

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Jacob Gaster S6871
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State of North Carolina, Moore County

On this 20th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Malcolm McRimmon [?], Angus Fergison [sic, Ferguson?] & John Patterson The Court of more now sitting Jacob Gaster the resident of the State of North Carolina and County of more aged about 67 years who being 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 June the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That about the first of March 1781 he entered the Service of the United States as a volunteer under Captain Daniel Buie for a term of three months. That at that time he resided in the County of Cumberland, State of North Carolina and that he was then near sixteen [?] years of age. That when this applicant entered the service under the aforesaid Captain Buie, they marched through the upper part of said County of Cumberland & into the County of Chatham, expecting to meet with General Greene's Army. That when they reached the lower edge of Chatham County, not having been so fortunate as to meet with General Greene's Army and learning that General Cornwallis with his Army was at Ramsey's Mills on Deep River, as there was no other forces with them, but Captain Buie's Company they thought it best to retreat to the County of Cumberland aforesaid.

That the section of Country from where they retreated in the County of Chatham and the upper part of the County of Cumberland contained a great number of Tories who were annoying the peaceful citizens of the Country and doing much mischief by plundering &c and that on their said retreat, or return to Cumberland, they thought proper to divide into different parties and were to meet again at Henry Gaster's in the aforesaid County of Cumberland on the 28th day of March.

That on the said 28th of March their little forces did meet at Henry Gaster's and that they were discovered by General Cornwallis's Army or part of them, that they were attacked, one man killed, several wounded, six or seven made prisoners and the rest Escaped. That this applicant was one of the number who were made prisoners of. That he was carried by the British Army to Cross Creek (now Fayetteville) and the aforesaid County of Cumberland, North Carolina & from thence to the town of Wilmington N. C. where he with the other prisoners was kept in the Guard house for about three weeks that they were then placed on board of a British ship for safekeeping where they remained for more than two months, when he was exchanged for British Prisoners and set at liberty and returned to his Residence in Cumberland where he arrived about the last of July or first of August.

That some time about the last of the year 1781 or the first of the year 1782 he again entered the Service of his Country as a Volunteer for a term of three months under Captain Henry Gaster. That at that time, he still lived in Cumberland County North Carolina, that he was stationed at Cross Creek (now Fayetteville) of Guarding the town where he remained until his said time of three months expired when he was legally discharged by his said Captain in writing which discharge he has lost or mislaid so that he cannot now find it.

That when this applicant was stationed at Cross Creek as aforesaid there were some regular troops there stationed also among the officers of whom was Captain Joshua Had[balance of name missing, probably a reference to Capt. Joshua Hadley] who is the only one among them whose name he now recollects. That the names or numbers of any of the Regiments with which he served he does not now recollect.

That this applicant has no documentary evidence to prove his said Service nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure by whom he can prove it, except Murdock McIntosh¹

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whose testimony is herein after stated.

The following Questions were then propounded to the said applicant by the said Court (to wit):

1st When and in what year were you born?

I was born in the State of North Carolina Cumberland County on the 16th day of April 1765.

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

I have a record of my age at my residence in Moore County in a prayer book formally belonging to my Father.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

When I was called into the service I resided in the State of North Carolina and County of Cumberland which County having since been divided I fell into that part of it which is now called Moore, where I have resided ever since and where I now reside

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

I entered the service and served both of the before named tours of three months each as a Volunteer

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

Captain Joshua Hadley is the only officer belonging to the regular troops with whom I served whose names I now distinctly recollect. I do not recollect the name or number of any Regiment with which I served. That the general circumstances of my services are stated in the preceding declaration.

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

I received a discharge for the last three months tour in which I served given by Captain Henry Gaster, which I have since lost or mislaid so that I cannot now find it.

7th 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.

I am known to Duncan Murchison, Esq., John McLeod, Esq., John McIver, Charles G. Arrington & William Dalrymple.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jacob Gaster

[Duncan Murchison & John McLeod gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Personally appeared in open Court Murdock McIntosh of the State of North Carolina and County of Moore and after being duly sworn depose and saith that, in the year 1781 or 1782 while he was serving a tour as a soldier of the revolution and was stationed at Cross Creek (now Fayetteville) in the State of North Carolina and County of Cumberland he was well acquainted with Jacob Gaster the above named applicant and that the said Gaster was serving as a soldier with the American forces & was also stationed at that place (Cross Creek) that they served together and that the said Jacob Gaster served at that time a full tour of three months.

Sworn to & subscribed the 20th day of November 1832.

S/ M. McIntosh

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Personally appeared in open Court Peter Morris who being duly sworn according to law depose & saith That in the year 1781 he resided a near neighbor to Jacob Gaster (and had done for many years before) and that the said Jacob Gaster was absent from home from about the 28th of March

1781 until about the last of July or first of August following and that it was generally reputed and believed in the neighborhood that the said Jacob Gaster was during that time a prisoner under the British – and that he the said Peter Morris concurs in that opinion.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the nice thing day of 1832: November 1832.

S/ Peter Morris

Personally appeared in Open Court Cornelius Dowd Esq. Clerk of this Court who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he has been acquainted with Jacob Gaster the Applicant for 40 years and that he is a man of truth and veracity: that he has acted as Colonel of the County for many years and frequently represented that County in the Legislature of North Carolina and that he has no hesitation in giving for faith and Credit to the present Affidavit made by him.

Sworn to and subscribed the 20th day of November A.D. 1832

S/ Cornelius Dowd

[On April 20, 1855, Jacob Gaster, 90, filed in Moore County for his bounty land entitlement claiming service in the revolution under Captains Henry Caster & Daniel Buie, in Colonel Thomas Armstrong's Regiment.]