

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Golightly S18888

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State of South Carolina, Spartanburg District

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 1835, personally appeared in open court, to wit: a court of Chancery, before his honor Chancellor Johnston, David Golightly, Sr., a resident of Spartanburg District in the said State, aged seventy-eight years, who being first duly sworn according to law does on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. In the last of the month of June or first of July 1776, I was drafted in Captain Matthew Patton's company of militia in the regiment commanded by Colonel Patton, and marched from Spartanburg (then called Ninety Six district) to the military stations on Seneca River, then under command of General Williamson [Andrew Williamson]; against the Cherokee Indians, where I remained for these space of three weeks or more and returned to Spartanburg where I remained until the time of my draft (three months) had expired. I then remained at home (being an indented apprentice) until about the time of the fall of Charleston, when I was pressed into the service by orders of Major, afterwards General, Pinking [probably Andrew Pickens], with the wagon and team of my brother, which was in my care. From this time I continued in the service in various situations until the capture of Lord Cornwallis at Little York [October 19, 1781]. I was at the battle of the Cedar Springs [July 12, 1780]<sup>1</sup> as a private volunteer; was with General William Henderson, as a commissary, at Neal's Mill; was with Colonel Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] in the Catawba Nation; was that the taking of Thicketty Fort [July 30, 1780]<sup>2</sup>; was at the battle of Musgrove's ford [August 18, 1780]<sup>3</sup>, and acted as a Lieutenant at the siege of Augusta and then served as a private at the siege of Ninety Six [May 22-June 19, 1781]<sup>4</sup> as a volunteer under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] -- all these were rendered, but the great lapse of time since has deprived me of the recollection of dates and the names of any of my officers. It is impossible for me, at this time, to designate the

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_cedar\\_springs.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_cedar_springs.html) and <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/cedarspring.htm>

<sup>2</sup> <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/fortthicketty.htm> and

[http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_thicketty\\_fort.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_thicketty_fort.html)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_musgroves\\_mill.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_musgroves_mill.html) and

<http://gaz.jrshelby.com/musgrovesmill.htm>

<sup>4</sup> <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/ninetysix.htm> and

[http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_ninety\\_six.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html)

time or length of each term of service, but I considered I was in constant service for the space of two years, and by counting up the small scouts, and short terms of service, not here estimated, the term of service could be greater.

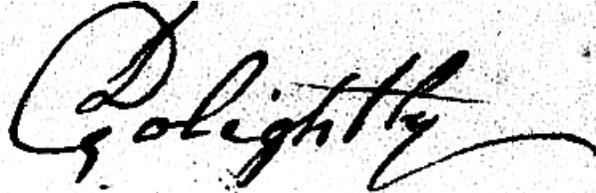
I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

In answer to the questions propounded by the court answer to them:

1. I was born in Virginia in 1757.
2. I have had a record of my age, but it is now with my daughter in the State of Alabama.
3. I lived in Spartanburg Dist. when called into service and have resided there ever since.
4. See within
5. See within.
6. I've never received any discharges.
7. I refer to all who are acquainted with me.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court June 9, 1835.

S/ D. Golightly

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. Golightly", written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

S/ J. Johnston

[John W. Lewis, a clergyman residing in the Greenville District, lately of Spartanburg, and Anthony Foster gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[facts in the file: veteran was a Baptist and afterwards a Methodist preacher; he was survived by 2 children, Mary Martin and Elizabeth Harris, the latter of whom was 66 years of age in 1853 and a resident of Spartanburg district South Carolina in the wife of Colonel William W. Harris.]

[f p. 48 SC Comptroller's certificate of payments to David Golightly includes the following:

"To service done in the Spartan Regiment in Capt. Culbertson's Company at different times from the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June until the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 1780 under the Command of Col. John Thomas, Junior, as a private soldier on horseback 64 days @ 20/ per day £64"]

[Applicant was pensioned at the rate of \$28.60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, and ending June 27, 1842, for his service in the dragoons in the South Carolina militia.]