

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Gassaway (Gassoway) <sup>1</sup> W11044 Elizabeth f96VA  
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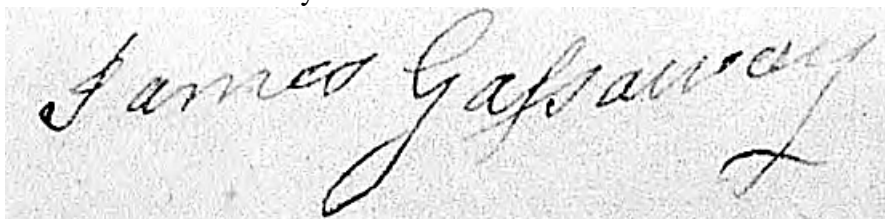
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South Carolina

James Gassaway resident in Union District in the State aforesaid personally came before me and being duly sworn declareth that some time in the winter of 1776 he enlisted as a common soldier in the Army of the Revolution in the service of the United States for the term of three years in the Second Regiment of the Virginia Continental line commanded at the time of his enlistment by Col. Spottswood [Alexander Spottswood] and afterward by Col. Christian Febiger and belonged to the company of that Reg. Commanded by Capt. Marquis Calmes, that he faithfully served the term of enlistment and was voluntarily discharged at Pompton Plains, New Jersey, in the winter of 1779 but has lost his discharge he submits however a furlough which has been preserved as an evidence of his having been in the said service. The Declarer further saith that the headquarter of the Regiment to which he belonged was at Middlebrook (Jersey) when he enlisted that he was at the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777] and Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and accompanied the army in all of its operations in New Jersey and Pennsylvania during the term of his enlistment.

The declarer further saith that he is a native of the United States and has always heretofore and still resides therein and that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for support.

Sworn and Subscribed this 16<sup>th</sup> March 1819  
James Gassaway

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Gassaway". The ink is dark and the paper appears aged and slightly textured.

Dano Johnson

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State of South Carolina  
Union District

Declaration in order to be entered on the pension list under the Act of May 1st, 1820.

On this 8th Day of January 1829. Personally appears in Open Court before the Subscribing Justice being a Court of Record for the District of Union and State aforesaid, James Gasaway a resident in said

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<sup>1</sup> BLW40016-160-55

District aged seventy one years in April next who being first sworn duly according to the law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the Act of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and first day of May 1828 that he [is] the said James Gasaway enlisted and served as a corporal for the term of one year on the \_\_\_ day of October in the year 1775 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Morgan Alexander and subsequently enlisted as a corporal for the term of three years in the company commanded by Capt. Marcus Calamus [*Calmes*] in the 2nd Regiment commanded by Col. Spotswood and afterward by Christopher Febeggar [sic, Febiger] in the line of the State of Virginia and the Continental Establish that he continued to serve in said Corps until the year 1779. When he was discharged from the Service in \_\_\_\_ in the State of New Jersey. That he relinquishes every claim whatever except the present that his name has been placed on the pension list, that the number of his certificate not known the service being sent to the war office.

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and that he never before exhibited a Schedule of his property because this deponent was disposed to do without any support from Government as long as he possibly could, but not being very old and unable to perform manual labor has at this late day been cause filled to make this application and is was made on account of the law requiring the applicants to hold property to a certain value. For this deponent had not on the 18th March 1818 on the 1st May 1828 property to the value of three hundred dollars exclusive of bedding and wearing apparel. And in furtherance of the act of the 1st of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th march 1818. and that I have not since that time, by theft, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part therefore with intent thereby to diminish it, as to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of Congress, entitled an Act to provide for Certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War; passed on the 18th March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me, any property or security, contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereunto annexed and by me subscribed

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Schedule

One small horse 14 year old worth	\$30
5 head of cattle	25
8 head of sheep	32
10 hogs deferent sizes	20
3 beds and furniture	20
other articles of household furniture }	
Dishes plates pots and ovens and }	
with a few farming tools	<u>25</u>
	\$152

The deponent depends upon farming and is a cripple to such a degree that he can scarcely walk and fears his great inability is unable to perform manual labor in justice to himself. I have four in family an aged and infirm wife Elizabeth about 56 years of age, 1 daughter Lucinda 19 years old, one son Henry 12 years of age and very infirm and incapable of labor to almost any extent.

James Gassaway

Sworn to and declared on 8th day of January 1829 before us Samuel Davis, James Rowntree

and we are of the opinion that the value of James Gassaway's property does not exceed on hundred and fifty two dollars and that his declaration is correct.

Samuel Davis  
James Rowntree

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State of South Carolina  
Union District

I John Rogers Clerk of the Court of Claims and Common Pleas for Said District do hereby certify that it appears to the satisfaction of the court that the said James Gassaway did serve in the Revolutionary War as Stated in the preceding declaration, against the common enemy for the term of four year on the Continental Establishment. I also certify that the foregoing oaths and the Schedule thereunto annexed are truly copied from the record of the said court and I do further certify that it is the opinion of the said court that the total amount in value of the property exhibited in the aforesaid schedule is one hundred and fifty two dollars and I do certify that Samuel Davis and James Rowntree are properly authorized to administer oaths and that there (sic) signatures genuine.

Where of I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the State  
this 8th day of January, 1829.

John L. Rogers, clerk

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*By Will Graves 8/3/15*

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*Permit the Bearer hereof, James Gassaway [of] Colonel Febiger['s] Regiment of the State of Virginia to pass and repass from his present quarters at Middle Brook to his Home in Virginia he having leave of absence for 115 Days; at the expiration of which he is to return to the quarters of the said Regiment he belongs to, wherever it may happen to be, (sickness only excepted of which a proper certificate must be produced,) on pain of being treated as a deserter, should he not punctually comply with the terms of this Furlough.*

*Given under my Hand at Middle Brook this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 1778*

*S/ Christian Febiger  
Colo. 2<sup>nd</sup> Va Reg.*

**P**ERMIT the Bearer hereof, *James Gassaway*  
Col. *Febiger* Regiment of the State of *Virginia* to  
pass and repass from his present quarters at *Middlebrook* to his  
*Home* in *Virginia* he having leave of absence for  
*115* Days; at the expiration of which he is to return to the  
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to be, (sickness only excepted, of which a proper certificate must be  
produced,) on pain of being treated as a deserter, should he not punc-  
tually comply with the terms of this Furlough.  
GIVEN under my Hand at *Middlebrook*  
this *20th* Day of *December* 1778  
*William Febiger*  
*Colonel of the Regt*

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Application for a Transfer

The State of Alabama Shelby County: On this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 1835

Before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace for said County personally appeared James Gassaway who on his oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain Marcus Calomes [sic] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Febeggar [sic] in the Service of the United States, that his name was placed on the pension roll of the State of South Carolina from whence he has lately removed, that he now resides in the State of Alabama where he intends to remain and wishes his pension to be there payable in future the following are his reasons for removing from South Carolina to Alabama for the purpose of residing amongst his relations.

S/ James Gassaway

[p 61: Starling Baker gave testimony as to the identity of James Gassaway, the applicant for a transfer of his pension benefit to the Alabama agency.

*Starling Baker*

[p 24: On December 4, 1840 in Shelby County Alabama, Elizabeth Gassaway made oath that she is the widow of James Gassaway a revolutionary war pensioner under the act of Congress of March 18, 1818; that her husband was enrolled in the State of South Carolina at the rate of \$8 per month commencing

March 16, 1819; that her husband lived in Shelby County Alabama for the space of 5 years before his death having previously resided in the state of South Carolina. She signed this document with her mark

[p 13: On March 18<sup>th</sup>, 1856 in Shelby County Alabama, Elizabeth Gassaway made application for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner; she states that her husband died in Shelby County Alabama December 10, 1839 while in receipt of a pension for his service in the revolution; that she married him in Union District South Carolina on or about November 10, 1806. She signed her application with her mark. At the same time she made application for the pension due her as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner as provided under the terms of the act of Congress of 1853.]

[pp 17-20 Family Record:

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Henry Gassaway and Martha Raighley was married February the 11, 1734 [??]

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James Gassaway Was Born April 19 <sup>th</sup> 1757 in Maryland	Elizabeth Gassaway his Wife was Born June [illegible] 1773 in Virginia
Nancy Gassaway Daughter of the above was born March 8 <sup>th</sup> 1784	Elizabeth Gassaway Daughter of the above was born October 25, 1786
Caleb Gassaway [paper damaged and balance of entry illegible]	James Gassaway Son Born [paper damaged and balance of entry illegible]

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The following are the names & Ages of James & Elizabeth Gassaway married in South Carolina	Rachel S. E. Gas[paper damaged and text missing] was born August the 9, 1851
Rachel Gassaway Daughter of the above was Born October 27 1807	[Indecipherable entry] April the 24, 18[balance illegible]
Lucy Gassaway Daughter of the above was Born December 25, 1810	William F. Gassaway was born [indecipherable word] the 29 <sup>1838</sup>
Henry Gassaway Son of the above Was Born March 12, 1816	Mary Jane Gassaway was born February the 8, 1849
Thomice Frap [?] was Born [balance of entry illegible]	Henry Alton [?] [illegible] was born March the [text missing] 1854

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[paper damaged and text missing] Gassaway December the 10, 1839	Mary J. Gassaway Dide August the 25, 1851
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[p 65: On May 3, 1856 in Shelby County Alabama, L. J. Baker, 35, gave testimony that he was intimately acquainted with James Gassaway deceased, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution and with Elizabeth Gassaway, the widow of James Gassaway; that James Gassaway departed this life in Shelby County Alabama December 10, 1839 as shown in the family record; and that Elizabeth Gassaway has not remarried since the death of her husband.

*L J Baker*

[p 93: On March 18, 1856 in Shelby County Alabama, Starling Baker, 76, gave testimony that he is

*intimately acquainted with Elizabeth Gassaway and her husband James Gassaway from his earliest recollection; that they were married in Union District South Carolina about the year 1806; the reason the affiant remembers the date of their marriage is that the affiant married a daughter of the said Elizabeth Gassaway by her first husband (not named) and that he has a record of his own marriage which took place in the year 1810 at which time Elizabeth Gassaway then had one or 2 children by James Gassaway. He signed this affidavit with his mark.]*

*[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1819 for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$96 per annum commencing February 3, 1853]*