

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Gregory Gannaway R3893

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Declaration of the heirs of Gregory Gannaway a soldier of the revolutionary war from the County of Buckingham in the State of Virginia: This declaration is made by his son Robertson Gannaway, one of the heirs, for the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the provision of the act of Congress of the 7th day of June 1832 wherein it is provided, that persons engaged in the Military service of the United States in the war of the revolution, are entitled to pension, and if not claimed during their natural lives – it is competent for the heirs to claim and obtain said pension, that may be due the parties as if living:

State of Virginia = County of Smyth. S.S.

On this 19th day of July 1853 personally appeared in open court, before the honourable County Court of Smyth, Robertson Gannaway, a resident of said county and state aforesaid, aged 72 years 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 the 7th day of June 1832. That his father Gregory Gannaway was a soldier in the war of the revolution, from the County of Buckingham in the state aforesaid, – that he served alternate tours of duty in said war, That his first tour was at the battle of Guilford, State of North Carolina [Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781], that he was honourably discharged, but where his discharge is, the declarant cannot tell, That the said Gregory Gannaway married in the county of Cumberland, state aforesaid in the summer or fall of 1779 and that he died in 1804, That his widow survived him until February 1852 and died in the state of Missouri The heirs claim on the ground, That Gregory Gannaway by his services in the war of the revolution, became entitled to pension, but in as much, as he had earned his pension and died before claiming, it would under the law, be competent for his widow to claim, from the 4th day of March 1831. She having married the said Gregory Gannaway in the year 1779: – before the termination of his services, and obtain said pension from the 4th day of March 1831 to the day of her death which occurred in the month of February 1852 The heirs in right of the widow, their mother, now claim the said amount of pension that would have accrued to her from March 4th 1831 to the 15th day of February 1853 a period of twenty-two years – at such amount per annum as stipulated by law, made and provided in such cases. – That the said Gregory Gannaway, his widow nor his heirs – have ever made application under any act of Congress for pension, nor are their names inscribed at any pension agency in the United States for paying pensions to my knowledge.

[signed] R Gannaway

It was also proved in Court by the oath of Jeffrey Winniford a witness of lawful age that Robertson Gannaway, Jeffrey Gannaway, Polly Harris, Catharine Oury, Sally Gannaway, John Gannaway, Norval Gannaway, William Gannaway, Pamela Rader, Thomas Gannaway & Martha McDearmon were the children of Gregory Gannaway Deceased.

Abingdon Oc'r.[?] 29th 1853

Hon Com'r. Dear Sir, I have just had a conversation with the Rev'd. Robinson Gannaway in relation to his Claime, for the Heirs, in right of his Father Gregory Gannaway, – 1st, he says, in his declaration, the names of all the children of Gregory are named. 2^d. that their Identity is proved. 3^d. that his mother, Rhoda the widow of Gregory died in Missouri in 1852. 3^d, that he alledges marriage to have taken place in 1779, 4th that he is the oldest Child, and that he is in the 74th year of his age, that he was born in 1780, year after Marriage, that the last service of his Father Gregory, was at yorktown, at the Close of the War [sic: probably siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], that he had served a previous tour of duty, and that he remembers to have heard his Father Speak of Capt Jones, but whether he was his Captain at any time he cannot be certain, that Peter Johnston [possibly pension application W27629] of Sus Sessin [?], was well acquainted with him, his Father in the War, (that the Heirs, Cannot name, any officer who Commanded their Father, that the Rev'd Robinson Gannaway appeals to the department for

an Examination of the Rolls of such Regiments as were at the Battle of York for Gregorys name. that he knows it will cost much labour, but most respectfully prays that it may be done, that he, as well as the Heirs are poor, that he Robinson, is now Old and Infirm and broken down in the Gospel Ministry, he therefore prays that he Case be Indulgently Considered, and that such Examination be made.

We are trying to get Certificates of Marriage

Very respectfully your Obt S't
J W. Stevens