

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Gallamore [Gallimore] ¹ W10051 Rachel Gallamore f59NC
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State of Indiana, Washington County: In the Probate Court of said County November Term 1833

On this 13th day of November 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Samuel Peck the Judge of said Court now sitting, it being a Court of Record, John Gallamore a resident of said County of Washington and State of Indiana aged 73 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 Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated – That he entered said service at Granville County in the State of North Carolina, where he then resided, about the first of August in the year 1780 as a private in the militia, and as a Substitute for his father who was drafted for the Term of three months – that he served as such a substitute in the company commanded by Captain Ralph Banks which belonged to a Regiment (the name of the Colonel he cannot recollect) marched with said company and Regiment to South Carolina and from thence towards Camden for the purpose of joining the Army under General Gates [Horatio Gates]; was near Camden when the battle was fought [August 15-16 1780], so near that he could hear the guns distinctly. Soon after the battle met the troops fleeing in all directions, then retreated with the remnants of Gates Army to Salisbury, and from thence to Hillsborough in the State of North Carolina, where he remained to his term of service, three months, had expired, when he received from his Captain a written discharge – which he has since lost. --

That about the month of February in the year 1781, at the same County of Granville in the State of North Carolina he again entered said service as a drafted militia man for the term of three months and served in a Company (the Captain of which he does not recollect), which belonged to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Taylor [Joseph Taylor] – marched in said company & Regiment to South Carolina, and joined the Army under General Greene [Nathanael Greene] – one other Regiment marched on at the same time under Colonel Moore [William Moore], -- then marched with General Greene's Army to Guilford, was in the battle [March 15, 1781] at that place – pursued the British after the battle to Ramsays Mills [sic, Ramsey's Mills] on Deep River, marched from thence in general Greene's Army to South Carolina, to Camden in that State, encamped for some time near that place, was in the battle at that place [2nd Battle of Camden or Battle of Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781], General Greene commanded the American Army, and Lord Rawdon the British, sometime after this retired to Rugeley's Mill at which place this declarant thinks his term of service, three months, it expired where he received a written discharge from his Captain, which has since been lost. --

Shortly after this about the month of May 1781, at the same County of Granville in the State of North Carolina, he again entered said service as a volunteer for the term of one year: -- the militia were divided into classes of 15 each & each class was required to furnish one man, for one year, this

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declarant volunteered from his class and served in a company commanded by Captain Donoho [Thomas Donoho], which company belonged to a Regiment commanded by Col. Dickson [sic, Henry Dixon] marched with said Company & Regiment to South Carolina & joined the Army under General Greene at or near Orangeburg, marched from thence to the high hills of the Santee, remained there some time, marched to the Eutaw Springs, was in the battle [September 8, 1781] at that place, after the battle was marched back to the high hills of Santee, remained there some time and then marched down to a place then called Ashley Hill, on Ashley River, near Dorchester, where the Army took up winter quarters – Sometime in the Spring of 1782 (and within one month from the expiration of his said term, for which he volunteered as aforesaid, and by permission of his officers) he was released from the balance of his said term, on condition of his enlisting into the Infantry Company of Captain George Handy, which were under Colonel Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] a part of what was called Lee's Legion – this declarant states that he did enlist into said company upon said condition having served as a volunteer as aforesaid up to the time of his said Enlistment, not less than eleven months – the term for which this declarant enlisted was three years, that after his enlistment, marched with said company & Legion to Georgetown, remained there some time, whilst there news came of peace, and the Town was illuminated – marched from thence to Charleston, and at that place gave up his arms and had permission to return home on furlough – but to be in readiness to go into Service at any time within the three years, if called for --

This declarant served in said company of George Handy which belonged to Lee's Legion as aforesaid not less than six months.

He further states that he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service – 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 or agency of any State --

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid --

S/ John Gallamore, X his mark

[Jesse Lucas, a clergyman, and Adam Caudle gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Interrogatories prescribed by the Department, with the Declarant's answers thereto

1st When and in what year were you born?

Ans: I was born in Granville County in the State of North Carolina in the year 1760 – January 9th.

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

A: There is a Record of my age in a Bible which formerly belonged to my Father which Bible is now in possession of my Daughter wife of Arthur Curtiss who now resides in the County of Crawford, Indiana.

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

A: At Granville County, North Carolina when called into Service, from there moved to Randolph County, the same State, from thence to Clarke County, Indiana where I resided about 14 years, then moved to this County, where I have resided ever since & still reside, about two years. --

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

A: My first tour of service was as a Substitute for my Father for three months in the militia, he being drafted for that time: my second tour was as a drafted militia man, for three months my third tour, was under an engagement as a volunteer for one year in pursuance of which I served not less than 11 months – My fourth tour was under an engagement I enlistment for the term of three years, under which I served not less than six months.

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.

A: I recollect General Gates, General Greene, Colonel Lee, Captain Handy, Captain Smith, Captain Rudolph of Lee's Infantry, and Captain Armstrong of his Cavalry also Colonel Taylor, Moore & Dixon of the militia – the general circumstances of my service I have stated in the foregoing 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?

A: I received discharges from my Captain's at the expiration of my several tours of service as I have above stated, which are all lost.

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.

A: Jesse Lucas, Clergyman, Major George Beck, Michael Motsinger, George Motsinger, Benjamin Rush, John Arnold of the County of Washington – And General John Carr, Lewis Foutz, Jacob Foutz, John Cauble, John Carroll, Joseph Bowers of the County of Clarke, & State of Indiana.

[p 11: On October 30, 1856, in Washington County, Indiana, Rachel Gallamore, 65, filed application for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of John Gallamore, a pensioner of the United States; that she married him on November 17, 1831; that he died December 31, 1841; and that she remains a widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 15: On April 19, 1856 in Washington County Indiana, Rachel Gallamore, age 65 years, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner; in this document she states that she married her husband in Washington County Indiana on November 20, 1831; that they were married by Nelson Britt a justice of the peace; that her name prior to her marriage was Rachel Hensley; that her husband died in Washington County Indiana December 31, 1831; and that she is still a widow. She signed this document with her mark.]

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State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office


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 in the Revolutionary war that John Gallimore a Corporal in Captain Donoho's Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted the 14th of June 1781 for the term of 12 months, that he was a private in January 1782, and “left the service 14th June 1782.”

Given under my hand this 19th December 1833.

S/ Wm Hill

[p 55: marriage record of John Gallimore to Rachel Helseley² returned by Nelson Britt, JP, Washington County, Indiana.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one year and 6 months in the North Carolina Continental and militia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rachel Helseley". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The name is written in a fluid, connected style typical of the late 18th or early 19th century.