

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of John Gatewood W415 Nancy Gatewood VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Kentucky Allen County Sct September 1832

On the 17th day of Sept 1832 personally appeared in open court John Gatewood before Will Henry John Whitney Will Fitzpatrick, Jno Caruth, Saml E Carpenter Saml Harstin & Robert H Rain Justices present of said court in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. I John Gatewood now in my Seventy second year living in Allen County State of Kentucky do certify that I lived in Amherst County Virginia all the time of the revolutionary war and the following is a true statement of the services I rendered from that place during said war to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

1st I think in February in the year 1778 or 1779 I was drated to serve a tour at the Barracks in Albemarl County Virginia [sic: Albemarle Barracks 4 mi NNE of Charlottesville, built late 1778] and served under Capt. John Christian of said County but other officers not recollected nor the exact time I served. I think I entered the service in February and returned in April but know I did not serve out my full time. my Father hearing that I was sick came down and released me as I presume by furlough some two or three weeks before my time was out this tour was to guard Burgoine's prisoners [sic: Burgoyne's army captured at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777]

2^d In the fall of the year 1780 I was drafted for three months and served under Capt. James McGumry [sic: James Montgomery] but other officers not recollect but I think General Steuband [sic: Baron von Steuben] was Command. we marched down a little blow Richmond and some one or two companies were stationed at the mouth of Gilleys Creek [Gillies Creek] about one mile blow Richmond as I thought and still think to assist the fort if the british should attempt to come up the river to the town, and there we lay until we were discharged. I think we entered the service in September and returned home in December of the same year, in this we travelled over very little of the Country only the road heading to and from the place were we were stationed

3^d In the first of january 1781 there was another draft in the same County for three months, and I substituted in the place of Thomas Powel [Thomas Powell] of said County and served under Cap William Tucker but do not recollect any of the field officers but I bilieve that Steuband was still commander there we marched down to York and from there to near Hampton there we lay some time then marched up to what was called the half way house between Hampton and York, and there we lay some time and while there the British slipped in and barborously murdered Colonel Mabry at his own house a little below where we lay, we pursued them and took thirteen prisoners and I helped to guard them up to Williamsburg and returned back to the army then we scouted about until our time was up then returned home some time in April.

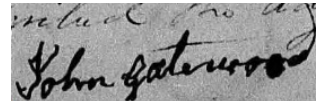
4th I think in May of the same year I was drafted for three months and served under Capt. James Pamphlet [probably James Pamplin] we marched down between Willimsburg and York there we joined the army but I have furgotten what regiment we were attached to but Colonel Lindsey [probably Reuben Lindsay] commanded it and General DelaFayette [sic: Marquis de Lafayette] was commander in chief. We lay not far from the place and at the time that general [Anthony] Wayne had an engagement with the british not far above Yorktown. we marched about throughout that Country our greatest stay was at a place called Mobbin hill [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond] we remained there abouts until discharged then we returned home in August though we were drafted for three months I do not think that I ever stayed the full three months but one tour (which was my last) I think it always lacked a few days, as we were generally relieved by fresh companies. I think there was more time given to go to and from the army than we made use of for we always hurried home.

5th In September of the same year I volunteered and served under Capt. John Stewart and marched directly down to York and was there all the siege, and when Lord Cornwallis gave up [19 Oct 1781] we

took all the prisoners together up to Fredericksburg Virginia there they were divided some went to Frederick town Maryland the others went on to what was called the new Barracks near the south branch of the Potomac [4 mi N of Winchester] with these I went and passed through Winchester in Virginia both as we went with the prisoners and as I returned home, and I reached home four days after Christmas in this tour I think I staid a few days over three months as I was in the service some time before we started for York trying to catch deserters.

I have no record of my services nor living witness nearer than the State of Georgia as I know of though I had certificates or discharges, but thinking they would be of no service to me I sold them all or a part of them to Moses Higginbotham for wool Hats but how many I do not recollect but it was not under two nor over five, but to the best of my recollection it was three Hats.

He hereby relinquishes every Claim what ever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any state Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid



State of Kentucky }
County of Allen } ss.

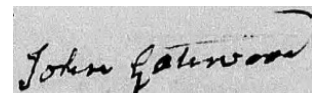
Personally appeared before me the undersigned Robt H Paris a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid John Gatewood who being duly sworn deposeth and saith; That by reason of Old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service; but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades: For Two months I served as a private under Captain John Christian of Virginia Militia. For Two months twenty days I served as a private under Captain James Montgomery of Virginia Militia. For Two months twenty four days I served as a private under Capt. William Tucker of Virginia Militia. For Two months twenty five days I served as a private under Capt. James Pamphlet of Virginia Militia. For Three months ten days I served as a private under Capt. John Stewart of Virginia Militia: Making in all One year One month and nineteen days; and for such service I claim a pension.

In answer to the interrogatories prescribed by the department of War which, he is given to know have not been satisfactorily answered this declarant upon his said Oath deposeth and saith, as follows (to wit)

In answer to the 1st Interrogatory: That declarant was born either in the County of Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] or Spotsylvania, he cannot say which, and in the State of Virginia. On the 10th day of July 1761 as the family Record of ages in his possession, taken from his father's Register shews and as he verily believes.

In answer to the 2nd Interrogatory; He states that he has his own family record in which his own birth is registered, at his own residence in Allen County Kentucky, that he knows not where his father's or any other record or register of his Birth or age is, or may be found.

In answer to the 7th Interrogatory this declarant states that he is well known to the Rev'd. Zadock B. Thackston, to the Rev'd. Peyton Welch both of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to Maj'r. Sam'l. E Carpenter all of whom have subscribed and sworn to the certificate accompanying his original declaration to which he begs leave to refer, and also states that he is known to to wit To Aquilla King, Harder Sutton, Phillip Hatler & to many others in the present neighbourhood where he lives, all of whom, doubtless, would, were it necessary add their testimony in support of his general reputation for truth and the general belief of the neighbourhood where he lives of his having been a Soldier of the Revolution Sworn to and subscribed by the declarant John Gatewood on the 18th day of May 1833



NOTE: On 16 Aug 1839 Nancy Gatewood, said to be 74 on the previous 5 Feb, applied for a pension stating that she married John Gatewood on 22 Aug 1782, and he died on 6 Oct 1835. She stated that she thought Capt Woodruff and Capt Dillard were also in service. She submitted a family record taken from an old family Bible and transcribed below. The paper is torn at the places indicated by *. Fletcher Gatewood & Peter Fishburn certified the names in the first three entries.

[*John Gatewood] was Bornd July 10th 1761

[*Nancy Gatewood] was Bornd Febuary 7th 1765

[*Dotia] Gatewood was Bornd December 21th 1783

[*Jamela Gatewood was Bornd December 2th 1785

Arstiley Gatewood was Bornd January 11th 1788

Roland Gatewood was Bornd Apriel 12th 1790

Wiley Gatewood was Bornd September 16th 1792

and died august 14th 1806

Richard B Gatewood was Bornd January 5th 1795

Miarah Gatewood was Bornd June 9th 1797

Maria Gatewood was Bornd Aprial 4th 1799

John F Gatewood was Bornd october 17th 1801

and Died apriel 2^d 1802

Fletcher Gatewood was Bornd January 30th 1805

John and ann Gatewood was mared August 22nd 1782