the Company under the command of Captain Robert Lytle at Enfield in the County of Halifax and State aforesaid. The Regiment being commanded by Colonel William Lytle. He marched from Enfield to Hillsborough, thence to Salisbury, Charlotte, Camden, and from that place to the Ashley River to General Nathaniel Greene's head quarters about 17 miles from Charleston. At the time he arrived and joined the Army of General Greene, the British were still in Charleston but shortly after, left it. He then went with the Army to that place. When he reached the Army encamped 17 miles from Charleston a Light Infantry Company was formed, and he was mustered into it, under the command of Captain Robert Raiford, Thomas Pasture [sic, Thomas Pasteur] Lieutenant. After remaining a few days in Charleston the company was ordered to St. Thomas's Island – and remained there until peace was declared. The men attached to the company were then suffered to return home on furlough; he among others availed himself of it, and was not afterwards called on – and of course received no discharge. He claims to have served first three years under Captain Powell and 18 months under Captains Lytle and Raiford. In addition to the above named officers has known to him serving in the Army he knew Colonel Gist from Virginia and Captain Charles Steward and Lieutenant John Ford from this State, also Surgeon James W. Green – and in conclusion states that he can neither read nor write, entrusting to his memory which is much impaired, he is unable to speak with more precision about dates.

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 Agency of any State.  
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S. Job Gargis, X his mark

State of North Carolina, County of Halifax: April Term Superior Court of Law & Equity 1836

And the court do hereby declare their opinion, that the above named declarant was a Revolutionary Soldier and served as he states.

S/ Thos. Little, JJCL&E

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State of North Carolina, Halifax County

The affidavit of Robert L. Whitaker a soldier of the Revolution and a pensioner aged 71 years, who being duly sworn in open Court – Testifies and says That he knows Job Gargis now before the court; That he marched in a company commanded by Captain Benjamin Carter in the year 1782 & 1783 to South Carolina. That Col. Lytle was in command of the Regiment; and attached to it was the company in which Job Gargis served. This affiant joined the Regiment at Warrenton the declaration of Job Gargis. This affiant knows that Job Gargis did join the Army of General Nathaniel Greene at the Ashley River 17 miles from Charleston, and served as he states – only that this deponent Job Gargis's recollection in the following particulars. & as well as he recollects Archibald Lytle was Colonel of the Regiment and William Lytle was Captain. It was St. James Island in the place of St. Thomas where Gargis as well as myself were stationed. This affiant also states that it is true that they were never regularly discharged but as stated in the declaration suffered to return on furloughs.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 1836.

S/ J. H. Simmons, Clk

S/ Robt. L. Whitaker

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The affidavit of Robert Hill Whitaker<sup>2</sup> a Citizen of the County of Halifax and State of North Carolina. Taken for the purpose of proving the Revolutionary Services of Job Gargis

This Affiant being duly sworn testifies and states that he has a distinct recollection of Job Gargis the individual now applying for a pension, marched with this affiant from this State to South Carolina, to the head quarters of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] on the Ashley River. This affiant also well recollects that the detachment encamped on the ground on which the Battle of Eutaw Springs was fought, and that there was an alarm during the night. He has no knowledge that Job Gargis received any injury so as to prevent him from performing service. He has a distinct recollection that Job Gargis was attached to a Light Infantry Company under the command of Captain Robert Raiford, and was stationed at the Island of St. James below Charleston; This affiant has a perfect recollection of the above facts; and he is equally confident in his belief that Gargis did not desert; he recollects that there were several desertions but he is well persuaded that Gargis remained on the Island until the news of peace was made known, and this affiant has well as Gargis, were permitted to return home.

Given under my hand and seal this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 1836.

S/ Robt. L. Whitaker {L. S.}



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private in the North Carolina service.]