

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Gannon S32259

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State of Illinois, Edgar County

On this Twenty eighth day of September 1832, personally appeared in open court being a court of record, to wit The Circuit court in and for the said County of Edgar William Gannon Sr a resident of said County and State aged 74 years 1st day of February last, 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 June 7, 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the month of July 1780 in the State of North Carolina Rowan County in the company commanded by Captain Peter O'Neal in the Regiment commanded by Captain Matthew Locke in the line of the State troops of North Carolina for the term of three months, and that he continued to serve in the line aforesaid until the end of said term of three months: when he was duly discharged in Salisbury in North Carolina. That he the said William Gannon, Sr, also enlisted for the term of twelve months on the first day of January 1781, in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain William Coles [William Cole] and the Regiment commanded by Colonel Matthew Locke, march[ed] to Catawba [River] under Captain Reed, under whom he was detached to go to Col. Wade's farm to bring corn for the Army; which was pulled and husked by the Core [sic, Corps] say about 300 bushels, returned to Catawba last of January, and joined Captain Coles' company in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Linton [probably Lieutenant Colonel William Thomas Linton¹], and was in the battle at Catawba on the first day of February 1781, after the said battle marched under Captain Lowe in Colonel Linton's Regiment commanded by Colonel Washington [William Washington] and was in the battle at Guilford courthouse [March 15, 1781]. Then was attached under Captain Coles in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Lofton marched to Hughanne [? could be Huglianne ?]² and whipped the Tories and took 150 prisoners, and conveyed them to Salisbury jail of whom two was hung and one was shot. And the said last engagement he received a wound in the head. From Salisbury was marched to Camden in Captain Lowe's company in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Linton and General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] was in the battle at Camden [probably a reference to the Second battle of Camden also known as the Battle of Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781] drove the British at the Eutaws [Eutaw Springs , September 8, 1781] Colonel Lofton and Captain Lowe commanded at the brick house in the battle of the Eutaws, we took 500 prisoners and conveyed them to Salisbury. Captain Lowe still commanded a company the Regiment he thinks was commanded by Colonel Sharp but is not positive. He continued to serve in the North Carolina line until the end of said twelve months

¹ Linton was not in the Battle at Cowan's Ford on February 1, 1781. The Company commanded by William Cole at that engagement was under the immediate command of Lieutenant Colonel William Polk

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service for which Service he received a discharge from Colonel Matthew Locke signed by Spruce McCoy, General Greene's aid-de-camp which with his former discharge for three months is lost. He states that he was during his time of service as aforesaid was in the following battles vis 1st the battle of Gates defeat [August 15-16, 1780] at Sutton's house in South Carolina: 2nd The battle of Catawba in the State of North Carolina where General Davis [sic, William Lee Davidson] was killed. 3rd the Battle of Guilford courthouse in said State of North Carolina 4th At the battle of Camden in South Carolina where Lord Rodden [sic, Rawdon] was defeated. 5th at the battle of Eutaw Springs in said last named State where Colonel Washington was taken prisoner and in several skirmishes during his last said term of service, that he was kept in the limits of the States of North & South Carolina during his whole terms of service. That he was born in Ireland on the first day of February 1758, has no register of his age Came from Ireland to Salisbury district in North Carolina where he resided till the close of the war and in about one year after moved to Rockingham County in North Carolina where he resided for 30 years then moved to Floyd County in the State of Kentucky there resided until last June was six years when he moved to Edgar County State of Illinois and remains a resident of said last named County and State to the present time. He states that Jesse Waller laborer and William James Mayo clergyman in the Methodist Episcopal Church are persons known to him who can testify of his to veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier in the Revolution. He states that he has no documentary evidence, & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

S/ William Gannon, X his mark

[Jesse Waller, laborer, and William James Mayo, clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for service as a private for 15 months in the North Carolina militia.]