

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Gaston W30007

Janet Gaston

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State of Illinois, Jefferson County

On this 12th day of September 1836 personally appeared before the Judge of the Court of Probate of the County and State aforesaid Jinnet Gaston a resident of Jefferson County and State of Illinois aged ninety-four years, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made the act of Congress, passed July 4th, 1836. That she is the widow of John Gaston Deceased late of Chester District State of South Carolina who was a private of the Mounted Militia under the Command of General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter], That previous to General Sumter's organization he the said John Gaston performed seven tours of duty to suppress the collection of Tories and one tour of three months against the Cherokee Indians, Officers not recollected, that Captain McClure [John McClure] was the Captain he served on the first, and after he the said Captain Carr was killed, Captain Steel [John Steel] commanded, previous to the battle of Rocky Mount [July 30, 1780] he the said John Gaston was taken prisoner and in a few days paroled yet ventured to aid in that Battle of Rocky Mount and that at hanging rock [August 6, 1780] the Sabbath following where he had two brothers fall and one wounded, he had another Brother fall at Savannah as Captain of a regular Company -- That the said John Gaston being a quack doctor was employed by General Sumter to dress the wounds he the said General received at Broad River [Battle of Blackstocks, November 20, 1780], and was from that time with the person of General Sumter to the best of her recollection as a Surgeon till after the Battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781], when he was dismissed. That the said John Gaston was in 5 or 6 battles and skirmishes and was 5 years in the service of his Country without ever receiving a compensation.

She further declares that she was married to the said John Gaston previous to the revolutionary war. That the record of their marriage was lost when the British and Tories robbed them of nearly all their property. But that she recollects their 3rd child was Born the first day of January 1777. That she has no record of the services of her husband the said John Gaston. That he the said John Gaston her husband died some time in January 1808, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

S/ Jannet Gaston, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed, on the day and year above written before me this 12th day of September 1836

S/ Joel Pace, Judge of Probate

The following questions were put to the above Jannet Gaston while on oath.

What was sure maiden name? Ans: Jannet Knox

By whom were you married? Ans: By Father-in-law John Gaston Senior Esquire
 Of what complaint did your husband the aforesaid John Gaston die? Ans: the Influenza.

S/ Jannet Gaston, X her mark

[Zadok Casey and Edward Maxey, a preacher of the gospel, gave the standard supporting affidavit as to the moral character of the claimant and the reputation of her husband as a revolutionary soldier.]

State of Illinois, Marion County

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace of Marion County State aforesaid, William Gaston¹ Senior and after being duly sworn according to law saith That he the witness was acquainted with John Gaston Deceased husband of the applicant for the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th, 1836 the now widow Jannet Gaston, previous to the revolution war. That before the marriage of the said John Gaston and Jennet Knox they lived on Fishing Creek Chester County State of South Carolina, they were married the fall of 1768. That the said John Gaston Deceased was a private in the mounted Militia under Captain McClure and the fighting Commenced sometime in the year 1774 and '75. That the first campaign was the Snowy Camps that after performing several routes they were regularly organized under General Sumter, before the Battles of Rocky Mount and Hanging-rock. That the said John Gaston was in those Battles and was a faithful soldier and a true Whig till the close of the war. That the said John Gaston had three Brothers killed and one wounded in that war and was once robbed by the British and Tories of nearly all their property. That the witness made their house his home from the organization of Sumter until after the war. That the said John Gaston has been dead about 20 years and that the applicant the widow Jannet Gaston of Jefferson County State of Illinois is the widow of the said John Gaston Deceased and never has been married again to any other person whatever.

S/ William Gaston, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed on the 22nd day of August 1836 before.

S/ Josiah Fiske, JP

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for her husband service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts² relating to John Gaston pp 9

Audited Account No. 2726

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Mr. John Gaston his Account of Sundries for Militia use Amounting to £23 Stg. [Sterling]
 N: B: no receipt for the delivery of a Mare charged in this account & included in said Amount £35 Currency [old South Carolina currency] or £5 Stg

¹ [William Gaston S32265](#)

² 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.

Ex^d. W. G. [Examined by William Galvan]
J. M^c. A. G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]
15th November 1784

Amount brought down	£23 Stg.
Deduct for a Mare not certified	£5
	£18 Sterling

Received the 15th October 1784 from the Commissioners of the Treasury and indent No. 188
Book K for 18 pounds Sterling in full satisfaction for this Audited Account
S/ John Gaston Jur. [?]



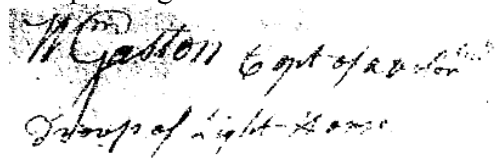
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State of South Carolina to John Gaston		Dr
For 91 Days of self and Horse at 20/ [20 shillings old SC currency] per day Under Captain John McClure		£91
For one Bay Mare Lost near Augusta in Captain William Gaston's Company, under the Command of General Williamson [Andrew Williamson]		35
For 35 Days of self and Horse at 20/ per Day under Captain Steel	£161	<u>35</u>
	£23 Stg.	£161

Personally appeared John Gaston and made Oath that the above Account is Just and true,
Sworn before me this 3rd June 1783
S/ Jas. Knox, JP

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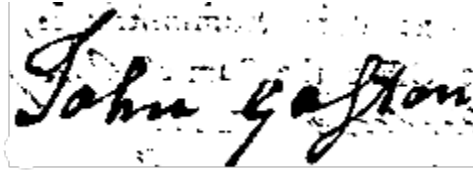
I do Certify that John Gaston being one of my company in the service of this State near Augusta
did lose a small Bay Mare appraised by [text too faint to discern] and Samuel Knox
S/ W. Gaston, Capt. of a vol [?]
Troop of Light Horse



[p 7: Printed form of Indent No. 188 Book K dated the 15th of November 1784]

[p 8: Reverse of the above Indent bearing among others the following endorsement:

I acknowledge to have Received the Within of John Harth in full as witness my hand
S/ John Gaston

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Gaston". The signature is written in black ink on a light background.

Hugh McClure

Charles Town July 23 1785