

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Golightly S18888

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State of South Carolina, Spartanburg District

On this 9th day of June 1835, personally appeared in open court, to wit: a court of Chancery, before his honor Chancellor Johnston, David Golightly, Sr., a resident of Spartanburg District in the said State, aged seventy-eight years, who being first duly sworn according to law does on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. In the last of the month of June or first of July 1776, I was drafted in Captain Matthew Patton's company of militia in the regiment commanded by Colonel Patton, and marched from Spartanburg (then called Ninety Six district) to the military stations on Seneca River, then under command of General Williamson [Andrew Williamson]; against the Cherokee Indians, where I remained for these space of three weeks or more and returned to Spartanburg where I remained until the time of my draft (three months) had expired. I then remained at home (being an indented apprentice) until about the time of the fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780], when I was pressed into the service by orders of Major, afterwards General, Pinking [probably Andrew Pickens], with the wagon and team of my brother, which was in my care. From this time I continued in the service in various situations until the capture of Lord Cornwallis at Little York [October 19, 1781]. I was at the battle of the Cedar Springs [July 12, 1780]¹ as a private volunteer; was with General William Henderson, as a commissary, at Neal's Mill; was with Colonel Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] in the Catawba Nation; was that the taking of Thicketty Fort [July 30, 1780]²; was at the battle of Musgrove's ford [August 18, 1780],³ and acted as a Lieutenant at the siege of Augusta and then served as a private at the siege of Ninety Six [May 22-June 19, 1781]⁴ as a volunteer under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] -- all these were rendered, but the great lapse of time since has deprived me of the recollection of dates and the names of any of my officers. It is impossible for me, at this time, to designate the time or length of each term of service, but I considered I was in constant service for the space of two years, and

¹ probably a reference to 2nd Cedar Springs (a/k/a, Wofford's Iron Works, August 8, 1780)

http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_woffords_iron_works.html

² <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/fortthicketty.htm> and

http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_thicketty_fort.html

³ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_musgroves_mill.html and

<http://gaz.jrshelby.com/musgrovesmill.htm>

⁴ <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/ninety-six.htm> and

http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety-six.html

by counting up the small scouts, and short terms of service, not here estimated, the term of service could be greater.

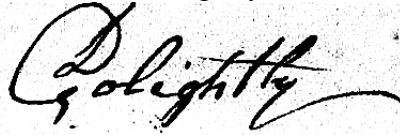
I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

In answer to the questions⁵ propounded by the court answer to them:

1. I was born in Virginia in 1757.
2. I have had a record of my age, but it is now with my daughter in the State of Alabama.
3. I lived in Spartanburg Dist. when called into service and have resided there ever since.
4. See within
5. See within.
6. I've never received any discharges.
7. I refer to all who are acquainted with me.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court June 9, 1835.

S/ D. Golightly



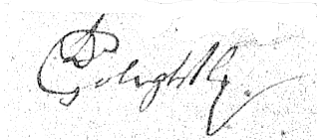
S/ J. Johnston

[John W. Lewis, a clergyman residing in the Greenville District, lately of Spartanburg, and Anthony Foster gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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received of William Clark Agent at [undeciphered words are abbreviations] fifty-five dollars Jry [January?] 1840
\$55

S/ Dd Golightly



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South Carolina Spartanburg District} Before me personally appeared Elizabeth Harris a credible citizen of said District aged 66 years who being first duly sworn according to law on oath says that she was ignorant of the requirements of the pension laws and presumes her Father David

⁵ The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Golightly was also and that she did not know there was record Evidence in South Carolina and Georgia to show her Father David Golightly's services and that she makes this application to draw the arrears due her Father the said David Golightly for his services in the war of the Revolution and that she is the only surviving child.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of July 1853
S/ Jefferson Choice, Not. Pub. & Ex Off. Magistrate S/ Elizabeth Harris

Elizabeth Harris

[Facts in the file: Veteran was a Baptist and afterwards a Methodist preacher; he was survived by two children, Mary Martin and Elizabeth Harris, the latter of whom was 66 years of age in 1853 and a resident of Spartanburg district South Carolina and the wife of Colonel William W. Harris.]

[Applicant was pensioned at the rate of \$28.60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, and ending June 27, 1842, for his service in the dragoons in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁶ relating to David Golightly pp 16
Audited Account No. 2929
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[p 2]
[No.] 3515 No. 114
[Book] X 9 August 86 [1786]
David Golightly for Militia duty, since the fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] in Roebuck's [Benjamin Roebuck's] Regiment per Anderson's [Colonel Robert Anderson's] Return [not extant] –
[old South Carolina] Currency £145
Stg. [Sterling] £20.14.3 ¾

Received 9 August 1786, full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 3515 – X per Order
S/ Samuel Nesbitt

Samuel Nesbitt

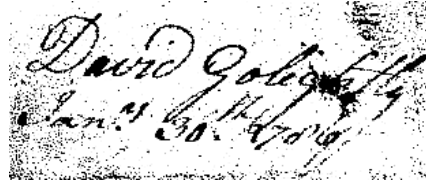
[p 3: Repeat of the above information relating to the veteran service in a different format]

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To the Treasurers of the State of South Carolina
Gentlemen
Please to deliver to Mr. Samuel Nesbitt the Bearer hereof all the Indents due to me from the State of South Carolina and you'll oblige Your Humble Servant

⁶ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) 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. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

Test
S/ H. White, JP

S/ David Golightly
January 30th, 1786



[p 7]
David Golightly 425 days higher of a Wagon, Team and Driver in 1780
Amount £14.5.8 ½ Stg
No voucher
Ex^d. W. G. [Examined by William Galvan]
J. M^c. A. G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

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The State of South Carolina
to David Golightly Dr.
To Service of his wagon and team & driver from the 12th day of March unto
the 5th day of April 1780 at Fort Moultrie into which service he was
impressed in Charlestown by Order of Governor Rutledge [John Rutledge]
Being 25 days at £11.12.6 per day £540.12.6

Ninety Six District } Personally appeared Moses Foster before me and made oath that the above
Account is Just & true, that he the said deponent was Personally present with the said Golightly
at the above said time & to his knowledge the said Golightly did not Receive any satisfaction for
the said service.

Sworn to before me this 31st May 1783

S/ John Thomas Junior, JP

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Charleston district }
Personally appeared before me David Golightly & maketh oath on the Holy Evangelists
of Almighty God & saith that he had a proper certificate for the Hire of the within Wagon &
team but lost the same by some accident as he was drove from home by the Tories
Sworn to before me this 19th September 1786 S/ David Golightly

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[Book] X [No.] 766
27 September
Mr. David Golightly his account of 64 days duty in militia on Horseback in 1780 amount at
20/[20 shillings old South Carolina Currency] per day
to Currency £64
Stg. £9.2.10 ¼
Ex^d. T. W. [Examined by T. W. [identity unknown]]
J. M^c. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

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The State of South Carolina

to David Golightly

Dr.

To Service done in the Spartan Regiment in Captain Culbertson's
[Samuel Culbertson's] Company
at different times from the 7th day of June until the 24th day of
August 1780 under the command of Colonel John Thomas Junior, as a
private Soldier on horseback 64 days at 20/per day

£64

Ninety Six District} Personally appeared Mr. David Golightly before me and made oath that the
above Account as it stands stated is Just & true and that he was not in the State when Col.

Anderson collected the Accounts –

Sworn to before me the 23rd of January 1784

I do hereby Certify that David Golightly
did the above duty in my company

S/ J. Thomas, Jr. JP

S/ Saml. Culbertson, Capt.

Certified per J. Thomas Junior then Col.

*I do hereby Certify that David Golightly of J. Thomas Junior, Jr. JP
did the above duty in my Company
Saml. Culbertson Capt.
Certified J. Thomas Junior then Col.*

To the Treasurers of the State of South Carolina

Gentlemen

Please to deliver to Mr. Samuel Nesbitt the Bearer here of all of the Indents due to me
from ye State of South Carolina and you'll oblige your Humble Servant

S/ David Golightly

January 30th 1786

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Received the 27th September 1785 full Satisfaction for the Within, in an Indent No. 766 – X per
order

S/ Nevil Wayland

Nevil Wayland

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Gent, Please deliver unto the Bearer Mr. Nevil Wayland my Indent with the Interest due thereon
and you will much Oblige

Your humble Servant

S/ David Golightly
the 5th February 1786

To the Commissioners of the
Treasury of South Carolina
Certified by me.
S/ John Thomas, JP