

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Robert Gannaway (Ganaway) W5082 Lucy Gannaway VA
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State of Virginia, Campbell County S.S.

On this 29th day of August 1843, before me Sterling C Anderson a Justice of the peace, in and for said County, personally appeared Mrs. Lucy Ganaway a resident of said County, Aged 81 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress, passed July 4, 1836:

That she is the widow of Robert Ganaway dec'd. of Buckingham County, who was a private soldier in the militia, during the Revolutionary war and served 2 or 3 tours as such, to witt one tour he served after he was married to declarant and before she had her first child – in the lower part of the state – the captains name she can't recollect – nor exactly how long he served – but it must have been at least 3 months. The next tour he served was at the Battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], under Cap. Chas. Ballew [Charles Ballew] – leaving home the last of Feb'y. or 1st of March 1781 – was at the Battle of Guilford, the 2nd Battle at Campden in Ap'1 1781 [sic: Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781] and at Yorktown in Oct'r. 1781 [siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] and returned home in Nov'r. 1781 being from home on said occasion – and all the time in service – 8 months – to witt, from the 1st March 1781 to the 1st of Nov'r. 1781 making from 10 to 12 months in all, that her husband served in and during the Revo'y. War – after he was married to declarant – whose maiden name was Walker.

She further declares, that she was married to the said Robt. Ganaway on the 27th day of October 1779; that her husband the aforesaid Robt. Ganaway died on the [blank] day of April 1804; and that she has remained a widow ever since that period – all of which will appear by the proof annexed.

Test. [signed] Wm. G. Gannaway

Lucy herXmark Ganaway

Mrs. Lucy Ganaway further states that husband, and Benj. Walker [Benjamin Walker] came home sick with the flux from his first tour and that Walker died after he got home.

State of Virginia, Campbell County S.S.

On this 29th day of August 1843, before me Sterling C Anderson a Justice of the peace, in and for said County personally appeared Mr. Alexander Legrand a respectable resident of said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath say – That he is 72 years old, and recollects distinctly when Robt. Ganaway dec'd. of Buckingham County was married to Miss Lucy Walker now Lucy Ganaway – in the County of Cumberland about 7 miles from where deponant lived with his Fathers – it being in the time of the Revo'y. War: and that not long after said Ganaway was married as above he was drafted in the service; in the militia under Cap. Walker and marched to the lower part of the State, below Petersburg: deponant heard said Ganaway say that he was at Portsmouth during said tour which dep. thinks was in the Spring and Summer of 1780 it being the year after he was married as above – which was in 1779; and must have been gone 3 months or more, all of the regular militia tours being for that length of time – he may have served longer on said occasion; dep. being only about 9 or 10 years old at the time – sometimes they served 6 months; deponant's brother served a six months tour but he can not say that Ganaway was along with him. Said Ganaway also served a tour in the latter part of the Winter and Spring of 1781 at the Battle of Guilford N. Carolina – Jno. Walker [John Walker] was along on said occasion, and was killed at said Battle. Rich'd. Holland [Richard Holland] was also at said Battle and said he would come home and marry Walkers Widow – which he did. He must have served 3 months on said occasion or more as dep. is disposed to think he was at the last battle at Campden S.C. before he returned home. Said Ganaway was also at the Siege of York, and Surrender of Cornwallis in Oct'r. 1781. The militia of the whole lower part of the State was in service on said occasion – some volunteered – he dep. recollects it was pulling fodder time after they left home for York – they returned home including

Ganaway the early part of Nov'r. 1781. dep. does not recollect the precise Cap. that said Ganaway was under in either of said 3 tours he may have been under Cap. Walker, Cox, or Ballew who went from Cumberland. dep is disposed to think that said Ganaway must have served from 9 to 12 months in all, in and during the Revo'y war. dep. recollects when said Ganaway left home, and when he returned, from service, in each of said tours of Service. [signed] Alexander Legrand

dep. further states that Benj Walker, and said Robt. Ganaway came home sick with the flux from one of his tours. Walker died after he got home.

State of Virginia Buckingham County S.S.

On this 31st day of August 1843, before me R. I. Gillispie a Justice of the peace in and for said County personally appeared Obediah Woodall a respectable resident of said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath say – That he is 73 years old and knew Robt. Ganaway of Buckingham from the time he could first recollects – the same man that married Lucy Walker of Cumberland Co Va deponent recollects distinctly, that in the latter part of the Summer of the year 1780 – it being after said Ganaway was married to said Lucy Walker – that he dep. was present when said Ganaway called at Isaiah Johnes's and got some cider – it being beating cider time – and was talking with said Johnes of the difficulty he encountered in the service, he was just then out of – and understood from him that he was from Malvin Hills [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE] below Richmond where he was stationed – but does not know that he was there all the time he was from home – supposed he served a full tour. deponent also heard said Ganaway and his dep's. Father talking together of their having been in the service together – and understood from them that they were at Malvin Hills together also – dep. has heard Ganaway speak a great deal of his Revo'y. services – but the above is the only tour that bears on his mind at this time.

Obadiah hisXmark Woodall

State of Virginia Buckingham County S.S.

On this 27 day of June 1844, before me T C Gannaway [as he signed] a Justice of the peace in and for said county personally appeared Mrs. Betsy Seay a respectable resident of said county, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath say – That she is 80 years and was will acquainted with Robt. Ganaway during the Revolutionary war; the same person who married Lucy Walker in the County of Cumberland during the Revolutionary war, about 2 or 3 years before the capture of Lord Cornwallis, which was near the close. That the said Robt. Ganaway seved three tours in the Revo'y. war, after he was married to the aforesaid Lucy Walker – all from the county of Cumberland. That the first tour that said Ganaway served in the malitia from Cumberland County was under capt. Richard Allen, down to the lower part of the state, below Richmond in the summer, after he was married and was gone at least 3 months, or more. The next tour he served was the Battle of Guilford in N. Carolina, in March 1781 – and perhaps was further south before he returned – and was gone three or four months that trip, before he got back home – she is not certain who he was under three; but it might have been Cap. Ballew, or Woodson as they were captains during the old war. The last tour he served, was at the capture of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown in October 1781, under Capt. Allen, or Ben Walker. He must have been gone two or three months during this last trip – that he left home in the summer and returned in the Fall after the capture of Cornwallis. That the troops all had the Flux the first tour said Ganaway seved down below Rich'd. One of the Walkers died with it after he returned home. Deponent, was at Mr. Robt. Ganaways house, frequently, from time to time, while he was in the service, as aforesaid to see his wife Lucy, (maiden name Walker) and heard her express her fears, and grief for his long absence from home. That, said Robt Ganaway died in Buckingham about 30 years ago and that his widow Lucy Ganaway is now living in Campbell County, as she is informed.

Betsey herXmark Seay

State of Virginia, Cumberland County S.S.

On this 29 day of Nov'r. 1844, before me William Lee a Justice of the peace in and for said county personally appeared Mr. John Holman [pension application S8738], a respectable resident of said

county who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath say. That he is 88 years old and was well acquainted with Rob't. Ganaway dec'd. of the county of Buckingham, during the Revo'y. War – the same man that married Miss Lucy Walker of said County, during the Revo'y. war in or about the year 1779. Deponant is satisfied in his mind that said Ganaway served at least Two tours of duty in the Rev'y. war if not more one tour of which he served in the lower part of the state down below Richmond, and he believes he was as Jas. Town [Jamestown] before he returned. This tour was performed in the Spring and Summer of 1780 – leaving home in the month of May or June and returned in September – making three months that he seved in said tour. Dep. was not in Service with said Ganaway but is satisfied that he performed the tour, for when he was called on to march, he at first wished to get dep. to go in his stead – but afterward concluded to go himself – and dep recollects distinctly when he left and when he returned home.

Said Ganaway also served a Tour of duty in the winter and spring of 1781, and was at the Battle of Guilford in N. Carolina, in March 1781. It so happened that dep was not with him on that occasion either, but knew, that he did go, and returned from said service – it being as he believed a three months Tour; both of which Tours of duty were performed after said Ganaway was married to the said Lucy Walker as aforesaid said Ganaway was also at Campden, S.C. and at Yorktown, Va, at the Capture of Cornwallis in October 1781 – as he dep. has heard, but he knows nothing of said service himself. Said Ganaway was probably in service before he was marriage – as he had the reputation of having been a good deal in Service off, and on; but living some little distance apart, has no knowledge of any other service that he performed Said Ganaway died in the county of Buckingham, about the year 1805 – and his widow Lucy moved up into Campbell County, and was there, a widow the last that dep. heard from her. Those that informed me of the tour at Yorktown, perhaps only heard it themselves.

John hisXmark Holman

NOTES:

On 8 Nov 1843 Mrs. Frances Legrand, 70, made a statement similar to that of Alexander Legrand, adding that “Wm Tuggle [William Tuggle] was also along with Ganaway in service.” On 30 Aug 1843 Susan Woodson, 77, made a similar statement, adding that Lucy Ganaway's brother, Josiah Walker, was also at the capture or Cornwallis. There are also other similar statements.

The file includes the family register from the back of the title page of a Bible dated 1794, transcribed below.

A List of Robt. & Lucy Gannaways Children's ages

Wm G. Gannaway was born 17th august 1780
Woodson Gannaway was born 11th sept. 1782
Walker Gannaway born 22nd Oct'r. 1783
Robert Gannaway born 22nd Febry 1785
Money Gannaway born 11th septr. 1786
John Gannaway born 20th march 1788
Warren Gannaway born 4th Ap'l. 1790
Thomas Gannaway born 11th March 1792
Lucy Gannaway born 15th Jany 1794
Drusilla Gannaway born 14th Febr. 1796
Richard Gannaway born 11th Decbr. 1797
Anderson Gannaway Born 25th January 1800