Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Edward Garland W7506 Sarah Garland VA
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Albemarle County } State of Virginia } S.S.

On this the 31st day of March one thousand eight hundred and forty six, personally appeared before me Ro. Hill Carter a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Albemarle and State of Virginia, Sarah Garland, aged seventy eight years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed the 7th day of July 1838, entitled an "act granting half pay and pension to certain widows:" That she is the widow of Edward Garland, who was a soldier in the War of the Revolution, and that she has frequently heared her deceased husband the said Edward Garland say that he was in service, and that he entered service from the County of Albemarle, for three years which time he served and that he was at the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Germantown [4 Oct 1777] and Cootse's Bridge [probably Cooch's Bridge DE, 3 Sep 1777], and that he was in the States of New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey and that he wintered at Morrisstown [sic: Morristown NJ, 1779-80], one winter, but spent two winters to the North in service; and his claim for land she believes was never received by him; and that she knows nothing herself of the services of her dec'd. husband, but from hearsay. She further declares that she was married to the said Edward Garland in the County of Amherst and State of Virginia on the 6th day of September, seventeen hundred and eighty five, and that her husband the said Edward Garland died in the year eighteen hundred and seventeen, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four Viz: at the time above stated

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me
Ro. Hill Carter J Peace
Sarah Garland
By Ro. Hill Carter

I, Jesse Lewis [pension application S5680], of the County of Albemarle and State of Virginia aged Eighty three years, and a pensioner, do certify that I well knew Edward Garland of the County of Albemarle and State of Virginia who was a Soldier in the war of the Revolution, and I know that he said Garland enlisted from the County of Albemarle & State of Virginia, and that the said Garland went into service under Captain Thomas Walker [see endnote], but do not know how long he served. I also certify that the said Edward Garland was married to a Miss Oelds. Given under my hand this the 1st day of January 1847

I, John Thomas [R10502] of the State of Virginia and County of Albemarle, do certify that I served in the War of the Revolution and that I was well acquainted with Edward Garland of the County of Albemarle and State of Virginia, before he entered the service and after up to the time of his death, having lived a near neighbour to him. I do certify that said Edward Garland served in the War of the Revolution wither in the Virginia Continental or State line, most of the time in the North and that the said Garland, was in service some two or three years. I also certify that I well know Sarah Garland, widow of said Edward Garland, and that she has remained his widow up to the present time. Given under my hand this the eighth day of January 1847

Lynchburg./ March 16th 1848.

Dear Sir, I have received your communication of the 12th inst. desiring such information as I may possess, "concerning the service of Edward Garland, of Albemarle, in the war of the Revolution," and have to say – That I was at the period, to which you refer, too young to rely with any thing like certainty on my recollection of reminiscences so far back. There can be no doubt, that my uncle Edward, was in the military services of the country during the revolutionary struggle, it being notorious, and often mentioned in the family of my Grandfather, with whom I resided, as well as the common report of the country – that four, at least, of my Grandfathers Sons, towit, my Uncles William [William Garland], John [John Garland], Edward, and James [see endnote], my father, performed Military service in the war of the Revolution, and this is the more strongly impressed on my mind, because I distinctly recollect the death of my father in the Public service at the Albemarle Barracks – but have no recollection whatever "to what Regiment my uncle Edward served, who he served with, or from whom you would be likely to get any information"? – I never knew any Garland, by the name of Edward, in the County of Albemarle, my uncle excepted.

Yours very respectfully/ H. M. Garland

NOTES:

Capt. Thomas Walker was in the 9th Virginia Continental Regiment of Foot.

Capt. James Garland was accidentally shot by an American sentry at Albemarle Barracks, as related in several pension applications.

A document in the file states that a license was issued in Albemarle County on 6 Aug 1785 for the marriage of Edward Garland and Sarah Old "spinster."