

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Gossling (Gosling)<sup>1</sup> W10230 Elizabeth Powers<sup>2</sup> f37SC  
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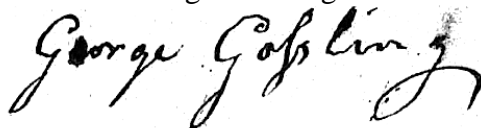
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State of South Carolina, Beaufort District

Personally appeared before me George Gossling who being duly sworn saith that he was a soldier in the revolutionary war, and served against the common Enemy for upwards of two years. That he enlisted about the year 1778 and served in the company commanded by John Carraway Smith<sup>3</sup> of Colonel Thomson's [William Thomson's] Regiment and General Lincoln's [Benjamin Lincoln's] Brigade. That he was at the Battle of Stono [June 20, 1779].<sup>4</sup> Afterwards at the Siege of Savannah [September 16-October 18, 1779] and then he was taken prisoner in Chaston [Charleston, The city of Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] from whence he made his escape and Joined General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] on the Congaree and remained with him until the Battle of Eutaw [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781]<sup>5</sup> where he lost his left arm -- that the Deponent is in reduced circumstances of life and requires the aid as is proposed to be given to the soldiers of the revolution. Your Deponent says he never got any discharge owing to the circumstances above related when he states that he lost his arm at the Eutaw he wishes it to be understood that it was shattered to pieces in the Battle and afterwards cut off.

Sworn to before me this 20th November 1818.

S/ George Gossling



S/ C. J. Colcoct[?]

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Treasury Office Columbia South Carolina, November 28, 1833

I do hereby certify that the name of George Gossling appears on the Records of this Office as an Annuitant. That his first annuity was paid June the 21<sup>st</sup> 1792 --vide folio 43 of

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt56971-160-55

<sup>2</sup> former widow

<sup>3</sup> [John Carraway Smith W4890](#)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_stono\\_ferry.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html)

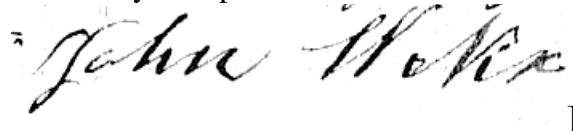
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Ledger 1791 to 1795, in his last was paid December 5<sup>th</sup> 1815 ~~p-93~~ folio 93, Ledger 1813 to 1817.  
Given under my hand and Seal of Office the day and Year above written.

S/ E. P. Jones  
Treas. ?? Div.  
for Atty Thomas Prean [?]

[p 12: On February 13, 1856, in Beaufort District South Carolina, Elizabeth Powers, 73, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of George Gossling, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in South Carolina August 10, 1816; that they were married by a Baptist minister named John Youmans; that her husband died July 9, 1822 at his residence in Beaufort District South Carolina; that after her husband's death she married a man by the name of Powers on April 30, 1826; they were married by the Reverend John Brooke, also a Baptist minister; that her 2<sup>nd</sup> husband died Columbia South Carolina September 20, 1829 and that she remains a widow; that the family record in which her marriage to George Gossling was recorded was burnt May 6, 1849 when her house was consumed by fire; that said record was in the handwriting of her husband she signed this document with her mark.]

[p 14: On February 13, 1856 in Beaufort District South Carolina, the Reverend John W Nix, a Baptist minister, 66 years of age, gave testimony supporting the widow's evidence as set forth in her bounty land petition.



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[p 8: On February 24 1857, Elizabeth Powers aged \_\_ years a resident of Beaufort District, State of South Carolina filed a declaration seeking the benefits of the act of Congress passed March 4, 1848; she states that she is the widow of Mc Powers and formerly the widow of George Gossling who was a Brigade or Sergeant Major of the Army of the Revolution in Sumter's Brigade of State troops Colonel Middleton's Cavalry; that he was pensioned by the State of South Carolina at the rate of £42.8.5 per annum for the loss of his arm while in the line of duty; that she married him on the 10th day of August 1816; that they were married by the Reverend John Youmans a Baptist preacher; that George Gossling died at his residence in Beaufort County South Carolina on the ninth of July 1822; that after his death she married Mc Powers on April 30 1826; they were married by the Reverend John Brooks also a Baptist preacher; that her second husband died in Columbia July 20, 1829. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per annum commencing November 20, 1818, for 2 years service as a private in the South Carolina Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>6</sup> relating to George Gossling

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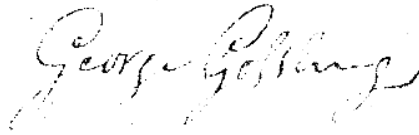
<sup>6</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

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Gentlemen/January 3<sup>rd</sup> – 1787

Please to Deliver the Indent Due to me for Ten Months Service in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment of the State Troops to Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick and his receipt shall be your Discharge from Sirs

your humble Servant  
S/ George Gossling



To General Sumter  
Henderson [William Henderson]  
and Richardson [Richard Richardson] Commissioners

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Petition of G. Gosling [sic] praying an increase of Pension 30 November 1807  
Committee on Pensions

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To the Honorable, the Senate, the Speaker, and Members of the House of Representatives &c &c  
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The Humble Petition of George Gossling Citizen of St. Peter's Parish Beaufort District Sheweth. – That your Petitioner was a soldier in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment of the South Carolina Troops, and Colonel Charles Middleton's [Charles Myddelton's] Company under General Sumter [Thomas Sumter], and at the Action, of the Eutaws [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781], your Petitioner had his left arm so shattered by a Ball, that in about seven months after it began to mortify and was obliged to have it Cut off (by a Certain Doctor Martin) who Charged your Petitioner for attendance &c £103.6.6 Currency which your petitioner paid out of his own Pocket, except a small Balance which the Doctor Frankly forgave your Petitioner, and at that Period of Time having some small property, and your Petitioner Young struggled to make out a support by teaching School (with the Assistance of a slave), But as my slave is old and very infirm, which is also my Complaint & my Eyes Dim, that I Cannot get my living as I have hitherto, as there is no way but by the hoe & axe. Your Petitioner finds himself under an absolute necessity to seek for relief, yet in my youthful Days never Expected to be reduced to that Extremity. The Public allows your Petitioner £5 per annum but by the manner prescribed by Law to obtain it, it after takes me two or three Journeys to receive \$21.42 one half Expended to gain the other & when your Petitioner is Compelled to serve as a Juror, it very little more than Bears Expense. – Therefore your Petitioner has very little to support upon, any Candid Gentlemen to see me hoeing with my one hand & my old slave to my Assistance, and my land poor, must Consider my prospect of Crop scanty – Confiding in your Generous Breasts that you will grant your Petitioner such relief as you may think meet<sup>7</sup> Your petitioner remains in duty Bound to pray

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<sup>7</sup> In Samuel Johnson's Dictionary of 1755, the first definition of the word "meet" he gives is "Fit; proper...." Johnson noted that even at that time the word "meet" was rarely so used. It must have become fairly popular in

November the 3<sup>rd</sup> 1807}

Am gentlemen your humble Servant S/ George Gossling



[p 6: treasury office receipt dated November 25, 1819 indicating payment to George Gossling of \$261.42 for five years annuity due him through the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 1820]

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The Comptroller General having suggested this mode of Settle: the Treasurers of the Lower Division – will be pleased to credit the Tax Collector on the production of this Order with a receipt here on for the amount in the Settlement of Taxes in 1820

S/ John S Cogdell, Comptroller General

25 November 1819

Received payment in full January 17<sup>th</sup> 1820

S/ George Gossling

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Report of the Committee on Pensions on Claim of Elizabeth Powers for arrears of Pension Due to her late Husband George Gosling [sic]

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State of South Carolina Beaufort District } To the Honorable Senate & House of Representatives. The humble petition of Elizabeth Powers Sheweth that she was once the widow of George Gossling Deceased and that she was married to the said George Gossling by one Reverend Mr. George Youmans a Baptist Preacher on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 1816. She also states that the said George Gossling Deceased was a Revolutionary Soldier whose name will appear by Reference to the Treasurers Books in Columbia and was paid as an annuitant as fully appears by Reference to the Records in the office of the Treasurer his first Annuity was paid on the 21 of June 1792 vide folio 43 of Ledger 1791 to 1795 And his last Annuity was paid December 5<sup>th</sup> 1815 folio 93 Ledger 1813 to 1817 & your Petitioner Informs this Honorable Body that the said George Gossling departed this life on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July 1822 & your Petitioner appeals to your Honorable body with full Confidence that she will be allowed the arrears that are due her said Husband George Gossling Deceased up to the time of his death he received his last payment on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 1815 from then to the time of his death which was on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July 1822. It Being 7 years 5 months & 4 Days at \$42.80 per annum he having been allowed & paid that sum which calls for the Amount due her of \$317.91 this Was Due Her Said Husband George Gossling up to the Time of His Death Your Petitioner informs Your Honorable Body that after her said Husband George Gossling's death that she married one McPowers on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April 1826 & was married by the Reverend John Brooker a Baptist preacher and that the said McPowers was a cabinet maker by trade and was doing Journey work in the town of Columbia in this State and that she was Informed that he died in Columbia in the year 1829

Since which time he has not been seen nor heard from to her knowledge only that his death was confirmed & that she is now a widow 73 years of Age & quite Infirm & prays your Honorable Body to Grant your Petitioner the arrears due her from the time her husband the said George Gossling received his last payment up to the time of his death and your Petitioner as in Duty Bound will Ever pray. The facts set forth in the above petition was sworn to & subscribed to before me on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 1855

Witness            H. Shuman, magistrate            S/ Elizabeth Powers, X her mark