

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Gatewood S17968

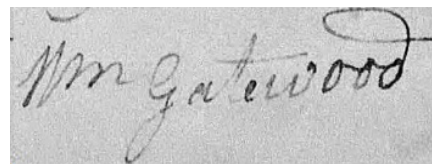
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Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Virginia County of Caroline s.s.

On this 14th day of October 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of Caroline County now siting William Gatewood a resident of the United States, in the County of Caroline & state of Virginia aged 69 years who being first duly sworn, accordinging to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832. That in the year 1781 he was called into the service of the United States as a private by a draft upon the militia of his County, and was attached to the Company commanded by Capt Gregory Baynham to serve a term of three months. He marched from Caroline County to the City of Williamsburg & joined that portion of the American army then commanded by Col Matthews [sic: Mathews] and Major Carey. He remained here some time after which he was detailed to go on a service of three days under the Command of one Capt Kelly to a place called Newport News below Williamsburg, but was detained seventeen days after which he returned to Williamsburg and again joined his own company under Capt Baynham. after remaining at Williamsburg some time he was marched towards Richmond by the way of Ruffins Ferry [on Pamunkey River near Sweet Hall in King William County], New Castle & Hanover Town and was after serving out his time discharged in the neighborhood of Richmond. In the same year he was again drafted from the militia of his County as a private for another tour of three months and was attached to the Company from Caroline commanded by Capt Francis Tompkins He was marched first to Fredericksburg, where he crossed the Rappahannock river to Falmouth – from thence to the Raccoon ford where he crossed [Rapidan River] & was joined here by that portion of the american army then commanded by Generals La Fayette & Wayne [Lafayette and Anthony Wayne, about 10 Jun 1781]. He proceeded from thence towards Richmond pursuing the British army which was then retreating. He was then sent to the neighborhood of Glouster [sic: Gloucester] Town, where he was transfered to the command of Capt George Tyler. The regiment to which he was here attached was commanded by Col Ennis [sic: James Innes] & Major Carey He remained at this post until after the surrender of the British army at York Town [19 Oct 1781]. He is confident & can testify without hesitation that in the two tours he was called out, he served for a period of six months at the least, and so far as his memory now serves him, the last tour was for a period much longer than three months. The field officers whom I knew were Generals Lafayette & Wayne, Col. Matthews & Ennis & Major Carey. He is well known to Wm W Dickinson, Col Fleming Terrell, Major Philip Samuel & Col Arch'd Samuel of this County.

He is now in the 70th year of his age by his register now in the possession of Archibald Dick of this County. He was born in the County of Caroline & has lived in the same all his life
I declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state and I do hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity except the present

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wm Gatewood". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a prominent loop at the end of the word "Gatewood".