

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Humphry (Humphrey) Gwyn S37969

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At a monthly court continued and held according to adjournment in Mathews County at the courthouse of said County on Tuesday the 14th of April in the year of our Lord 1818 and of our independence the 42nd Humphrey Gwyn appeared before the court and made oath that he was enlisted by Captain John Nelson as a private Soldier to serve in his troop of Cavalry in the first Virginia Regiment of Cavalry commanded by Colonel Theodorick Bland upon Continental establishment in the month of June 1776 for two years and that he regularly served out his term of enlistment in the said Regiment and was duly discharged from said Regiment by Lieutenant Colonel Benjamin Temple in the town of Winchester in the year 1778 but that his said discharge has long since been lost or mislaid and that from his old age and reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for support, which is ordered to be certified by this court. And it is the opinion of the court that the said Humphrey Gwyn served nine months at one period on the Continental establishment, and is in reduced circumstances, and requires the assistance of his country for support.

Given under my hand and seal as providing Magistrate of said court the 14th April
1818 S/ John D Jarvis

I Humphrey Gwyn of Mathews County State of Virginia do hereby constitute and appoint Major Christopher Tompkins of said County and State my lawful attorney to receive in my behalf the pension allowed me as a Revolutionary Soldier by the United States under an act of Congress passed on the 18th of March 1818, in such proportions and at such periods as may be appointed by the war Department for the payment of the same at the Pension Office, or at such other place or places as may be appointed for that purpose, which pension by the provisions of the above recited act commences from the 14th of April 1818 and this power now executed by me is to continue in full force until revoked by me by a written notice to the Secretary of War. As witness my hand & seal the 7th of August 1818.

S/ Humphry Gwyn

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Humphrey Gwyn" followed by a flourish.

Schedule

State of Virginia Mathews County SS

On this 10th day of October 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a court of record for the said County expressly made so by the laws of said state, Humphrey Gwyn aged sixty-one years resident in said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: That he was enlisted by Captain John Nelson as a private soldier to serve in his Troop of Cavalry, in the first Virginia Regiment of Cavalry commanded by Colonel Theodorick Bland upon Continental establishment in the month of June 1776 for two years and that he regularly served out his term of enlistment in said Regiment, and was duly discharged from said Regiment by Colonel Benjamin Temple in the Town of Winchester in the year 1778. That the date of his original declaration is the 14th day of April 1818, and that he has received a pension certificate No. 7187 –

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

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| 5 acres of Land, annual value \$7 | |
| ½ dozen flag chairs | \$2.00 |
| 1 old Desk | 5.00 |
| 1 old Negro woman about 60 years of age | 0.00 |
| 1 Gun | 5.00 |
| Spinning well and one pair cards | <u>2.50</u> |
| | \$14.50 |

my age is 61 years, occupation a Mariner and unable to maintain myself from age and bodily infirmity, occasioned by rheumatism: my wife Sally aged about 60 years and can only perform the usual drudgery of a housewife, but unable to maintain herself. I have one child living with me named Letitia aged 20 years and unable to contribute anything towards her support from infirmity.

S/ Humphrey Gwyn, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 14, 1818, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 2-page file

Humphrey Gwyn application for land bounty

This claim is allowed upon the report of Commissioner Smith to the heirs of Humphrey when for his service of three years in the Cavalry in the Continental line.

S/ J. B. Floyd

1851 December 29 Cert. Issued

Heirs of Humphrey Gwyn all reported entitled to land bounty [indecipherable word] for a service of three years of the said Gwen as a soldier of Cavalry in the Continental line during the

Revolutionary War.
I allowed the Claim accordingly.
December 8, 1851

S/ John B Floyd

[Note: The commissioners report to which the above make reference is not included among the documents filed online.]