

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Gabriel Fry S38710

VA

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[Punctuation partly corrected.]

State of Tennessee } On this 21st day of April 1825 personally appeared in open court, being a court
Morgan County } of record, for the county and state aforesaid, made so by the statutes of this State,
Gabriel Fry resident in said county, aged sixty five years, who being first duly sworn, according to law,
doth, on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of
Congress, of the 18th of March, and the 1st of May 1820; that he, the said Gabriel Fry enlisted for the term
of three years or during the war, on the 13th day of February in the year 1777, in the state of Virginia, in
the company commanded by Captain John Marks, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Charles
Lewis in the State of Virginia, on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in said corps
until March in the year 1780, when he was honorably discharged from the said service in Alexandria in
the State of Virginia. That he was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Germantown [4 Oct 1777],
Stoney Point [sic: storming of Stony Point, 16 Jul 1779], Poulers Hook [sic: Paulus Hook, 19 Aug 1779]
& Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], and a great my skirmishes, that he was wounded in the battle of Brandywine
and that he has no other evidence, now in his power of his services except his own oath. that he belonged
to the 14th Virginia Regiment com'd. by Colo. C. Lewis & that some time in the year 1778 Colo. Davis
[sic: William Davies] took command of said Regiment for about two months, and then Colo. Erasmus
Ball [probably Burges Ball] who continued to command said Reg't. during my term of service [see
endnote], and signed my discharge and that in the month of July after my enlistment he was appointed
first Sergeant in Capt Marks company, & he continued to serve under the said Captain as first sergeant
through his service and the he never received any bounty in land for his services.
and, in pursuance of the act of the [1st] May 1820 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring
myself within the provisions 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.

One pot & one dutch oven	\$4.50
three tin cups	37½

The declarent is by occupation a farmer, but very ill able to pursue it, he is subject to what Physicians
call the head pluricy [sic: head pleurisy], his wife is about thirty three years old, of good health, he has
four children living with him by his second wife the eldest seven year of age a girl, & the youngest three.
And this deponent further sayeth not. Gabriel hisXmark Fry

State of Tennessee }
Morgan County } Personally appeared Gabriel Fry (by reason of bodily infirmity unable to attend
court) before me David S. Lavender a justice of the peace for said County court and swore to the
following schedule of his property which was omitted in his declaration for a pension filed in Morgan
County court at April Sessions 1825.

On the 18th day of March 1818 he had nothing, just having returned out of the service of the late
war

That since that time he has procured the following property

Viz	One horse	\$50.00
	2 Cows worth ten dollars each	20.00
	2 Beds worth 12 dollars each	24.00
	5 Tin cups, three plates and a dish	1.50
	1 set of knives and forks	<u>2.00</u>
		\$97.50

He states the reason he did not apply sooner, was that he was sick with the head pleurecy, and when well was an unlearned man, lives in an obscure part of the country, and did not know where to apply, or to whom to apply, nor did he know until lately that any provisions were made for him. He states that the above property has come into his possession since he filed his declaration for a pension by collecting what he then thought a bad debt

Gabriel hisXmark Fry

[The following are in [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) under the name Fry, John.]

To the Governor of Virginia
the Petition of the heirs of George, Benjamin, Gabriel & John Fry [George Fry VAS1452, Benjamin Fry VAS1451, Gabriel Fry, and John Fry R3819] respectfully states, that their ancestors above named, in the year 1777 enlisted themselves in the service of the State of Virginia for and during the war. That the three first served out the time for which they were enlisted
Joseph Fry [VAS1453] the Brother of those above mentioned enlisted at the same time & in the same Company that George Fry did and died in the service – his heirs immediately after the war received the bounty in land promised to him.
but your petitioners have never till this time urged their claim. they hope it will now receive the favourable consideration of Your Excellency, that you will direct a warrant to issue to them for the services of their ancestors during the war

State of North Carolina }
Stokes County } at June County Court of pleas & quarter sessions 1832.

Henry Carter [pension application W3940] one of the old Revolutionary Soldiers came into Court and made oath that a certain John Fry, George Fry, Benjamin Fry, Joseph Fry & Gabriel Fry all Brothers did enlist themselves as regular soldiers in the service of the United States for and during the Revolutionary War against Great Britain & it was stated by letters to their Parents that Joseph Fry & George Fry died in the Army as this deponent was inform'd & has just reason to believe, leaving no children as heirs at Law, & since the revolutionary war ended the remainder of the Brothers have all died and none of them leaving any heirs at Law but John Fry's Chidren as this deponant has just reason to believe, the aforesaid enlistments was made in the County of Albemarle in the Commonwealth of Virginia & this deponent further saith not but states that he served with said John Fry in the service & subscribed this affadavit in open Court.



Gabriel Fry one of the Sons of the late John Fry dec'd. came into open court & made oath that he has just reason to believe that all his uncles George, Benjamin, Joseph & Gabriel Fry died without any heirs except himself & his Brothers & Sisters whose names are Benjamin Fry, Gincy Fry, Delilah who intermarried with William Lawson, Nancy married Jonas Lawson, Elijah Fry, Thomas Fry, Zada who intermarried Wm. Collins and further this deponant saith that he has always understood & has just reason to believe that his father John Fry dec'd was a Regular Soldier in the Army of the United States during the Revolutionary War against G. Britain and that he is the same person & his Brothers & Sisters that he

represents himself & them to be the only children of the aforesaid John Fry dec'd. & Lawful heirs & representatives of their Uncles before mentioned as leaving no Children to inherit their Estates &c. and subscribed this affadavit in open Court. [signed] Gabriel Frye

NOTES:

At the White Plains NY arrangement on 14 Sep 1778 (<http://revwarapps.org/b138.pdf>) the 14th Regiment became the 10th Regiment with Col. William Davies still commanding.

A summary and recommendation in the Virginia rejected-claims file dated 19 April 1834 states that the names of John and Benjamin Fry were found on rosters, but that there was no evidence that any of the brothers served to the end of the war and were therefore eligible for bounty land.