

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Gardner S6877

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State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions August Term 1832

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Mecklenburg and State of North Carolina at the August term their of John Gardner a resident of the County and State aforesaid 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 was born in the State of Pennsylvania in the County of Lancaster in the year 1760 – that he has no record of his age at this time that could be satisfactory – that he has yet in his possession his father's Bible in which his age as he has seen as there entered – but it is now through the lapse of time and use totally defaced and torn out – that the father of said Gardner left the State of Pennsylvania and removed to the State of North Carolina in the year 1764 or 1765 with the said John Gardner where he has resided ever since – And the said John Gardner further declares that he was living in the County of Mecklenburg when first called into service in the revolutionary war – and that since the termination of said war he has continued to live in the same County. That he entered the service as a volunteer in the State Troop of North Carolina in the winter of 1780 previous to the fall of Charleston when General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] and his Army surrendered to the British [May 12, 1780] – that Captain William Alexander commanded the company to which he belonged and that General Francis Locke was the officer in command – that they marched towards Charleston and went as far as Camden – where hearing of the surrender of that place and the capture of the American Army – they halted – where he remained in encampment until the time for which he volunteered [expired] – that he volunteered for three months – and that he was there discharged 10 days after the expiration of the time – by the said General Locke but which discharge is lost. That he served again under Captain John Harris<sup>1</sup> as a volunteer on a tour of three months – that General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] was the officer in command – that he volunteered in Harris' Company in the year 17\_\_ and was engaged mostly in scouting through the Country – on the borders of this State and the State of South Carolina – in what was called the Waxhaw Settlement – that as he understood the object of the duty he was then on was to over awe the Tories – that it was shortly after the fall of Charleston, that during this tour he was in no battle – and that for that service he received from Rutherford and the officers a verbal discharge – Immediately after Col. Bluford's [sic, Abraham Buford's Defeat, May 29, 1780] defeat in Waxhaw by the British under Tarleton [Banastre Tarleton] he again volunteered and was out for three weeks under General Robert Irwin of the States Troops – that he was some time under one Captain and then under another as he was ordered out or

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1 [John Harris W21247](#)

selected for any particular duty. That they were called out to oppose the advance of the British after Buford's defeat – that after it was ascertained that Tarleton had returned to Camden he was verbally dismissed – but with orders to hold himself in readiness at a moment's warning – and that he was out again on duty with said Irwin in the Waxhaw settlement – for a term of three weeks – when Cornwallis came through Charlotte in pursuit of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] – he was again out – and was commanded by Colonel Davie [William Richardson Davie] – That he was engaged in the stand that Colonel Davie made against the advance of Cornwallis at Charlotte [September 26, 1780] – and in the fight or skirmish that took place – and was out about six weeks. That he was again out under General Rutherford on a tour of three weeks and was with him at the time intelligence was brought that the Tories had assembled in Lincoln at Ramsour's Mill-- upon intelligence being brought – Major Falls [Galbraith Falls] was dispatched to reconnoiter – and Rutherford with his forces moved on in the same direction – he was not with Falls' company – that he belonged to the mounted riflemen – and was dispatched immediately by Rutherford after an express had arrived of the battle being fought – to protect the American forces and to prevent the Tories from rallying – they arrived upon the battle ground – but the Tories had retreated – being effectually routed [June 20, 1780] – That he was again on a tour of three weeks – after the Battle of Guilford under General Francis Locke on the Yadkin – and one John Wilson Captain – that it was expected that Cornwallis would again cross the Yadkin – and that Greene would hang on his rear and they stationed themselves at the Yadkin to impede the return or progress of Cornwallis South. That he volunteered again in the service of the States Troop of South Carolina – in March 1781 – that his Captain was William Alexander – his Colonel was Wade Hampton and the General was Thomas Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter]-- and that he engaged for ten months – that during the whole of the time he was actively engaged – and was at the taking of several fort – the first was Orangeburg – General Sumter was the commanding officer when that fort was surrendered – the next was Thompson's Fort [Thomson's Fort] – at which place Colonel Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] of the Continental line and General Sumter both acted – and the last fort taken was Friday's Fort on the Congaree – three miles below Columbia – that that fort was besieged two weeks – by General Sumter – and taken by Lee when Sumter was dispatched against Orangeburg. That at the Six mile house near Charleston he was engaged in a skirmish with a British force – that Colonel Wade Hampton was the commanding officer – that previous to the battle of Eutaw [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781] – he obtained a furlough to come home into North Carolina to get clothing that he hired Zachariah Stedham as a substitute in his place – for the three weeks – that his substitute Stedham was in the battle of Eutaw and was wounded in that engagement – that he was discharged by Colonel Hampton at Brown's old fields on the Congaree River – that discharge is lost or mislaid – and that he has no documentary evidence of the fact – unless the [sic, it] be among the papers of the State of South Carolina – if any there be – that the whole time he was out as a volunteer in the revolutionary war was as herein stated about twenty months and two weeks – 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 in any State and that he refers to the certificate of Robert Hall Morrison a clergyman resident in said County of Mecklenburg and the certificate of William Alexander<sup>2</sup> resident in said County of his character for veracity and for proof of his services --

Sworn and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Gardner

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2 [William Alexander S6496](#)



We Robert Hall Morrison a clergyman resident in Mecklenburg County and William Alexander resident in said County hereby certify that we are well acquainted with John Gardner who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration and that we believe him to be 73 years of age – that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion – William Alexander further swears that the said John Gardner served under him as private when he went out under General Locke on a tour of three months and that he again served under him as a private under General Sumter and Colonel Wade Hampton's Regiment in the States Troop of South Carolina 10 months.

S/ Robert H. Morrison

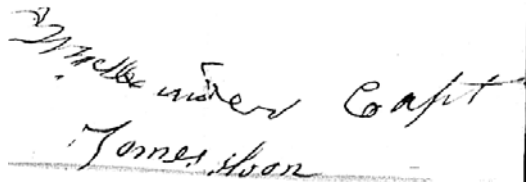
S/ William Alexander, X his mark

State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County

Captain William Alexander & James Sloan<sup>3</sup> both Citizens of the County aforesaid both being duly sworn in solemn form of law, depose and saith he the said William Alexander Captain – that John Gardner did serve in the company he commanded in the ten months service in the State of South Carolina under General Thomas Sumter before term of ten months to his certain knowledge -- & he the said James Sloan saith that to his certain knowledge John Gardner did serve in the term of 10 months in the State of South Carolina under the Command of General Thomas Sumter and these deponents said William Alexander and said James Sloan further saith not.

Sworn to & subscribed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 1835 before.  
S/ Matthew Wallace, JP

S/ William Alexander  
S/ James Sloan



[facts in file: veteran died July 22, 1842.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$48.21 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 20 months and 14 days in the North and South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>4</sup> relating to John Gardner  
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 2665  
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[p 13: Printed form of Indent No. 2103 Book X dated the 21<sup>st</sup> January 1788 “delivered to Mr. John Gardnor [sic] this our Indented Certificate for the Sum of Twenty-four pounds nineteen

<sup>3</sup> [James Sloan R9662](#)

<sup>4</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the “Full name” box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

Shillings & six pence Sterling arrears of Cloathing &c Service in Sumter's [Thomas Sumter's] Brigade per Certificate from Commissioners for Adjusting claims against said Brigade.”]

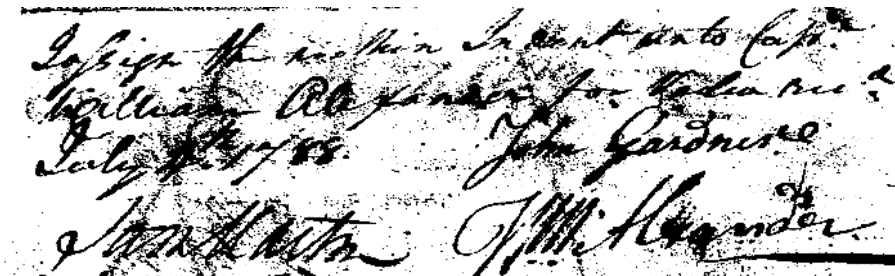
[p 15: Reverse of the above Indent bearing, among others, the following endorsement:

I assigned the within Indent unto Captain William Alexander for Value received July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1788

S/ John Gardner

S/ Samuel Martin

S/ Wm Alexander



I assign the within Indent unto Capt. William Alexander for Value recd July 4th 1788.  
John Gardner  
Samuel Martin

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Petition of John Gardner Praying to [be] put upon the Pension list

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South Carolina

To the Honorable the Speaker and other Members of the House of Representatives

The Humble Petition of John Gardner Sheweth unto your Honorable body, That he is at this time a citizen of the State of North Carolina that in the year 1781 & 1782 he served a Tour of duty of ten Months in the State of South Carolina against the British Troops who had overrun a great part of the Country, that he only received a part of the Compensation promised him – That he is now poor and unable to support himself and his family and that the reasons of his poverty is not from his own act, but is in consequence of the hardships he sustained in the War, He therefore looks to his Country for Support or at least for assistance and prays your Honorable body that he may be placed upon the pension List – & your petitioner will ever Pray

S/ John Gardner



John Gardner

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December 12, 1824

Report of the Committee on Pensions on the Petition of John Gardner

Agreed to

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The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the Petition of John Gardner praying to be placed on the Pension Roll

Report

That they have considered the same & recommend the rejecting the prayer thereof

S/ Samuel Warren, chairman

[p 20: Receipts dated respectively June 14, 1828 and May 30, 1830 reflecting payment to John Gardner of a \$60 annuity in the 1828 receipt and of \$120 in the 1830 receipt]

[p 24: Receipts for \$60 each, one dated May 31, 1832, another dated May 31, 1833 and the last dated May 29, 1834]

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To the Senate & House of Representatives of South Carolina

The Petition of Mary Cook Respectfully Sheweth that John Gardner was one of the Petitioners of this State that he died on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April 1836 Intestate, leaving no wife nor Children Father or Mother, that I am his Sister who have had the Charge Care & maintenance of my Brother John Gardner (deceased), that he left no Estate and was supported by his pension. I have had to maintain the deceased out of my own funds, being poor myself & in indigent Circumstances. I humbly ask & petition your Honorable body to grant me the arrears of Pension due my deceased Brother John Gardner which was due him from the State of South Carolina at the time of his death which was 8<sup>th</sup> of April 1836

Respectfully submitted

S/ Mary Cook, X her mark

I William Gardner being the Brother of John Gardner deceased and well acquainted with all the Circumstances as set forth in the above Petition, do Certify that the above is strictly true. Given under my hand this 12<sup>th</sup> of November 1836

S/ William Gardner, X his mark