

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Reuben Golding S21770

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State of South Carolina, Laurens District: In the Common Pleas

On this Seventeenth day of October personally appeared his Honor Richard Gantt one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Reuben Golding aged 89 years a resident of the District of Laurens South Carolina, who being duly 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 the 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1774 or '75, under Captain John Caldwell of Major Taylor's Battalion in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Mayson [probably Lieutenant Colonel James Mayson] – and served three years as a Sergeant. Has no written discharge: his papers having been burnt by the depredating Tories.

He afterwards went as a Volunteer Lieutenant under Captain Lenard [sic, Laughlin Leonard] in an expedition against the Cherokee Indians, Col. Williams [sic, Andrew Williamson] commanded & was absent in service about seven weeks. He then went under Captain Leonard & Col. Williams as a Volunteer and was at the Siege of Ninety Six [either the action on July 17, 1775¹ or the action May 21-June 19, 1781²]– returned home by home, continued under the command of Captain Leonard until the Battle at Edgill's [sic, Edgehill or Hayes' Defeat or Hayes' Station in November 19, 1781]³ where Leonard was killed. He afterwards volunteered & was on the Expedition to Charleston was at the Battle of Stono [June 20, 1779]⁴: was stationed on Sullivan's Island about three months and also at Beaufort about six months. He was at Orangeburg and was under orders and in active service until the militia was disbanded. During the time he was in Eight battles or engagements and served in the whole of about six years. And served under several officers, part of the time under Captain Lee [?], & Col. Hopkins [Lieutenant Colonel David Hopkins], Captain Wallace & Major Harris & other officers not recollected. He was a resident of Craven County now Laurens District South Carolina when he entered the service.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

⁵I was born in Orange County State of Virginia in the year 1743.

¹ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_ninety_six_kirkland.html

² https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html

³ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_hayes_station.html

⁴ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html

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?

I have no record of my age.

I was living in Craven County now Laurens District South Carolina when I entered the service where I have lived ever since.

I served the first term as an enlisted soldier under Captain Caldwell, the balance of the time I served as a volunteer.

I have no recollection of the names of regular officers except a Captain Caldwell & Major Taylor & Colonel Mayson.

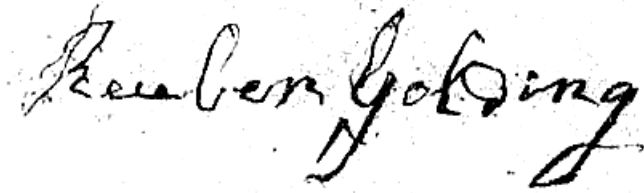
I never received a discharge that I recollect if so it was lost.

The Rev. Joseph Babb and John K. Griffin all persons acquainted with me & can testify as to my character for veracity & truth & Andrew Burnside will testify to my revolutionary [illegible words].

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Garlington, Clk L. Dist.

S/ Reuben Golding



We Joseph Babb a clergyman residing in the district of Laurens, South Carolina & John K. Griffin residing in Newberry District do hereby certify that we are acquainted with Reuben Golding who has Subscribed & Sworn to the above declaration, that we believe him to be about the age of 89 years and that he is reputed & believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a Revolutionary soldier and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Garlington, Clk L. Dist.

S/ Joseph Babb

S/ John K. Griffin

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South Carolina, Laurens district

Personally in open Court Andrew Burnside⁶ who being Sworn saith that he is well acquainted with the applicant Reuben Golding & well knows that he served in the Revolutionary War as he saw him at the Siege of Ninety Six – was with him at the Battle at Edgills where we were both taken prisoner – In a tour of duty under the Applicant who was Lieutenant in Captain Wallace's Company at Orangeburg. The applicant was reputed to be a brave & valuable officer & soldier.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year above written.

S/ John Garlington, Clk L. Dist.

S/ Andrew Burnside, X his mark

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.

⁶ [Andrew Burnside \(Burnside\) S9300](#)

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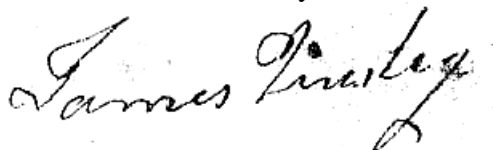
South Carolina, Laurens District

Personally appeared before me one of the Justices of the peace James Tinsley & being sworn sayeth on oath that he is well acquainted with the applicant Reuben Golding and that he has good reason to believe that he the said Golding was in the Continental service at Charleston, under Captain John Caldwell & that he believes the said applicant continued [under] the said Captain Caldwell for some years and also he the said Tinsley was with him one Tour at Stono & another at Edgells Old Fields & then continued with him to be in of the war.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st of October 1833.

S/ J. Chapman, JP

S/ James Tinsley⁷



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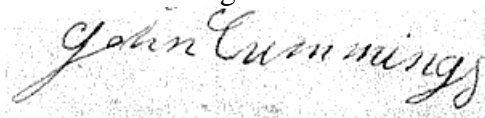
South Carolina, Laurens District

Personally came before me John Cummings who being Sworn sayeth on his oath that he is well acquainted with the applicant Reuben Golding and that he has good reason to believe that he the said Golding was in the Continental Service at Charleston under Captain John Caldwell and that he believes that the said Golding continued under the said Captain Caldwell in Charleston for some years and also he the said Cummings was in Company with the applicant two tours in the Cherokee Nation and one at Edgel's old Field where we were both taken Prisoners.

Sworn to before me this 28th day of September 1833.

S/ Patrick Todd, JQ

S/ John Cummings⁸



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$51.79 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private & Lieutenant for 10 months and 19 days in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁹ relating to Reuben Golding
Audited Account No. 2927

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[Book] W

No. 47

[No.] 474

22nd of August 1785

⁷ [James Tinsley S21426](#)

⁸ [John Cummings R2577](#)

⁹ 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.

Mr. Reuben Golding his account of Militia duty as Lieutenant & private since the reduction of Charlestown [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] amounting to
[old South Carolina] Currency £183.15.0

also for a Horse lost
and service

130.0.0
Currency £313.15.0
Stg. [Sterling] £44.16.5

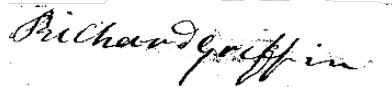
NB: certificate for the Horse

Ex^d. T. W. [Examined by T. W. [identity unknown]]
J. M^c. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]
Pass for Twenty six Pounds 5 Shillings
S/ JS [?]

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State of South Carolina to Reuben Golding	Dr.
Duty per Col. Anderson's [Robert Anderson's] return [not extant] Currency	£183.15.0
a Horse lost per do	130.0.0
	<u>£313.15.0</u>
Sterling	£44.16.5

Received the 22nd of August 1785 full Satisfaction for the above in an Indent No. 474 Lib W per Order
S/ Richard Griffin



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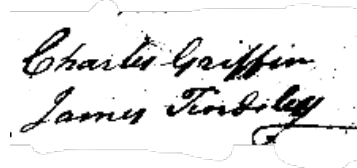
S. S. Ca. Indebted to Reuben Goldin [sic] Dr. [Debtor] for Loss Sustained in Public
To Action at the Total Defeat of Col. Hayes

To 1 Mare Valued to	130
To 1 Saddle & Bridal	<u>get away from it on Monday, Sunday</u>
not allowed	

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The above Account of the Value of the Mare Saddle & bridal Is Valued by Charles Griffin & James
Tinsley & being Duly Sworn says the above Is a just & True account to the best of their Judgment.

Sworn to before me S/ Jno Hambee [?], JP S/ Charles Griffin
S/ James Tinsley



Reuben Goulding [sic] made oath that the above Appraised Mare, Saddle &c was taken from him when
Colonel Hayes was taken and Murdered, and that he never Got them nor any pay
Sworn the 22nd of May 1783 before me

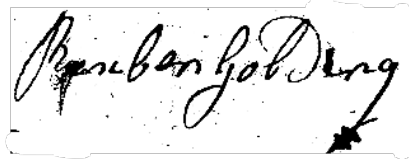
S/ Levi Casey, JP S/ Reuben Golding

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Reuben Golding", enclosed in a rectangular box with a decorative, slightly irregular border.

South Carolina Ninety Six District } to the oritor [auditor] of public Accounts

Please to Send me my Publick Indents that is due to me from this State by Mr. Richard Griffin
and this my order with his Receit [Receipt] shall be your discharge for the Same

S/ Reuben Golding

A second handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Reuben Golding", enclosed in a rectangular box with a decorative, slightly irregular border.

I do hereby certify that I See the above named Reuben Golding assign his name to this order this 7 day
of April 1786 S/ Robert Gillam, JP