

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward Garrett R21702

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State of Mississippi, Wayne County: SS, December 17<sup>th</sup> 1832

On this Seventeenth day [of] December [1832] personally appeared in open court before Thomas F. Falconer presiding Justice and John Watts and Nathan Slay Associate Justices of the County Court of said County now sitting Edward Garrett a resident of the State and County aforesaid age eighty-three who being first 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated: (Viz.) That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer rifleman in the year 1776. Day and month not recollected. Capt. Charles King of the South Carolina Militia had the command of the company but never entered the service or appeared on duty. The company was commanded by Lieutenant Thomas Starks [Thomas Starkes] in the Regiment commanded by Col. James Williams of the South Carolina Militia of Ninety Six now Cambridge District South Carolina, Andrew Williamson of South Carolina and Thomas Sumter Generals. His first duty after entrance into service was in obedience to an order to march against the Cherokee Indians and protect the frontier of South Carolina. In this expedition he was engaged between eight and nine months in which time he was engaged in a battle with the Indians at a place called Keowee Old Town on Tugaloo River and in the battle at the Narrows near the Valley Towns in the Cherokee Nation under the command of the above named officers. After the performance of this service he received a discharge signed by Generals Sumter and Williamson, Col. James Williams and Lt. Thomas Starks. About two months after receiving the above mentioned discharge, he was again ordered on duty under the command of General Andrew Williamson, Col. Hayes [Joseph Hayes] (who commanded the Regiment after the death of Col. James Williams) in the company commanded by Capt. Samuel Farr [probably Samuel Farrow] of enrolled volunteers. They marched from Ninety Six to Augusta at which place he was enrolled as a mounted Rifleman under the command of Col. Hammond, Samuel Farr Capt. who was ordered to protect the frontier of Georgia from the invasions of the Indians in which service he was engaged about two years and during that time Capt. Farr's company was so reduced in numbers that it was attached to the company commanded by Capt. Blassinghim [sic, Blasingame?]. In the meantime they were ordered to Stono Point by General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] where they were engaged in a battle [June 20, 1779] under the above named officers, about three months after which they were disbanded and he returned to Ninety Six where he was engaged under different officers in detached parties principally against the Tories for eight or nine months. After which time he was attached to the company commanded by Samuel

Alexander at Augusta Georgia and marched from thence to Ebenezer near Savannah in which company he remained until the end of the war. He further states that he does not recollect the dates of the several battles in which he was engaged. That he has no documentary evidence of his service in the Revolutionary War. The several discharges which he received and which he believes were regularly given were lost by him in crossing Flint River Georgia in moving from South Carolina to the then Mississippi Territory. That he knows of no person who can testify to his services in the war. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Questions propounded by the Court

1<sup>st</sup>: When and in what year were you born?

Ans: In Ninety Six now Cambridge District South Carolina in the year 1749 June, 5<sup>th</sup>.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so, where is it?

Ans: Yes. It was recorded in my Uncle's Bible which is now in his daughter's possession (as he believes) in Arkansas.

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: Ninety Six now Cambridge District South Carolina; a few years after the Revolutionary War I removed to the then Mississippi Territory and ever since have resided in the Territory and State.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?

Ans: As a Volunteer; and served as such through the Revolutionary War.

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: Sumter, Lincoln and Wayne and the others mentioned in my declaration from the nature of my service I recollect no Continental or Militia Regiments except that mentioned heretofore in my declaration; The circumstances of my service are fully set forth in said declaration.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?

Ans: Yes; the one mentioned in my declaration and my final discharge at the close of the War at Ebenezer Georgia signed by Capt. Samuel Alexander; which with the other was lost in crossing in Flint River.

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Ans: I refer to the Rev'd James Myers of Washington County Ala. adjoining the County of Wayne and to Col. John H. Horne of the County of Wayne. Mr. Thomas S. Sterling and James Myers of Wayne County for my character for veracity and good behavior, there is no person to my knowledge in this state that is knowing to my services in the Revolution.

S/ Edward Garrett, X his mark

Sworn and subscribed to the day and year above mentioned in open court.

Attest: Alfred Brown, Clk. CCWC

[James Myers, a clergyman, and John H. Horne gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Mississippi, Wayne County

Personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for said State and County Edward Garrett who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his Service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades (viz.) For 8 or 9 months he served as a volunteer in the Regiment commanded by Colonel James Williams of South Carolina militia in the company commanded by Lieutenant Thomas Starks, Andrew Williamson, Thomas Sumter Generals. He served two years as a mounted volunteer rifleman in company commanded by Captain Farr in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Leroy Hammond, Andrew Williamson General. Captain Farr's company being reduced in numbers he was attached to Captain Blassinghim Company of the same Regiment in which he served three months, he was then disbanded and served 8 or 9 months against the Tories under different officers. He then was attached to a the company commanded by Captain Samuel Alexander of Clarke's [Elijah Clark's] Regiment of Georgia militia in which he served for twelve months.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 18<sup>th</sup> of November 1833.

S/ J. Myers, JP. W. C.

State of Mississippi Wayne County: Personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the State and County aforesaid Edward Garrett who being first duly sworn deposeth and saith that he knows of no person now living by whom he can prove the services rendered by him as a Soldier of the Revolution as set forth in his declaration for a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17<sup>th</sup> March 1834

S/ J. Myers, JP

S/ Edward Garrett, X his mark