

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Geeslin S37951

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[Text is red below is missing from the Footnote.com version but is found in the HeritageQuest version of the application]

State of Alabama, Tuscaloosa County: To wit

Charles Geeslin [could be Guslin] a native of North Carolina and at this time a citizen resident of the said County of Tuscaloosa and State of Alabama makes the following declarations on oath, in order to obtain a pension from the United States of America. He states that he entered into the service of his Country during the revolutionary war and was enlisted as a regular soldier during the war by Captain Sharp (given name of said Captain not now recollected) [Anthony Sharpe] of the North Carolina line of regular Troops, and that the Company commanded by said Captain Sharp was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Little [Archibald Lytle] of said North Carolina Continental Establishment, and that Colonel Lytle was commanded by General Green [Nathanael Greene], the said Charles Geeslin states that he served in the Army of the United States during the revolution for the term of Six years and about Six months and that whilst he so continued he was in several engagements with the British Army, particularly in the Battles of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781], in General Gates defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] and in the Battle of Camden [probably a reference to the Second Battle of Camden or the Battle of Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781], that he received a wound in the Battle of Eutaw Springs, by a musket ball passing through his thigh which wound has more or less disabled him through life. He declares that since the revolution he has resided, chiefly in the States of Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina and that lately he moved to the State of Alabama **where at present he lives in poverty and want. He states that he is now nearly 80 years of age**, infirm and entirely unable to do any kind of labor for a subsistence and that his necessities alone urge him to ask of his government a maintenance which heretofore whilst able to do any thing for himself he was opposed to do. He declares that he was regularly discharged at the close of the American Revolution by Captain Sharp near Charleston in the State of South Carolina and at the time he was so discharged he secured regularly his discharge which has since been destroyed by fire at a time when he had his dwelling House burned down. He declares that he is the identical same Charles Geeslin who was discharged as aforesaid and that he does not know of any one in this state at this time who will either identify him or prove his services as aforesaid, and he is too old, infirm and poor to obtain testimony to these facts from other states, and he hereby relinquishes all claims to previous pensions from the United States of America. In testimony whereof the said Charles Geeslin has hereunto set his hand and seal this 19th March 1824.

S/ Charles Geeslin, X his mark {seal}

Sworn to and Open Court this 19th day of March 1824.

S/ John M. Jenkins, Clk

A Schedule containing the whole estate and income (necessary clothing and bedding excepted)

belonging to the foregoing Charles Geeslin – also a list of his family residing with him at this time – their ages, ability to live &c

Sally Geislen [sic] only aged Seventy years: from her age and infirmity unable to labor

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| One Trunk at | \$2.00 |
| one sett Knives and forks, at | 1.50 |
| one sett of plates, at | 1.50 |
| one sett of cups and scaucers [sic] at | 1.50 |
| one pot at | 1.50 |
| one skillet at | .50 |
| one set plough Geer [sic] at | <u>1.50</u> |
| Total Amount | \$10.00 |

I, Charles Geeslin, do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or other wise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed—March 19th Day in the Year 1824.

S/ Charles Geeslin, X his mark

Sworn to in Open Court this 19 March 1824,
S/ John M. Jenkins, Clk.

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State of North Carolina, Secretary's Office 4th of March 1825

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State and the Revolutionary war at Charles Goseley a private Soldier in Captain Sharp's Company of the 10th Regiment, was mustered in the year 1782 for the term of 18 months, and no remark being made opposite his name on said rolls, it is believed he served out the time for which he enlisted.

Given under my hand at Office in Raleigh the date above.

S/ Wm Hill

I have no doubt the Charles Goseley above named, is the same person whose Declaration accompanies this Certificate, and whose name is spelt Geeslin in said Declaration.

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 17, 1824, for service as a private for 18 months in the North Carolina Continental line.]