

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Gassaway: W8842

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State of Maryland Ann Arundel County April 16: 1818. John Gassaway of the City of Annapolis in the County and State aforesaid aged Sixty four years the 18th day of June next, appears before me the subscriber Chief Judge of the third Judicial district, and being duly Sworn on the holy Evangely of almighty God depose, saith and declareth as follows. to wit. That he served as a Commissioned officer in the War of the Revolution until the end thereof on the Continental Establishment; That he entered the Service in the Maryland Line in the year seventeen hundred and seventy six, That his Commission as Ensign in that year has been lost, having been taken with his Baggage at Cambden in South Carolina [sic: Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780]. That he obtained a Commission as Captain Lieutenant dated the thirtieth day of November in the year seventeen hundred and seventy nine and another Commission as Captain dated the twenty first day of April in the year seventeen hundred and eighty, both in the Second Maryland Regiment and both of which are now in his possession, that he remained in the same Regiment until the conclusion of the Revolutionary War, holding the said Commission as Captain; This said John Gassaway further depose, saith and declareth under Oath as aforesaid, that from his reduced circumstances, and being much afflicted with the Rheumatism, He needs the assistance of his Country for support.

NOTE:

On 22 Aug 1848 Elizabeth Gassaway, 67, applied for a pension stating that she married John Gassaway on 1 Oct 1799, and he died 25 June 1820.

In the file is a typed document including the following information:

“Original written on reverse of an engraving of the ‘Nativity’, being too large for this case without folding, is in drawer, Dec. 27. 1915. (with samplers in Continental Drawer Au. Dec.10.1917)

Capt. Nicholas Gassaway died Monday morning about 2 o'clock 13th January 1806.

Capt. Henry Gassaway died Monday night about 10o'clock 9th February 1818.

Henry Gassaway son of Capt. Thomas Gassaway & Susannah his wife was born the 15th August 1723.

Henry Gassaway & R. Chapman his wife married Sunday 13th July 1746.

Thomas Gassaway born Friday the 5th June 1747.

R. Gassaway Wife of H. Gassaway departed this life 13th March 1748.

Henry Gassaway & Dinah Battee his Wife married Thursday 7th May 1752

[Next are listed the names and dates of birth of children of Henry and Dinah Battee Gassaway.]

Henry Gassaway departed this life (mutilated) 16th September 1776 [date of the Battle of Harlem Heights NY] about 7 o'clock in the Evening, he was father to the above children

Thomas Gassaway son of Henry & Rebecca his Wife departed this life on Sunday the 7th day of October 1787.

John Gassaway and Mary Quynn aged 19 the 5th day of February 1788, was married on the 1st day of January 1788 by the Rev. Mr. Ralph Higginbothom about 8 o'clock at night.

[Next are listed names and dates of birth of children of John and Mary Quynn Gassaway.]

Mary Gassaway Wife of John Gassaway departed this life on Sunday the 11th day of January 1795 about half past 4 o'clock in the Evening.

John Gassaway was married to Elizabeth Lane Price on the 1st Day of October 1799. and on Thursday the 13th Day of August 1801 had a son born baptized Thomas Jefferson Gassaway. Louisa Emily Gassaway born on Sunday morning about half past 6 o'clock being the 11th Day of August 1805 and baptized - both by the Rev. Mr. Higginbothom.”