

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Terry Gallaway W4202                      Nancy Gallaway                      VA  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Virginia, Buckingham County, SS.

On this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 1841 personally appeared before us [John Ayres and John M. Harris], Justices of the Peace, in and for said county, Nancy Gallaway, of said county, aged, 82 years, and being duly sworn, according to Law, doth, on her oath, make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed July 4, 1836. That she is the widow of Terry Gallaway, dec'd who was a private in the army of the Revolution; who enlisted in the service of the United States in the Spring of 1776, for two years and entered the army in Cap [Charles] Fleming's company; who then lived in Cumberland County, Virginia, and who, after he had served out his two years, and before coming home, again enlisted in the United States service for during the War: That she was married to the said Terry Gallaway in the summer of 1781, while he was at home on furlough; that her husband, said Terry Gallaway, died on the 5th day of February 1820, that she was married to him prior to his leaving the service; and that she has remained a widow ever since the death of her husband, said Terry Gallaway, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed.                      Mary herXmark Gallaway

Buckingham County wit

This day Ishmael Bailey [pension application W5779] made oath before me [John Ayres] a Justice of the peace in said County and State of Virginia that Terry Gallaway served with him in the old revolutionary war five years and was under Charles Fleming his Captain Given under my hand this 14<sup>th</sup> September 1829 and Ishmael Bailey further states that he was in Gen'l [William] Woodford's Brigade and 7<sup>th</sup> Ridgement. Sworn to before me in due Form

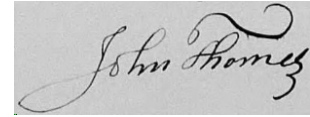
Buckingham County to wit

This day Jacob Agee Sen [S6470] personally appeared before John Ayres a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and made oath that Terry Gallaway went into the service in the revolutionary war and after being gone two years returned on furlough and that about That time he the said Jacob Agee was drafted to serve twelve months and when he went on to the army said Terry Gallaway returned with him to the Army and continued with him twelve months then Agee returned home and left Gallaway in the army. Given under my hand this eighteenth day of April one thousand eight hundred and thirty three

State of Virginia, Buckingham County, SS

On this the 14 day of August, 1841 personally appeared before us, Justices of the Peace in and for said county John Thomas [S46515], of said county, aged 85 years, who being duly sworn according to Law, doth, upon his oath, testify that Terry Gallaway, de'd. late husband of Nancy Gallaway, the claimant named in the annexed Declaration, enlisted in the United States service in the spring of 1776, for two years, and entered the army in Cap. Charles Fleming's company – 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment – Genl Woodin's [sic: William Woodford's] Brigade – that he then lived in Cumberland County – that some time in the Summer of 1776 he was exchanged, at Gwynns Island, below Williamsburg [sic: Gwynn Island about 30 mi NE of Williamsburg], for a man in Cap. Saml. Cabell's [Samuel Jordan Cabell's] company 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment – that said Gallaway remained in the 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment, some of the time in Cap [Daniel] Morgan's Rifle Company, until he was discharged at, said Thomas believes, Valley forge: That the said Gallaway, before leaving Camp for home, again enlisted in the United States army for during the war, and was marched to the south; that he was married to Nancy Gallaway, then Nancy Harris, some time in the year 1781, while he was at home on furlough; that the said Thomas has no personal knowledge of said Gallaway's services at the South, but has repeatedly heard him and others who were with him say that he served during the War, and was in the battles of Camden [in SC, 16 Aug 1780] and Guilford [Guilford

Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], that he the said Thomas lived a neighbor to said Gallaway from 1783 (in the fall) to the day of his death, and always regarded him as a devoted soldier and a man of truth.



State of Virginia, Buckingham County. SS.

On this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of October 1841, personally appeared before us, Justices of the Peace in and for s'd. county, Charles Howel [S5561] of s'd county, and made oath in due form of Law that he saw Terry Gallaway at Gates' defeat [Gen. Horatio Gates's defeat, Battle of Camden] in August, 1780 – the same Terry Gallaway whose widow (Nancy Gallaway, formerly Nancy Harris) is now claiming a Pension under the act of 4<sup>th</sup> July 1836; that the s'd Terry Gallaway then told him of his engagement to the said Nancy Harris, and of his great desire to see her, and of his intention to apply for a furlough, either that fall, or the next Spring, that he might come home to Virginia to marry her, if the war was not terminated earlier; that he afterwards saw the said Terry Gallaway at the Siege of York in the fall [28 Sep - 19 Oct] of 1781; that the said Terry Gallaway then told him that he had been at home, and had married the said Nancy Harris some time in the then last summer; and that he had been in the service as a soldier ever since their last interview at Gates' Defeat, excepting when he came home to be married; that he was intimately acquainted with the s'd. Terry Gallaway from the Spring of 1776 to the summer of 1800; and always understood from him and others that he first served two years and then enlisted for the War.



House of Reps: May: 8. 1850.

Dear Sir [Col. J. L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions]:

I take the liberty to submit the enclosed letter [not found in the file] to your most respectful consideration, and to request as speedy an answer as practicable.

The statements of facts seems rather complicated. I understand however that it is briefly this –

Terry Gallaway of Buckingham or Albemarle whose description is given, as a man who “had blue eyes, light hair, and light complexion, and was about five feet, seven or eight inches in height” served five years in the Revolutionary War, as a soldier in the northern army under Washington. He died in 1819 or 20. His widow died in 1841 [sic], July 10, having received a pension at the rate of \$80 per year from the Government.

He has four children now living who wish to draw land or other compensation for his services.

It is said that the name of Terry Gallaway of Buckingham occurs twice on the rolls of the army of the Revolution, but it is thought that there was only one man of that name who rendered all the service, in both cases. This I understand to be case stated in the enclosed letter, but I trust you will read it for yourself.

I am anxious to send an answer to it very soon

Yours with much respect.

Tho. S. Bocock

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#).]

To his Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia

The memorial of the Heirs and legal representatives of Terry Gallaway late a private in the Virginia Continental line in the War of the Revolution Respectfully Sheweth –  
That the said Terry Gallaway in the year of [blank] enlisted under Captain [blank] in the Virginia Continental line to serve for [blank] years and was attached to the [blank] Virginia Regiment,

Commanded by [blank] That he served faithfully for the term for which he enlisted, and was honorably discharged from service – All of which will more readily appear by reference to the Army Register of Virginia Continental line and the accompanying certificates of respectable persons who served with him in the War of the Revolution [copies from the above pension file]

Your memorialist farther state that in his life time, he never applied for or drew the land Bounty promised by the State of Virginia; nor have his heirs since his death applied for or drawn the same Your memorialist therefore humbly pray that your Excellency will Grant them the usual quantity of Land allowed to a private of the Virginia Continental line pursuant to the laws of Virginia, in such case made and provided – and as in duty bound shall ever pray &c

Maria Gallaway  
Polly Bryant  
Betsy Dawson  
Fanny Gallaway  
William Gallaway

State of Virginia: Buckingham County Vizt

This day Maria Gallaway one of the heirs of said Terry Gallaway came before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and made oath that the facts as set forth in the foregoing memorial she believes to be true

Given under my hand this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 1841

[signed] J. M. Harris JP

This is to certify that Polly Briant formerly Polly Gallaway Betsy Dawson formerly Betsy Gallaway Fanny Gallaway & Mariah Gallaway are the surviving children of Terry Gallaway & the only ones now Living Given under my hand this 24th day of May 1843

[signed] J. M. Harris J.P.

Virginia.

At a court continued and held for Buckingham County at the courthouse on Tuesday the 12 day of November 1844

Satisfactory evidence was adduced to the court to prove that Polly Briant formerly Polly Gallaway, Betsy Dawson formerly Betsy Gallaway, Fanny Gallaway, Maria Gallaway and William Gallaway are the surviving children of Terry Gallaway, and the only ones now living and that the said Terry Gallaway died intestate after the first of January 1787

NOTE:

The file includes a record of the minister's return for the marriage of Terry Gallaway and Nancy Harris on 7 June 1781, officiated by Rev. Rene Chastain.

A note on Nancy Gallaway's pension certificate states that she last received a pension on 10 July 1843, and the pension agent was notified on 28 Jan 1845 that she had died.