

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward Gatlin S39558

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Virginia, Southampton County, to wit:

On this 21st day of June in the year of our Lord 1819, before us, the Subscribers, Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, in open Court, in the State of Virginia, aforesaid, personally appears Edward Gatlin aged Seventy-five years, resident in the County and State aforesaid, who being in open Court, before us, duly Sworn, according to law, doth on his corporal oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War:" That he the said Edward Gatlin, on or about the \_\_ day of \_\_ in the year 1779 enlisted in the Navy of the United States in Charleston South Carolina under Captain William Simpson [sic, Thomas Simpson]<sup>1</sup> of the Ship *Ranger*<sup>2</sup> of the Fleet commanded by Commodore Whittle [sic, Abraham Whipple]<sup>3</sup> -- that he continued to serve in the Navy of the United States until about the 11th May 1780 at which time he was taken prisoner by the British at the capitulation of Charleston.<sup>4</sup> That he was carried to Philadelphia by the enemy and was exchanged about the 12th or 13<sup>th</sup> June following. That he was at the Battle of Charleston in South Carolina which he thinks took place in May 1780 when the American Fleet there was under the command of aforesaid. That he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for Support -- that he has lost his discharge and has no other evidence now in his power of the said Services.

Sworn to, and declared before us the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Thomas Ridley, JP

S/ Silas Summerill, JP

S/ Abraham P. Peete, JP

S/ Lawr. Cook, JP

District of Virginia, Southampton County, to wit

On this 21st day of August 1821 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said County Edward Gatlin aged 77 years with but one leg residing in the County

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<sup>1</sup> [https://threedecks.org/index.php?display\\_type=show\\_crewman&id=651](https://threedecks.org/index.php?display_type=show_crewman&id=651)

<sup>2</sup> [https://threedecks.org/index.php?display\\_type=show\\_ship&id=2531](https://threedecks.org/index.php?display_type=show_ship&id=2531)

<sup>3</sup> <http://gaspee.org/AbrahamWhipple.html>

<sup>4</sup> Battle of Charleston <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

& <https://allthingsliberty.com/2020/10/britains-last-throw-of-the-dice-begins-the-charlestown-campaign-of-1780/>

of Southampton who being first duly Sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, that he served on board the Continental Ship named the *Ranger* commanded by Captain William Simpson and Commodore Whipple and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or other wise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed Viz. one shot gun worth \$5 one Dutch oven (without a leg) worth one dollar one pewter basin worth \$.50 one pewter dish worth \$.50 parcel of Coopers tools worth \$3, no family and was by occupation a Cooper the number of my pension certificate is 12823.  
Total amount of the foregoing Schedule \$10.00.

S/ Edward Gatlin, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 21<sup>st</sup>, 1819, for service as a mariner for one year in the Continental Navy.]