

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Gossett S6905

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State of South Carolina } On this the 30th day of June 1834 personally appeared in open court
Greenville district } before the Judge of the Court of Chancery now sitting William Gossett
a resident of Greenville District & State of South Carolina aged seventy six years, who being first 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 7th 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated That he lived in the State of Virginia Pytsilvania [sic: Pittsylvania] County during the whole time of his services in the war of the revolution That he was first drafted in the spring of 1779 for three months under the command of Captain Jno Buckley [sic: John Buckley] & Major Tood. He was marched from Pytsilvania to Halifax C House & thence to a place called "the Widow McDaniels" in Halifax County, and there stationed untill orders were received that the troops to which he belonged would not be needed. He was then discharged by Major Todd and returned home with the other troops. In this tour he served not less than one month as a private as above stated.

The second tour of duty performed by this applicant was in the Spring of 1780 under Captain William Dicks & Col William Morse. He volunteered his services for the purpose of guarding a magazine at a place known as the "Red House" on Dan River in Casswell [sic: Caswell] County, North Carolina. In this tour he served not less than one month, and was discharged in writing by Captain Dicks.

The third tour he was drafted for three months in the Fall of 1780 under the command of Captain Jno Buckley, and Col [John] Holcombe The troops met at Halifax House as a place of rendesvous. Thence they were marched to Prince Edward & there stationed untill the term of three months, for which they had been drafted, expired. He was discharged by Captain Buckley and returned home. In this tour he served three months.

The fourth tour he substituted himself in the place of Abraham Cheatham in the Summer of 1781. He took Cheathams place for a three months tour under the command of Captain John Wynn and Major Rose. He rendesvoused again at Halifax C House and thence marched to Winchester Barracks. The company to which he belonged was detached as a guard & placed under the command of Major Rose, who was sent with a parcel of prisoner taken some where at the South to Winchester Barracks. The prisoners were given up to the command of Col Morgan at Winchester Barracks he was discharged He served this tour not less than two months and one half.

In all he served five tours making seven months & one half as a private in the militia of the U States during the war of the Revolution, as above stated, and for such services he claims a Pension He has no documentary evidence and knows of no one at present whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service. He was born in the State of Virginia, Amherst County June 6th 1758. He has no record of his age at present. He was living in Pytsilvania County Virginia when called into service and since the revolution he has lived in South Carolina where he moved some five years after. He volunteered one time and was drafted twice and was a substitute once as stated above. He did not serve with any Continental Regiments or regular officers. He received discharges in writing every tour but has long since lost them. He is known in his present neighborhood to John [illegible middle and last names] Esq. and Jno Goodlett who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

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 the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

William hisXmark Gossett