

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Gaston W23082

Catharine Gaston

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State of Illinois, Wayne County

On this Six day of August in the year of our Lord 1837 personally appeared in open court before the Probate Judge for the County of Wayne and State aforesaid – James Gaston a resident of the County and State aforesaid 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the latter part of the summer of 1778 as a drafted man served in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Joseph Cashaw [sic, Joseph Kershaw] in the Company commanded by Captain John Marshall, whose Lieutenant was Charles Robinson, General Benjamin Lincoln was the commanding General, was in the battle of the Hanging Rock [August 6, 1780] was taken prisoner there, and confined in Camden Jail 2 months and 19 days, when he was paroled and returned home wherein he was paroled he left John Adair,¹ John Moor [sic, John Moore?] and Alexander Brown in Jail on his arriving at home he found his Father's Farm and everything thereon destroyed, threw his parole in the fire and turned out volunteer in the company of Captain William Ingram with whom he served until Christmas, when he joined the company of Captain William Neisbit [sic, William Nisbett] for 3 months, where he served until the first week in May in 1781. He has received no written discharges, was born in the State of Pennsylvania Lancaster County, 24 July 1761. His Father moved from Pennsylvania when he was about 6 years old to the State of South Carolina, Settled 28 miles North of Camden, 2 miles East of the Hanging Rock, where he resided near 40 years. From there he moved to Christian County Kentucky in the year 1808, lived there 2 years, then moved to Illinois where he has resided up to the present time. That Alexander Clark, John Clark, Hugh Stuart & Wesley Staton are persons residing in his present neighborhood who will testify to character for veracity: and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a Pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on any pension Roll of the agency of any State.

S/ James Gaston, X his mark

Sworn & subscribed to the day & year aforesaid.

S/ R. B. Slocumb, Judge Probate

[Alexander Clark, John Clarke and Wesley Staton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[William Watkins, a clergyman, and Daniel Turney also gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 9: On April 13, 1843, in Wayne County Illinois, Catharine Gaston, 79, filed for a widow's pension stating that she was the widow of James Gaston; that her husband served under Colonels

¹ Possibly the same man as [John Adair W2895](#) who says he was taken prisoner by the British and held for 80 days

Washington and Marshall; that her husband was a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$43.88 per annum; that she married him on March 26 1783 in Lancaster County South Carolina by a justice of the peace named William Welch; that her husband died on March 7 1840; that she has no record of her marriage or the births of her children. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 10: On April 13, 1843, in Wayne County Illinois, Jane Bovee [could be Bovel]² gave an affidavit in support of her mother's application stating that she was the eldest living border of James and Catherine Gaston; that she was born on July 11, 1785, according to the statement of her Father; and that she is now 58 years of age. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 12: On April 25, 1843, in White County Illinois, Thomas Creighton gave an affidavit that in his youthful days he was a resident of South Carolina where he had an aunt, his father's sister, whose maiden name was Catharine Creighton who married James Gaston; that he, deponent, was born August 13, 1785.

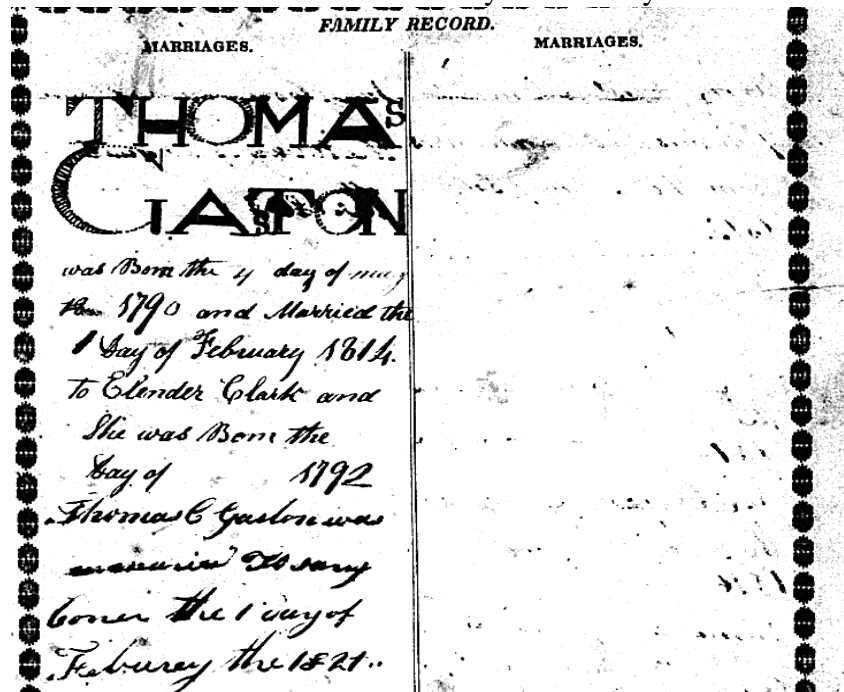


Family record

[p 43: On June 27, 1843, Jarret Gaston gave an affidavit in Wayne County Illinois stating that the following pages were taken out of the family Bible of Thomas Gaston the son of James and Catherine Gaston.]

Thomas Gaston was Born the 4 day of May 1790 and Married the 1 day of February 1814 to Elender and She was Born the __ day of 1792

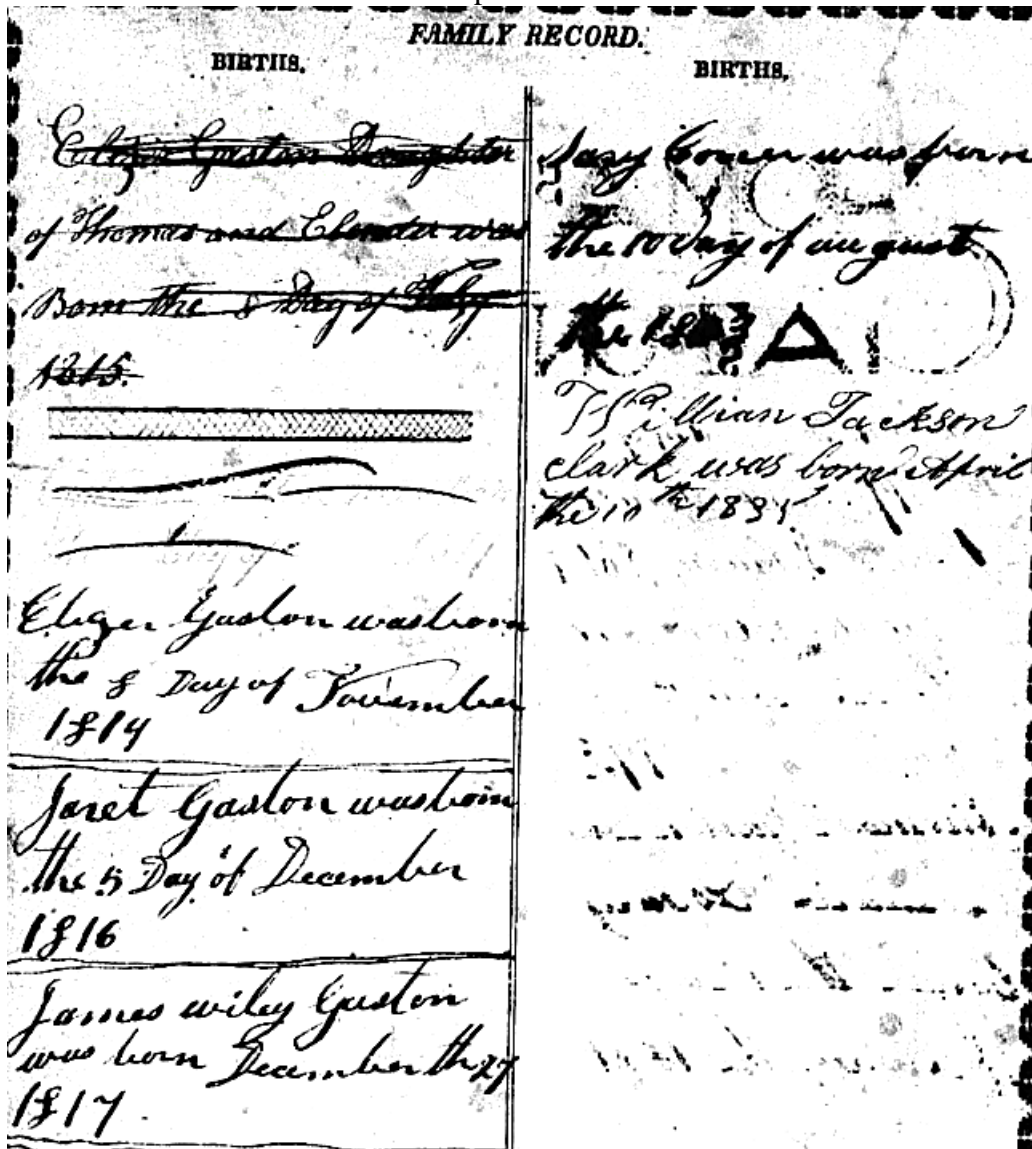
Thomas C. Gaston was born the 1 day of February the 1821



Elizer Gaston was born the 8 Day of November 1814

² Jane Bovee

Jaret Gaston was born the 5 Day of December 1816
 James Wiley Gaston was born December the 27 1817
 Savy Coner [?] was born the 10 day of august the 18?3
 William Jackson Clark was born'd April the 10th 1835



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.88 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one year one month and 5 days in the South Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts³ relating to James Gaston
 Audited Account No. 2725
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³ 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.

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[No.] 2842

[Book] X 26 May 86 [1786]

James Gaston for Militia duty Since the fall of Charlestown [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] in Brandon's [Thomas Brandon's] Regiment per Anderson's [Colonel Robert Anderson's] Return [not extant] –

[old South Carolina] Currency £200

Stg. [Sterling] £28.11.5

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

Received 26 May 1786 full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 2842 Book X
S/ James Gaston

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James G. Gaston", enclosed in a rectangular border with a slightly irregular, torn-paper edge effect.

[p 11: Repeat of the above information]