

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

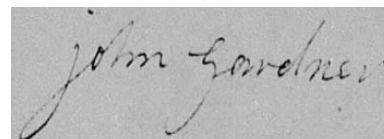
Pension Application of John Gardner W7498

Cynthia Gardner

VA

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[20 April 1818] I John Gardner of Sandwich in the County of Barnstable Mass'tts aged fifty six years, a resident citizen of the United States on oath set forth and declare, that I enlisted into the three year's service in Virginia, where I then lived, into Capt. [Thomas] Holt's Company and Col. Heath's [sic: William Heth's] Regiment in the Virginia line in 1781 [sic] (in the Spring I think) or in the winter) and continued in the service until the close of the war in 1783. I was in the seige of Charleston and there taken prisoner [12 May 1780] with Gen'l. [Benjamin] Lincoln, and remained a prisoner on board a prison ship till peace was declared. I have never had any discharge or other evidence of my service, & have no further testimony in my power to present – that I am reduced in my circumstances and stand in need of the assistance of my country for support.



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

County of Barnstable ss.

On this ninth day of August 1820, before the Circuit Court of Common Pleas for the Southern Circuit, proceeding according to the course of the common law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, having a power also of fine and imprisonment, and keeping a record of their proceedings, personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for the said County John Gardner aged fifty eight years, resident in Sandwich in said County, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, viz. for the term of three years in Capt. Holts Company, Colonil Heaths Regiment in the Virginia Line and that he has received a pension certificate dated March 29<sup>th</sup> 1819 and numbered 8,776 in pursuance of his original Declaration made 10th April 1818 and also takes and subscribed the following oath, viz.

And 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 in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby 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 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.

I am by occupation a Ship Carpenter; by reason of age & infirmity I am unable to pursue it. I have a wife Cynthia by name, aged forty seven, a Daughter Celia sixteen, both feeble & weakly. I have no property Real or personal, except half a doz chairs one table & two Iron pots & some old crockery.

NOTE: On 10 June 1851 Cynthia Gardner, 84, applied for a pension stating that she married John Gardner about 56 years previously in the house of Mr. John Nye in Falmouth, where she then lived, and that her husband died on 10 Sep 1841. A search for a record of the marriage of John Gardner and Cynthia Tobey was unsuccessful. On an application for bounty land dated 15 Nov 1855 she gave the date of the marriage as 10 Oct 1797.