

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Gutry R4398

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State of South Carolina, Laurens District: In the Common Pleas

On this the thirty first day of October 1836, personally appeared in open court before the Honorable John S. Richardson one of the Judges of the Court of Common pleas now sitting, John Gutry, aged ninety Eight years a resident of Laurens District South Carolina who 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 he enlisted in the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as by him herein after stated. 1st That he enlisted, in North Carolina, for six months, under Captain Alfred Moore, General Nash, in what year he does not distinctly recollect, and rendezvoused at Hillsboro, and marched to Wilmington and was stationed there – at Brunswick the whole six months; and was discharged at Wilmington by Captain Moore, which discharge was in writing but has been lost.

Next service was for three months, which he served as a substitute in the place of William Sergeant under Captain McFarlin [sic, Daniel McFarland]– rendezvoused at Hillsborough and was marched to Cross Creek in North Carolina and was there discharged.

Third time entered for nine months – served this tour, under Captain Robert Moore – marched to Purisburg [sic, Purrysburg] in North Carolina [sic, South Carolina] and was there put under command of Captain William Goodman, Colonel Armstrong [probably James Armstrong], General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] – from thence marched to Bacon's bridge 14 miles above Charleston South Carolina, and thence to the battle of Stono [June 20, 1779]¹ – was after the battle marched to Bacon's bridge thence to Gates defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780]² and was discharged by William Goodman our Captain. --Fourth time – volunteered under Captain Mason Foley for three months, a tour after the Tories when Governor Burke [Thomas Burke] was taken out of Hillsborough [September 12, 1781] had no Colonel or field officers, and that all of his discharges which were in writing have been lost.

I do 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 in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court.

S/ John Garlington, Clk

S/ John Gutry



[Gideon Thomason, a clergyman, and Abraham Bolt gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_camden.html

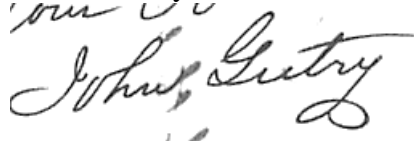
Sir

Tumbling Shoals April 27th 1836

I wish you to examine the roal [sic, roll] in your office & see if my name ain't on the Books as a soldier in the war of the Revolution; I have made one attempt for a pension to your office & never have heard of my papers since they started, mine & Brother William Gutry's were sent on last year from the State of Georgia, & I have lately taken up my abode in South Carolina & you'll please address me to the last post office at this place (Tumbling Shoals) my memory has failed me very much, but I will give you a little history as well as I can recollect of my service & to enable you in making your search – (viz.) I enlisted in Caswell County NC under Captain Bullock served 3 months under him, then served 6 months under Captain Alfred Moore, then served 3 months under Captain William Foaly [sic, Foley?] – then served 9 months under Captain William Goodman was in the battle of Stono SC under the command of General Lincoln, then served 3 months under Captain Daniel McFarland [sic, David McFarland?] was in Gates defeat & was out several other tours but don't recollect the officers names or the length of time I served – I am now upwards of 90 years of age & am very helpless & extremely poor, and am supported by the charity of my old acquaintances as yet, but I find I shall soon become burdensome to them & have to Go to Poor House, if I don't get relief from my country for my services – as such please to render me all the information in your power to assist me in getting my Just rights.

Very Respectfully Your Obedient Servant.

S/ John Gutry³

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Gutry". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ John Gutry³".

[p 12: William Hill, North Carolina Secretary of State, sent a letter dated November 26, 1836, to James L Edwards, Commissioner of pensions, indicating that he, Hill, had searched the rolls of North Carolina for the name of John Gutry and found no entries relating to him.]

State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County

This day came Hezekiah Dewese⁴ and Thomas Barnette⁵ before me William Barnette one of the acting Justices of the peace for said County and maid [sic, made] oath in Due form of Law in behalf of John Gutry of South Carolina Sarvatude [sic] in the Revelunary Servis [sic, Revolutionary Service] Hezekiah Dewese Deposeth and Saith that he minds [sic, remembers?] of Seeing John Gutry at old punans burgh [sic, Purrysburg?] in South Carolina in the Nine Months Servis and that he minds Seeing him agoing to the Servis another time but Don't recollect for what Length of time the Commanding officer General Linckhorn [sic, Lincoln] Thomas Barnette Deposeth and saith That he Dos [sic, does] not recollect of Seeing him in the Servis but that he Saw his wife in the Settlement and the neighbors Said that John Gutry was in the Servis I Did not See him but I have reason to believe that he was in the Servis.

Sorne [sic, Sworn] to and Subscribed to This 3rd Day of June 1836

S/ Hezekiah Dewese, C his mark

S/ Thomas Barnett

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Barnett". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Thomas Barnett".

³ I am guessing that someone else wrote this letter for the veteran and signed his name since the signature is so remarkably different from that attached to his application.

⁴ [Hezekiah Dewese \(Dewese, Dewise\) W7014](#)

⁵ [Thomas Barnett S8041](#)

[p 20: Elizabeth McKnight, a resident of Laurens County, SC, but formerly of Caswell County, NC, gave an affidavit that she recollects John Gutry serving a 9 months tour she thinks under Captain Goodman at the time of the fall of Charleston and again a 12 month tour under the command of Captain Moore or McFarland when he was at Gates defeat. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]