

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Gazaway (Gasaway) R3959

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[State of Ohio, Ross County]

On this 18th day of March personally appeared in open Court the Court of Common Pleas now Sitting Thomas Gazaway a Resident of Ross County his age Seventy Nine years who being first duly cautioned & 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 7th 1832. That he was born in the State of Maryland near Baltimore in 1754 removed to Rowan County North Carolina where in 1776 he was drafted into the Militia under Captain Branam [John Brandon] & Colonel Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] served under this draft two months & a half after this removed to Berkeley County Virginia & was drafted into a light Horse Company under Major Rish Willis [?], Captain Robert Throgmorton [Robert Throckmorton] & Lieutenant Alvin Throgmorton [Albion Throckmorton] and served for two months & about a half. This service was I think in 1780 – In 1777 I enlisted under Captain George Reid & Lieutenant Abram Linsey & served for nine months making in all 14 months service. I never was in a Battle. I have no documentary evidence of my service having lost both my discharges one from Captain Rice the other from Major Rish Willis-- I know of no one living except Andrew Kelly who can testify to my services as a soldier of the Revolution my memory is very much impaired by age & infirmities I can however recollect seeing General Morgan & General Dark. I have resided in Ross County Ohio ever since I left Berkeley County Virginia being about 23 years, last past – where & in what year was you born[?]- I was born near Baltimore in Maryland in 1754. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it? I have no record of my age. Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary War & where do you now live[?] I lived in Rowan County North Carolina when I entered the service I lived in Berkeley County Virginia after the War & now live in Ross County Ohio. How were you called into the service, were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute[?] I was first drafted, then I volunteered then I was drafted again in 1780. I never was a substitute for anyone[.] State the names of some of the officers who were with the Troops where you served such Continental & militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service[.] [A]s before stated my memory is much impaired by age & infirmities I never was in any Battle I can recollect seeing General Morgan & General Dark & I served as above stated in my declaration[.] Did you ever receive a discharge & what has become of it [?] I received two discharges one from Captain Rice & one from Major Rish Willis but they were both lost many years ago not having been thought of much value[.] State some persons to whom you are Known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution [.] Andrew Kelly & Thomas Gazaway Jr. & Pleasant Thurman are well acquainted with me & can state as to what they know and believe of my services in the Revolution[.] [H]e hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

S/ Thomas Gazaway, X his mark

Andrew Kelly after being duly sworn as the Law directs in the matter of Thomas Gazaway for a pension deposes & says that he is well acquainted with the said Gazaway that he knows of his own personal Knowledge that said Gazaway [was] drafted as a soldier in the Revolutionary Army in 1780 in a light Horse Company company under Major Rish Willis & Captain Robert Throgmorton & Lieutenant Albin Throgmorton & that said Gazaway served in said Company as a soldier of the Revolution for two months & about a half and further he saith not.

S/ Andrew Kelly

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Thomas Gazzaway [sic] makes this amendatory declaration to his original declaration of 18th of March A.D. 1834 made before the Court of Common Pleas of Ross County Ohio to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of June 7th 1832, says that after his draft in 1776 into the militia under Captain Branan & Colonel Rutherford, the Company marched from Salisbury to Cross Creek near which a Battle was expected to be fought & had been long before the company arrived the company then returned to Salisbury scouting [?] on our return for Tories we were then discharged after having served two months & a half months in this tour – This deponent further states that in 1777 he enlisted under Captain George Reid & Lieutenant Abram Linsey in Frederick County Virginia & after waiting some time to gather forces we marched to Martinsburg [sic] & remained there two months, we then marched to Hagerstown Maryland stayed there two or three weeks & then returned to Martinsburg & remained there four weeks & was then discharged making in all about the time mentioned in my original declaration. This deponent further states that in 1780 he was drafted into a light Horse Company at Head Spring Berkeley County Virginia under Major Rich Willis & Captain Robert Throgmorton & Lieutenant Albin Throgmorton we then marched to Battle Town remained there some time & was discharged there after a tour of two months & a half. This deponent further says that in the three tours above spoken of he served in each case as a private only in each case & in no other capacity & that he never served in any or either of the said tours as a substitute for any person whatever [.] This deponent further states that each of the above tours were performed with embodied Corps called into service by competent Authority & that during the periods of service above spoken of this deponent was not engaged or engaged in any civil pursuit and further says not.

Thomas Gazaway, X his mark

[standard certificate as to reputation for veracity, age and service as a Soldier in the Revolution given by Pleasant Thurman, Andrew Kelly and Thomas Gazaway, Jr.

State of Ohio, Ross County

William Kelley (aged 80 years) of this County of Ross and State of Ohio makes oath and sayeth that he with was well acquainted with Thomas Gazaway of the State of Virginia, and knows that said Thomas Gazaway Served one tour in the Revolutionary war, in the State of Virginia, as a soldier in said War. Said Thomas Gazaway was married to Jane Kelley (my sister) in the time of the Revolutionary War in the State of Virginia Berkeley County. Said Thomas Gazaway resided in the State of Virginia until in the year A.D. 1811, he removed to the State of Ohio in the Year 1811 in the County of Ross, and lived in said Ross County until he died which was in the year A.D. 1835, aged about 81 years. Jane Gazaway, his wife, died in the month of February A.D. 1842 at the County of Ross aged about 80 years. The following are the names of the Children of the said Thomas Gazaway and Jane Gazaway, John Gazaway, Mary Gazaway, William Gazaway, Thomas Gazaway, Nicholas Gazaway, Martha Gazaway and Andrew Gazaway.

S/ William Kelley

[substantially identical affidavit given by Andrew Kelley (aged 88 years)]

[p 10: On September 27, 1852 in Ross County Ohio, Nicholas Gasaway, 58, executed a power of attorney in which he states he is the son of Thomas Gasaway a soldier of the revolution from the state of Virginia who died February 15, 1835; that his mother's name was Jane; that she died February 16, 1842; that they were married in 1779 in Berkeley County Virginia and were residents of Ross County Ohio when they died. He signed the power of attorney with his mark.]

[Facts in file: the names of the children of the veteran and his wife were: John, Mary, William, Thomas, Nicholas, Martha and Andrew Gazaway.]