

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Gault <sup>1</sup> W25616

Phebe Gault

f77SC

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### South Carolina, Union District

On this 4th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and Sessions now sitting for the District of Union, Robert Gault, a resident of Union District, aged Sixty Seven 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 7th of June 1832, that he entered the service under the following named officers and served as herein stated -- "I entered the service in the year 1780 in November, as a Substitute for my Father, William Golt [sic], in Captain Grant's [?] Company -- in Colonel Brandon's [Thomas Brandon's] Regiment (then under command of Lieutenant Colonel William Farr), at Union South Carolina -- and marched to Tyger River where we joined General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] and in a few days were in the Battle of Blackstocks Ford [November 20, 1780] on Tyger, where I was taken a prisoner by the British, under command of Colonel Tarleton [Banastre Tarleton]; and was carried by them to Little River in Fairfield and thence to Winnsborough and thence to Camden, where I was thrown into Jail, about the first of December following -- where I lay until the first of May 1781, when I was taken to Charleston, still a prisoner, and placed on board of a prison ship -- and detained some time -- I was then transferred by the British to James Town, Virginia where I was exchanged and from thence to Williamsburg, where I remained about one month, under the care of Physicians -- not having recovered from the smallpox, which I contracted in Camden Jail -- from thence I was carried to the Hickory nut Church, where I was under the care of our own Physicians and friends -- and remained there about one month -- I was then discharged by Doctor Tucker with a passport to South Carolina, where I arrived about the 25th of December 1781. In the summer of 1782, I performed a tour of duty for one month, under Captain Woodson [James Woodson] at the Block-house at Brandon's Mills --. I have no documentary evidence and know of no one, now alive who served, or suffered with me. I do hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State. In answer to the Interrogatories<sup>2</sup> put by the court I answer -- 1 & 2. I was born in Lancaster District (then

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt19773-160-55

<sup>2</sup> The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

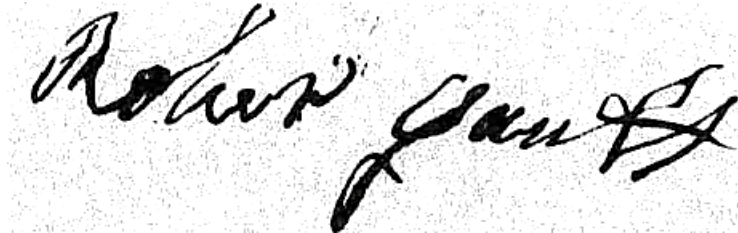
2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do

Camden) on the first of December 1764, and have seen the Record of my age -- which is now lost –

3. I lived in Union District when called into Service and have lived here ever since the war. 4 & 5. In the within Declaration. 6. I never received any discharge except from Doctor Tucker, which is lost. 7. I refer to the Reverend Isaac McKissick and Christopher Brandon<sup>3</sup> to prove my character for truth and moral deportment.

S/ Robert Gault

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Gault". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured surface.

S/ Jno. B. O'Neill, Presiding Judge

[p 70: Isaac McKissick and Christopher Brandon gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 75]

State of South Carolina, Union District

Personally appeared Captain Robert Gault before me and depose as follows in order to explain & make more explicit his application for a pension under the act of June the 7th 1832 -- and saith that he entered the Service of the United States in the year 1780 as a Revolutionary Soldier in November of that year as a Substitute for William Gault the Father of this deponent in Captain Grant's Company in Colonel Brandon's Regiment in Union District South Carolina & Joined General Sumter on Tyger River, was in the Battle at Blackstocks Ford & in that engagement was taken prisoner and continued (as set out in my Declaration) a prisoner confined in Jail until the first of May 1781, was then sent to Charleston & put on board a prison Ship was afterwards sent a prisoner to James Town Virginia where I was exchanged the middle of July 1781, and after my exchange was confined in the Hospital two months on account of diseases contracted while a prisoner, and after having received from Doctor Tucker a discharge & started on my way home to South Carolina relapsed & was not able to arrive home until the 25th of December 1781. Again in the summer of 1782 I again served another Tour of duty of one month at the Block house --

This deponent was either in the service or a prisoner from the month of November 1780 to July 1781, and from that time until 25th of December 1781 was getting home from my great indispositions -- & by one month Tour at the Block House making in all 14 months.

S/ Robert Gault

Sworn to & Subscribed before me the 4th day of June 1833

S/ William Mitchell, JP

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you now live?

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

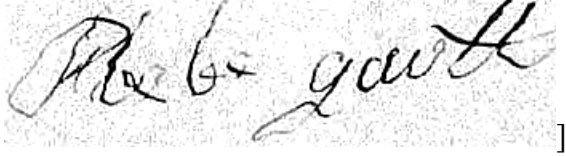
5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

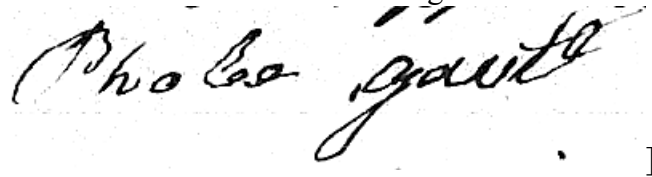
<sup>3</sup> [Christopher Brandon S9288](#)

[p 8: On July 11, 1853, in Union District South Carolina, Phebe Gault, 73 years old, applied for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she was the widow of Robert Gault, a pensioner of the United States for his revolutionary services; that she married him on January 12 1814 and that he died May 17th or 18th 1837.



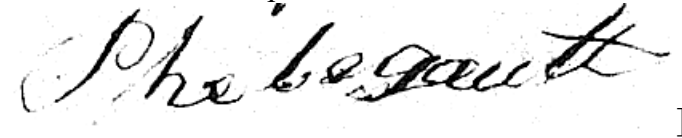
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[p 11: On March 27, 1855 in Cherokee County Georgia, the widow applied for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner; that she was a resident of South Carolina but now resides in Georgia where she has resided for one year and 7 months past.



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[p 16: on April 4, 1866 in Cherokee County Georgia, the widow, aged 85, applied for the reinstatement of her pension benefit as the widow of a revolutionary war soldier.



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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private or one year in the South Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount. The amount of her pension was increased to \$96 per annum after the American Civil War.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>4</sup> relating to Robert Gault            pp5  
Audited Account No. 2734

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[p 2]

[No.] 2838

[Book] X                    26 May 86 [1786]

Robert Gault For Militia Duty in Brandon's [Thomas Brandon's] Regiment, Since the fall of Chs ton [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] per Anderson's [Col. Robert Anderson's] Return [not extant] amounting to

[old South Carolina] Currency        £162.10

Stg. [Sterling] £26.1.5

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<sup>4</sup> 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.

Ex<sup>d</sup>. J. M<sup>c</sup>. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

Received 26 February 1789 full satisfaction for the within Account in an Indent No. 2838 Book X by in order

S/ Samuel Davidson

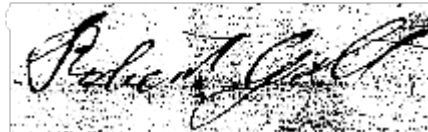
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[p 3: repeat of the above information]

[p 5 (retake of page 4)]

Gentlemen please to deliver to Samuel Davidson an Indent to the amount of my account and his Receipt shall be a discharge from me  
January 11<sup>th</sup> 1789

S Robert Galt [sic]

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