

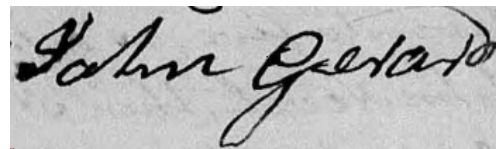
Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Gerard (Gerrard) S42740
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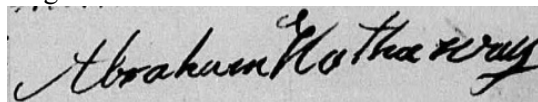
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Ohio Miami County Ss.

On this fourth day of December eighteen hundred & nineteen before me the subscriber President of the Courts of Common Pleas in first Circuit in the State of Ohio, personally appeared John Gerard, aged sixty three years, resident in the County of Miami in the State aforesaid & within my judicial district, who being by me first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provisions made by the Late Act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & Naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War." That the said John Gerard entered into the service of the United States at Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania, in the later part of the year seventeen hundred & seventy five, as a private, in the Company Commanded by Capt. John Nevil [sic: John Nevill], then stationed at Pittsburgh, and continued in said Company six months, at which time his Term of enlistment expired. The said Capt'n. Nevil being appointed Major he reenlisted under Capt'n. Andrew Wagoner [sic: Andrew Waggener], and march'd. in the beginning of the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven, for the purpose of joining the Grand Army, then at Correls Ferry, (in the month of July s'd. year) and was at that time and place attach'd. to the twelvth Virginia Regiment, on the Continental establishment, s'd. Regiment commanded by Col. John Nevil he remain'd. in s'd. Corps during the year seventeen hundred & seventy seven, and was in Brandywine and Germantown [sic: Brandywine 11 Sep 1777 and Germantown 4 Oct 1777] Battles and several other occurrences which took place in s'd year and in december of s'd year while at the Valley Forge he having but three months to service, he reenlisted in the light Dragoons, third Virginia Regiment, commanded by Col. Beoler [sic: George Baylor], and was in s'd Regiment at the Massacre which took place at Tapan [sic: Tappan, 28 Sep 1778] in the State of New Jersey, and was taken Prisoner by the common Enemy, in the year seventeen hundred & seventy eight, and was kept a Prisoner in New York in the Sugar house prison, until exchange'd, at which time he join'd his former Regiment of light dragoons, the Commanded by Col. Wm. Washington [William Washington], and continued under his command until Discharge'd in South Carolina, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty December the twenty sixth. That he is in reduced Circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support, & that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services



State of Ohio } Ss Personally came before me James Kinkennon an acting Justice of the peace in
Miami County } and for the said County Abraham Hathaway who being Duly sworn according to
Law deposeth and saith that he was a regular enlisted soldier in the service of the United States in
Captain John Nevils Company stationed at Pittsburgh in the year one thousand seven hundred & seventy
five or thereabout and during his service he was acquainted with John Gerard who was a regular enlisted
soldier in the said Captain Nevils Company and that in the year one thousand seven hundred & seventy
six Captain Nevil was promoted to the rank of Major and that the Lieutenant Andrew Wagoner was
promoted to the rank of Captain and this deponent saith that he knew the said John Gerard to enlist with
said Wagoner for the term of two years or nearly and further this deponent saith not sworn and
subscribed before me this first day of December one thousand eight hundred and nineteen



State of Ohio } SS
Hamilton County }

On this 4th day of January 1821 personally appeared in open court being a Court of Record for said County expressly made so by the Laws of this State John Garrard now resident in said County aged sixty three years who being duly sworn according to Law depose and saith that in the latter part of the year 1775 he enlisted at Pittsburgh in the State of Pennsylvania to serve for six months in Captain John Nevils company had been recruited at Winchester in Virginia and was stationed at the time he enlisted at Pittsburgh; that he served out this period of six months and immediately reenlisted to serve for twelve or Eighteen months he cannot now state which with certainty under Captain Andrew Waganer (Captain Nevil having been promoted to a Major) in the Regiment commanded by Colonel James Wood (John Nevill was Lieutenant Colonel) it being the 12th Regiment of the Virginia line upon Continental establishment; that he served in this Company and Regiment aforesaid until the 26th day of December 1777 when the army lay at Valley forge – he three months before the time he engaged to serve under Captain Wagoner had expired he Enlisted to serve three years under Colonel Presley Thornton [sic: Cornet Peter Presely Thornton] in the Regiment of Light Dragoons Commanded by Colonel Baylor; that he served in the 5th Troop of this Regiment which was afterwards Commanded by Colonel William Washington upon Continental establishment until the 26th day of December 1780 when he was discharged in South Carolina – during the whole time he was in this Regiment he served in the 5th troop under different Captains whose name he cannot now recollect but of this he is certain that he always served under the immediate command of Cornet Thornton who was afterwards Lt. and he believes Captain Commandant of the troop at the time he was discharged. That he was in the Battles of Brandywine and Germantown in the 12th Virginia Regiment in the Brigade commanded by General [Charles] Scott and in the surprise of the Regiment under Colonel Baylor at Tappan in the State of New Jersey and in various skirmishes with the Enemy at the Southward

And in pursuance to the act of the 1st 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 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 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. And I further declare under oath that I am a Farmer by occupation, that I have no wife now living, nor Children who are dependant on me for support. I declare that I have not kept house nor had a home of my own for the last five years and that during this I have lived with my Children who are married and settled sometimes with one and sometimes with another who have materially assisted me in every thing that Relates to my living saving and except my clouthing which I have been able by my own exertions to provide for myself. From age and reduced circumstances I stand in need of assistance from my Country for support

John Gerard

Schedule of Property belonging to John Gerard an applicant for Pension made this 4th day of January 1821 to wit

1 Horse 3 years old small sized together with an Old Saddle and Bridle worth all together \$50.00

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 4th day of January 1821 John Gerard