

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William T. Gaulden (Gaulding) W7509
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THE STATE OF VIRGINIA PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY COURT

On this 15th day of April 1833 personally appeared before the Court of Pittsylvania County now sitting William T. Gauldin a resident of the said County of Pittsylvania in the State aforesaid, aged eighty years, he 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 the 7th 1832. That having been in the Service of the United States as a volunteer soldier in the year 1778 or 77 and marched from the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia in a company of militia which was commanded by Capt. James Adams, Lieut. John Mageehee and Craig Hilson [? Ensign Hilson?] direct to Fort Lewis [?] near New river and staid there about two weeks, then marched to Fort Chisel [sic, Fort Chiswell] and from there to the Lead Mines where we were stationed while our term of service expired under the command of Capt. Lynch [Col. Charles Lynch]. I was discharged at that place after serving a tour of three months. My discharge is lost or mislaid and cannot be found. I do not know any person living that was in service with me at that time.

In the year 1777 or 1778 I enlisted in the Army of the United States for twelve Months with Capt. Gideon [illegible last name, could be "Booker"] and rendezvoused at New London then in the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia and served with his [one or more indecipherable words] the time for which I had enlisted. I was discharged by Captain Booker [?], that discharge is lost or mislaid and cannot be found -- I do not know any person living that was in the service with me at that time.

In the month of April 1780, I again enlisted in the Army of the United States with Col. Williams at Coles Ferry on the Staunton River in the County of Charlotte in the State of Virginia for twelve months. I was attached to Capt. Dickson's company of riflemen and marched with them to Halifax Courthouse Virginia¹ where we fell in Col. Leigh [sic, Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] and Col. Washington's Light Horse. From there we marched across the Dan river and entered the State of North Carolina, joined Col. Morgan [Genl. Daniel Morgan], was with him in the Battle of Henton Springs [sic ?], was at the taking and killing of about 150 Tories at a Cross Roads or Race Tract,² from there we marched to a place called Allimance [sic, Alamance] where we had a skirmish with the British and killed nineteen or twenty of them. From there we marched to Whitesills Mill [sic, Weitzell's Mill]³ on the Reedy Fork and had a severe skirmish with the British at that place, from thence we marched into the County of Guilford and met with the British under the command of Lord Cornwallis in the said County of Guilford and had a very severe battle with them which was conducted by General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], Stephens [sic, Edward Stevens], Lawson [Robert Lawson], etc. at that Battle, I was shot through the Head, the ball came out at the end of my nose, which rendered me unable to perform any

¹ Leon Harris points out that Lee and Washington were not at Halifax County Court House in Virginia at the time mentioned by this veteran. Leon suggests the veteran may have meant Halifax County North Carolina.

² This engagement is also known as Pyle's Defeat and occurred on February 25, 1781
<http://gaz.jrshelby.com/pyles.htm>

³ This engagement occurred on March 6, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/weitzell.htm>

duty whatever. I remained near Guilford Courthouse about two weeks. I was then taken to the County of Charlotte in the State of Virginia and put under the care of Doctor Cunningham where I remained until sometime after the time of my enlistment had expired and I was never able to perform military service afterwards. I received no discharge but was permitted to go home by Doctor Cunningham, the service rendered on this tour is proved by David Irby⁴ who was a soldier with me at the Battle of Guildford. About seventeen years after the War ended I was placed on the Pension Roll of Virginia by an Act of the Virginia Legislature at Forty Dollars per year which I have received semi-annually ever since.

I was born in the County of King William in the State of Virginia in the year 1752. My age was recorded in a book which was in the possession of my mother some years ago and I do not know what became of it. I lived in the County of Bedford in the same State of Virginia when I entered the service of the Revolution. I lived in the said County of Bedford eight years after the war ended. Then moved to the County of Pittsylvania and have lived in that County ever since. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the foresaid and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State only that of the agency of the State of Virginia--Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid--

William T. (his X mark) Gaulding

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier and served as he States, and the court further certifies that David Irby whose affidavit has been presented to them as evidence in this case is a credible man and that his Statement is entitled to credit.

THE AFFIDAVIT of DAVID IRBY referred to as the Declaration is in these words to wit:
STATE OF VIRGINIA COURT

This day David Irby a credible man of the said County of Pittsylvania personally appeared before me, Vincent Dickenson a Justice of the Peace for the County Pittsylvania and State aforesaid, and made oath that William Gauldin of the said County of Pittsylvania was a Revolutionary soldier, that he was with him in the Battle of Guildford in the year 1781 and saw him the said Gauldin shot through the head in that engagement. Given--my hand and seal, this 17 day of November 1832.

Vincent Dickenson (seal)

REVOLUTIONARY CLAIM:

Gaulden, William T. W7590

or

Gaulding, Malissa B.L Wt. 26787-160-55

Virginia 12741

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William T. Gaulden

Pittsylvania in the State of Virginia

was a private in the company commanded
by Captain Adams of the Regt. commanded by
Col. Lynch in the Virginia ____

⁴ [David Irby S5602](#)

and so wounded at the battle of Guilford as now to be incapable of supporting himself by labor, shall be, and he is hereby placed upon the list of pensioners, and allowed during his life, at and after the rate of \$40 per annum payable in like manner as other pensions.

Sec. 3 This act shall commence and be in force from the passing thereof

Auditors Office March 16, 1833

I certify the above to be a true copy of the act passed and a session of the Legislature of Virginia killed in 1797 – '98 -- and that William T. Goulding [sic] therein constituted a Pensioner as an invalid soldier of the revolution still continues as such on the books of this office.

Given under my hand at the Auditors Office Richmond this 16 March 1833

S/ Jas E. Heath, A P A

[p 71: there is a power of attorney dated May 12, 1853, given by Decy Gaulding in which she states she is the widow of William T. Gaulding and she authorizes her attorney Griffith D. Neal to pursue her claim for a pension.]

[Facts in file: the veteran and his wife, Malissa, had two children, Polley and Jabex, their ages are not given in the file; the widow filled for the restoration of her pension after the Civil War; in a filing dated June 26, 1869, she states she is aged 85 and a resident of Pittsylvania County, Virginia]

[From [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 87-page file indexed under the name William T. Goulding (with spelling variations of the surname as Gaulden, Gauldin, Gauldon, Goalding, Golden, Golding and Goulding]

[Veteran was awarded a pension of \$40 per annum commencing in March 1799]

[p 5]

Sir

Pleas to pay unto Mr. Edwd Nunnelee the Fourtey Dollars that was allowed me by an act of the General Assembly passed 17th day of January 1798 and this my order shall be your Rect. For the same.

S/ L. William T. Goalding

John Beckley Esquire

August 6th, 1800

Treasury of Virginia

*Sir please to pay unto Mr Edwd
Nunnelee the Fourtey Dollars that
was allowed me by an act of the General
Assembly passed 17th day of January
1798 and this my order shall be your
Rect for the same L. William T. Goalding
John Beckley Esq. August 6th 1800
Treasury of Virginia*

Rec'd a Warrant of Forty Dollars in the name of Wm T. Goulding

25th of August 1800

S/ Edwd Nunnele

*Rec^d a Warrant of Forty Dollars
in the name of Wm Goulding
25 Aug 1800
Edw. Nunnele*

[p 7: Home August 20, 1800, Edward Nunneley of Pittsylvania County Virginia gave testimony that William T Goulding the pensioner named under the act of January 17, 1798 was still alive on the 6th day of August, 1800.]

[Note: The papers in this file relate to the annual authorization, disbursement and receipt of the pension by the veteran from 1799 to and through May 24th, 1841. The pensioner authorized various attorneys to receive his annual pension via powers of attorney.]

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Addendum to William T. Gaulden (Gaulding) W7509
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 28 Feb 2020.

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Gaulden, William F. One document in the file is illegible. The file also contains a power of attorney to Thomas Williams signed on 12 July 1833 by William T. Gaulden by his mark.]

State of Virginia to wit [12 July 1833]

Personally appeared before me the the undersigned a Justice of the peace for the County of Pittsylvania in the State aforesaid William Gaulden and made Oath in due form of Law that in the year 1780 he enlisted in the Army of the United States wit Colo. Williams at Coles Ferry in the County of Charlotte Virginia for during the War, that he was attached to Capt Dickson's Company of Riflemen and marched with them to the South in Company with Colo. Washingtons corps of Horsemen. That he was shott in the battle at Guildford in North Carolina on the 15 March 1781 through the back of his head and mouth which rendered him unfit for service he was under the care of Doctor Cunningham for several months and not being able to perform Military Service was discharged by the said Doctor Cunningham in the month of november 1781. that he never did receive from the Government, his Bounty land or any thing in lew [lieu] of it but that the same is still due him. Given under my hand this 12th day July 1833.

Jno. Pritchell

State of Virginia } SS
Pittsylvania County }

This day John Collins [R2176] of Halifax County in the State aforesaid Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for the county of Pittsylvania in the State aforesaid and made Oath in due form of Law that he was a Soldier in the War of the Revolution, that he was well acquainted with William T Gaulden who was a regular soldier in the said War we were both in the Battle fought in the county of Guilford North Carolina in month of March 1781. that the said William T Gaulden was shott through the Head in the said Battle and [undeciphered word] wounded. That he was not fit for service again during the said war in which he had enlisted. he further states that he has frequently seen the said Gaulden since the war, that he now resides in Pittsylvania County Virginia
Given under my hand this 25th day of October 1833. Nelson Tucker

Petition for Bounty land.

Wm. T. Gaulden – Sold'r – Cont'l line.

The proof in this case is --

Gauldens declaration, on oath that he enlisted in 1781, in the Cont'l army, for the war – that in the battle of Guildford, in north Carolina, in 1781, he was shot in the head, and thereby rendered unfit for duty. That he was discharged, in Nov'r 1781, by the surgeon, as being rendered unfit for duty by the said wound. John Collins says. He was a soldier of the war of the Revolution, and was well acquainted with Wm. T. Gaulden who was a regular soldier in the said war – that they fought together, at Guildford – and Gaulden was there shot through the heard, & rendered unfit for duty, during the war, “for which he had enlisted”. David Irby says. That Gaulden was a Revolutionary Soldier. That he was with him (the said Gaulden) at the Battle of Guildford & saw him shot through the head in that engagement.

Respectfully submitted/ John H Smith Com'r &c

May 3rd 1834

To his Excellency Gov'r. Tazewell

1834 May 31 Rejected