

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Gaster <sup>1</sup> S6871

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State of North Carolina, Moore County: SS

On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Malcolm McRimmon [?], Angus Ferguson [sic, Ferguson?] & John Patterson The Court of Moore now sitting Jacob Gaster the resident of the State of North Carolina and County of more aged about Sixty Seven 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 [Nathanael 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of March.

That on the said 28<sup>th</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup> 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

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt26410-160-55

<sup>2</sup> Veteran appears to be referring to the action at Barbeque Church, March 27, 1781  
[http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_barbeque\\_church.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_barbeque_church.html)

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 McIntosh<sup>3</sup> whose testimony is herein after stated.

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

1<sup>st</sup> When and in what year were you born?

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

2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

3<sup>rd</sup> 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

4<sup>th</sup> 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

5<sup>th</sup> 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.

6<sup>th</sup> 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.

7<sup>th</sup> 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

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3 [Murdoch McIntosh W560](#)

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.]

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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 20<sup>th</sup> day of November 1832.

S/ M. McIntosh



State of North Carolina, Moore County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions November Term 1832

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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

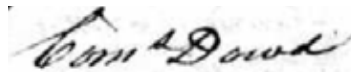
S/ Peter Morris

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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 20<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D. 1832

S/ Corn<sup>s</sup> Dowd



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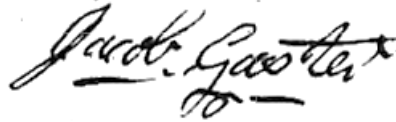
State of North Carolina Moore County

On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 1833 Personally appeared in Open Court before Josiah Tyson, John Shamburger & John Patterson who presided as above at the time Jacob Gaster a resident of the County of Moore in the State of North Carolina aged Sixty Eight years, Who being first duly Sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832 [sic]. That he volunteered in the Militia of the State of North Carolina in the year 1781 and served under the following named Officer Captain Daniel Buie, that he entered into the Militia of the State of North Carolina as a Volunteer and as a private Soldier for the term of three months on the first day of March in the year 1781, that at the time he entered the Service he resided in the State of North Carolina and County of Cumberland (now Moore County) he was then marched to upper part of said County of Cumberland, thence into the County of Chatham, the Object was to Join General Greene's Army, but before we could do so the battle of Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781] took place, in hearing of General Greene's defeat and learning that Cornwallis was marching towards Ramsey's Mill on Deep River he was marched back into the County of Cumberland in the said County of Cumberland and in particular in the upper part thereof was a great many Tories, who was at this time collected into small Companies, and was doing a great deal of mischief by plundering the good Citizens and then going off to the British to prevent those Tories from doing Mischief and from getting to the British and from getting to the British [sic], and to watch the movements of the British Army, and to harass the Scouting and foraging parties, our Company was divided and were to meet again at Henry Gaster's in said County of Cumberland on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 1781, that at the time and place aforesaid the said Company did meet, and on the same day was attacked by a party of the British belonging to Cornwallis' Army, and defeated with the loss of one man killed and several Wounded, Seven made prisoners, the rest made their escape: that this applicant was one of those who were made prisoners, that he was carried by the enemy to Cross Creek (now Fayetteville) and from thence to Wilmington in the aforesaid State, Where he with the other prisoners was kept in the guard house for about three weeks, that they were then put on board a ship for safe keeping, Where they remained more than two months, when he was Exchanged for and set at liberty, when he immediately set out for his residence in said County of Cumberland where he arrived on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of July 1781. – That on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 1782 he again entered the Militia of the State of North Carolina a Volunteer as a private Soldier for the term of three months under Captain Henry Gaster that at this time he still resided in the State of North Carolina and County of Cumberland, and was marched to Cross Creek (now Fayetteville) and there Stationed for the purpose of Guarding said town and the Military Store which had been collected at that place from the Tories who was at this time collected together in Considerable Numbers in the Raft Swamp in Robeson County in the State aforesaid 40 or 50 Miles from said town of Cross Creek, where he remained until the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 1782 when he was legally discharged in writing, which discharge was dated on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 1782 and signed by Henry Gaster his Captain, which discharge he has lost so that he cannot now find it. This applicant further states that while he was stationed at Cross Creek there was one Company of regular troops Stationed there commanded by Captain Joshua Hadley and that these are the only regular troops he was ever attached to or served with, this Applicant further states that there is no Clergyman residing near him. This applicant further states that there is no surviving Witness to be found who can prove his service for the first named three months, nor has he any documentary Evidence to prove the same, but that he believes he can prove the last three months service by Murdoch McIntosh Esquire, that applicant further states that from the lack of memory some of the above dates may not be correct to a day, but he believes they are or nearly so. He hereby relinquishes Every Claim to a pension or an annuity

except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency in any State or territory.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jacob Gaster

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jacob Gaster". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name "S/ Jacob Gaster".

[Stephen Berryman and Murdoch McIntosh gave the standard supporting affidavit.

Questions put by the Court to Jacob Gaster the applicant for a pension

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born

Answer. I was born in the State of North Carolina in the County of Cumberland on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 1765.

2<sup>nd</sup>. Have you any record of your Age, and if so where is it

Answer. I have a record of my age in a prayer book now at my residence in Moore County which belong to my Father

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live.

Answer – When I was called into service I resided in the State of North Carolina and County of Cumberland, this County have been divided, I fell into the part called Moore County where I have resided ever since and where I now reside.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service. Were you drafted, did you Volunteer, or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom –

Answer – I was a volunteer –

5<sup>th</sup>. State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the General Circumstances of your service.

Answer. The last three months I served I was Stationed in Cross Creek there was one Company of Regular troops stationed there also, Commanded by Captain Joshua Hadley, those are all the Continental troops I was attached to or served with. Just before the battle of Guilford Court House Captain Daniel Buie was trying to raise a Company to go and Join General Greene's Army. I volunteered under him as a private soldier for three months. When the company was made up we started get to General Greene's Army but before we got there [we] heard of the defeat at Guilford Court House. We then returned to Cumberland County, where the Company was divided and one part sent to watch the movements of the British Army, and to harass their scouting and foraging parties, who was then marching from Guilford Court House to Ramsey's Mill on Deep River and the other part to suppress the Tories who were quite numerous in said County of Cumberland and in particular in the upper part of it, the Company was to meet again at Henry Gaster's in said County of Cumberland on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 1781, at the time and place aforesaid the Company did meet, and was attacked by a party of the British belonging to Cornwallis's Army, one man was killed, several wounded and 7 made prisoners, the rest Escaped. I was one of those taken prisoner. I was then taken to Cross Creek (now Fayetteville) from there to Wilmington, and there put on board a Ship where I remained until I was Exchanged for. Immediately old being released I started home where I arrived on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of July 1781. We did not Join any regular troops or militia regiments. On the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 1782 I again volunteered as a private soldier for 3 months under Captain Henry Gaster and was marched to Cross Creek where I was stationed to guard the town and military stores collected at that place, from the Tories who were numerous on the Raft Swamp in Robeson County 40 or 50 miles from

Cross Creek Remained in Cross Creek until the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 1782 when I was legally discharged in writing by my Captain Henry Gaster

6<sup>th</sup>. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given, and what has become of it –

Answer. I did receive a written discharge for the last 3 months I served given by Henry Gaster my Captain, which I have lost, so that I cannot find it.

7<sup>th</sup>. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your neighborhood, and who can testify as to your Character for Veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Answer – Duncan Murchison Esquire, John McLeod Esquire, Archibald Dalryanpile [?], Daniel McIver, Stephen Berryman, John Morris and Murdoch McIntosh

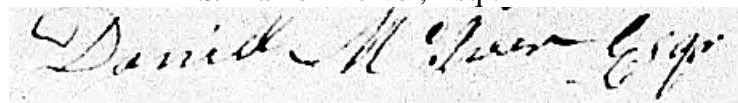
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Personally appeared before me Duncan Murchison one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Daniel McIver Esquire who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he has been well acquainted with Jacob Gaster for fifty years that the most the time he lived near him that he well recollects that on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March 1781 there was a skirmish between the Americans and the British, that at that time he understood and believed that said Jacob Gaster was taken Prisoner, that he well recollects that about that time the said Jacob Gaster was from home three or four months. This deponent further saith that sometime after Cornwallis' Army marched through Cross Creek that he was in said town with said Jacob Gaster as a militia Soldier under Captain Henry Gaster and that the said Jacob Gaster is a man of good Character for Truth and Veracity, that he has frequently been Elected a member of the Legislature of this state from this County.

Sworn to and subscribed the 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 1833 A.D.

S/ Daniel McIver, Esqr.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Daniel McIver Esq.", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[p 12: 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.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the North Carolina militia.]