

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ephraim Gaudy S17971

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State of South Carolina, Darlington District

On this the Sixteenth day of October in the year of our Lord 1832 Personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas & Sessions held for the District of Darlington & State aforesaid Ephraim Gaudy a resident of the District of Darlington & State aforesaid aged Eighty years, who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That he entered in the Army of the United States sometime during the revolutionary war, the precise time he cannot recollect, and served in a light Horse company under Captain Black [William Black] & marched from the said District of Darlington, as since laid out, to Wambo [either Wambaw or Wadboo¹] and there joined other forces commanded by Colonels, as said deponent believes, Mayam [sic, Hezekiah Maham] & Horry [probably Lieutenant Colonel Peter Horry] & the whole Brigade commanded by General Francis Marion. That he served at Wambo and its vicinity 12 months, under the said officers, that he was in no action during that time, that a flight did take place during his service as above between the Americans & British at Wambo Bridge² that this deponent was at the time off with several others in pursuit of provisions. That the British were commanded on that occasion by Colonel Tarleton [Banastre Tarleton].³ That after the expiration of the said 12 months this deponent returned home, & then went with his brother Britain Gaudy to Nash County North Carolina & whilst in Nash County aforesaid, that it became necessary, by some regulation which said deponent is unable to explain, that every 12th man in said County should serve for the term of Eighteen months in the Continental service. That his said brother Brittain Gaudy became liable for the said regulation to serve the said Term of Eighteen months, & that he called on this deponent & got him to enter the said service in his stead under a promise that his said brother Brittain would furnish a substitute in a few days & release this deponent. That this deponent then marched under his said Brother Major Edward Gaudy from Nash County aforesaid to Warren County in North Carolina, & then marched from Warren County of aforesaid under Major Hog [sic, Thomas Hogg] to Hillsboro North Carolina &

1 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/wadboo.htm> ; <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/wadboobr.htm> ;<http://gaz.jrshelby.com/wambaw-cr-br.htm>

2 perhaps either a reference to the action at Wadboo Bridge, January 31, 1781 http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_wadboo_bridge_1.html or the action at Wambaw Bridge, February 24, 1782. http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_wambaw_bridge.html. C. Leon Harris thinks it more likely the veteran is referring to the action at Wambaw Bridge.

3 Banastre Tarleton was not at the battle of Wadboo Bridge. The British forces in that engagement were commanded by Lieutenant Colonel John Coates. Likewise, he was present at the action at Wambaw Bridge where Col. Benjamin Thompson commanded the Tories.

there went under the command of Colonel Armstrong. Then marched from there under Colonel Armstrong to Ashley Hill on Ashley River in South Carolina & there was put under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], the other officers were Colonel Lightly [sic, Archibald Lytle?], Major Blount, Captain Peter Bacot, 1st Lieutenant was named Ford [probably John Ford, Foard] and 2nd Lieutenant Bell [probably Robert Bell]. Then marched from Ashley Hill to James Island, where he was stationed & served Eighteen months from the time he entered the Continental service in Nash County as aforesaid, which ended at the close of the War. That said deponent never received from his said brother any remuneration, or from any other person or source whatever for his Continental service as aforesaid. That he has no documents of his services as his certificates & papers have been destroyed by his child's getting them & burning them – unknown to him at the time – said deponent knows no person who can now testify to his services.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State.

S/ Ephraim Gaudy, X his mark

[R. Campbell, a clergyman, and Rasha Cannon gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

South Carolina, Darlington District

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in & for the District & state aforesaid – Ephraim Gaudy – who being duly sworn deposed & saith that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the particular periods of the revolutionary war at which he rendered his services therein but according to the best of his recollection he enlisted & served as a light horseman in the year 1789 [sic] at Walboo [sic] & it's vicinity in South Carolina – twelve months in the companies of Captains Black & Goff [sic, Richard Gough] – under Colonels Mayham & Horry commanded by General Francis Marion. Said deponent further states that in the latter part of the year 1780 – he again entered the service in Nash County North Carolina as a substitute for his brother Brittain Gaudy, who was drafted in the Continental service, & marched as a private under his brother Major Edward Gaudy – as stated in his declaration, & of our officers – as also stated – to Ashly Hills on Ashly River in South Carolina and was there stationed under General Greene, Colonel Lightly, Major Blount, Capt. Peter Bacot, 1st Lieutenant – Ford & 2nd Lieutenant – Bell – where he remained a short time -- & was then marched to James Island & South Carolina & was there stationed until the close of the war & served actually as a private at that time 18 months – which service in the whole was for two years & six months as above, Said deponent further states that at the expiration of the first above term of service he got a discharge which he recollects was written by Captain Goff -- & that at the close of the above last mentioned Term of Service of 18 months he got a written discharge which he recollects was written – by the above named Lieutenant Bell. But that the said discharges were afterwards destroyed by his child's getting hold of them & burning them as stated in his declaration-- Said deponent further states that since his first declaration in this matter he accidentally met with one John Artis who recently removed into this district, by whom he can prove his services at Ashley Hill & James Island as above & that at the time of making his first declaration he did not know that the said John Artis was living or in the Country. The said deponent further states that for the above services he claims a pension -- & that he was not engaged in any civil pursuit during the time

Sworn to before me this 25th day of October 1833

S/ M. W. Hunter, JP

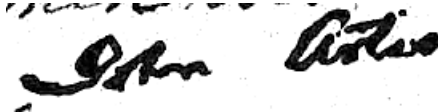
S/ Ephraim Gaudy, X his mark

South Carolina, Darlington District

Personally appeared before me Morris W. Hunter, a justice of the peace in & for the District & State aforesaid, John Artis,⁴ who being duly sworn deposeth & saith that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise date or period he first served with the above named Ephraim Gaudy but swears positively that immediately preceding the close of the revolutionary war: that he this deponent served at Ashley Hill & James Island in South Carolina with the above named Ephraim Gaudy a tour of 18 months under General Greene, that the said Gaudy there & then served the same tour as a private & that he the said Gaudy & this deponent were regularly discharged together at Ashley Hill at the Close of the war & that this deponent did not as he recollects ever see the said Gaudy from that time until a few months ago, when this deponent removed into this District from Chesterfield District in the State aforesaid & accidentally met with the said Gaudy – The said deponent further states that he this deponent is now, & has been for several years drawing a pension \$96 a year from the Agency or pension Roll of this State, for his on services at Ashley Hill & James Island – rendered at the time that the said Gaudy Served there with him also.

Sworn to & subscribed before made this 24th day of October 1833.

S/ John Artis

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Artis", written in dark ink on a light background.

S/ M. W. Hunter, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for eighteen months in the North Carolina Continental line and South Carolina militia.]

⁴ [John Artis \(Artiss\) S39150](#)