

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Gamage (Gammage) R3883

Charity Gamage

f23NC

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State of Georgia, Houston County

On this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July A.D. 1854 personally appeared before me John M. Chastain one of the Judges of the Inferior Court of Houston County and said State of Georgia, Charity Gamage a resident of Wellborn's Mills County of Houston and State of Georgia aged Eighty-nine 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 provisions made by the act of Congress passed July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836 and any other acts applicable;

That she was married to William Gamage who served in the defense of his Country in the Revolutionary War, according to her information & belief in a light horse Company in and from the County of Orange State of North Carolina previous to the close of the war, but the exact time of service not known That she had frequent conversations with him in which she spoke of being in battle and killing a Tory and of the manner of making a charge on the enemy on horseback, and that his father having come over from England, and in all probability having many relations amongst the British soldiers, I inquired of him how he could reconcile it to himself to be fighting his blood relations, he replied that he did not care for he was fighting for his Country and they against it and frequently heard him speaking in praise of his officers, and of a Captain Allen [Abraham Allen] and Captain Douglass [William Douglas] and of a Colonel Mabun [sic, probably Lt. Col. Robert Mebane] as being a choice man and who was waylaid and killed by a Tory, also heard him had many conversations with those who had served & overs relating to their suffering, dangers and privations some of their names I recollect (viz.) a Mr. Brooks who had been taken prisoner and kept in a prison ship sometime, and with John and Ned Couch<sup>1</sup> who the last I heard of them one of them lived near Hillsboro of N. C. who knows all about the Service of my husband. He had in possession the horse he served on and his sword and pistols which I well remember.

She further declares that she was married to the said William Gamage in the latter part of the year 1782 or forepart of 1783 and that he died in Wilkes County State of Georgia about the year 1809 or 1810 and that she still remains a widow which will more fully appear by reference to the proof annexed.

S/ Charity Gamage, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed on the day & year above written before me she being too old & infirm to appear in open Court.

S/ John M. Chastain, JIC

I Wiley Saxon of Chambers County in the State of Alabama do hereby certify that about 70 years ago I saw William Gamage in Charity Saxon now Charity Gamage married they were married in Orange

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1 This MAY be the same name for whose service his widow filed a claim referred to [Edward Couch R2359](#). The veteran's name was Edward Couch and she alleges he served in Orange County, NC during the Revolution. This veteran died in Orange County, NC on February 5, 1831.

County in the State of North Carolina That said William Gamage died and was interred in Wilkes County in the State of Georgia about 44 years of go, That said Charity Gamage has remained a widow ever since the death of said William Gamage. I Wiley Saxon am about 80 years old.

S/ Wiley Saxon

Sworn to and subscribed to before me on the 22 day of December 1852 and I also further certify that Wiley Saxon is of good report and believed to be a man of truth and I believe him to be of the age he represents himself to be

S/ Allen L. Bailey, JP