

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joel Gunter S38780

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District of West Tennessee

Joel Gunter a citizen of the County of Warren in the State of Tennessee came before me and claimed to be placed on the pension list of the United States in consequence of his service as a soldier of the Revolutionary war, and after being duly sworn deposed and saith that he enlisted into the Service of the United States, in the year 1776, but does not remember the day nor month, that he enlisted for 2 ½ years and served the same term faithfully he enlisted under the command of Captain William Glover in the 6th North Carolina Continental regiment before his term expired he enlisted under the command of Captain Cadar Parker for three years and served the said term of three years faithfully and was discharged near Halifax in North Carolina. The 6th North Carolina Regiment was commanded by Colonel Lillington [John Alexander Lillington]. That he was transferred from the 6th to the 1st Regiment which was commanded by Colonel Thomas Clark that he then served in Captain John McCree's [probably Griffith John McRee or McRae's] company. That he has long since lost or mislaid his discharge. That he is 64 years old, unable to labor. That he is in very reduced circumstances and thus needs the aid of Government. That he never had a pension from the United States or any State.

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this 29th day of July 1818.

S/ Joel Gunter, X his mark

S/ John McNairy, District Judge

David Benton¹ a citizen of the County of Warren in the State of Tennessee made oath that he is well acquainted with the applicant Joel Gunther that he served in the same company and Regiment and knows that he served more than nine months in the Service of the United States in the Continental Establishment and that he believes that he is in reduced circumstances and need the aid of Government. Sworn to & Subscribed or me.

S/ David Benton, X his mark

S/ John McNairy

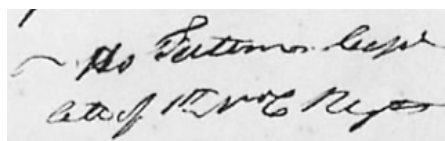
Howell Tatem² Esquire came before me and made oath that from the description of the routes of the Army made to him by the applicant Joel Gunter, he is well satisfied of the truth of the statements made by him in his affidavit as he belonged to the same Regiment from 1st January 1778 until the month of July 1780.

Sworn to & subscribed before me.

S/ Ho. Tatem, Capt. late of 1st NC Regt.

¹ [David Benton S39195](#)

² [Howell Tatum R2027](#)

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely reading "John McNairy", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

S/. John McNairy, District Judge

State of North Carolina, Secretary's Office 9th April 1819

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that, it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental Line of the State before said in the Revolutionary War that Joel Gunter enlisted as a private in said Line and was under the command of Captain Child [Francis Child] of the first Regiment, the 6th December 1776 for the term of 2 ½ years, and was discharged 29th January 1780.

Given under my hand the date above.

S/ Wm Hill

State of Tennessee, Warren County

On this 9th day of August A.D. 1825 personally appeared before the Honorable Nathaniel W. Williams in open Court Judge of the 3rd Judicial Circuit in the State aforesaid being a court of record Joel Gunter resident in said County, aged Seventy-one years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to attain the provision made by the acts of Congress of 18th March 1818 & the 1st May 1820, that he the said Joel Gunter enlisted for the term of two years & a half in the spring of the year 1776 as he thinks, in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Capt. William Glover in the Regiment commanded by Col. Lamb [Gideon Lamb], in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Southern Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps until transferred to Capt. McRhea's company & Col. Clark's [probably Thomas Clark's] Regiment, and served in that company until he was discharged from the service near Halifax in the State of North Carolina. That he hereby relinquishes his every claim whatsoever to a pension except the present. That is name has been placed on the pension list: that the number of his pension certificate is 7453 & that he never before exhibited a Schedule of his property because he depended upon other persons to transact the business for him, he being incapable of doing it himself, in the year 1821, he first rendered a Schedule of his property And in pursuance of the act of the first of 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 other wise 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 viz., one old saddle, one mare & colt worth about \$50, one Note on Hawkins Gunter for \$15, he is thought to be insolvent – \$6 Dollars borrowed money of Clabourne Gunter & three dollars and \$.75 for linen & one dollar borrowed of Samuel Bryson, I have one Note of hand on John Hartwick he is also insolvent,

S/ Joel Gunter, X his mark

Since the 18th March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property viz. Disposition of property [largely illegible text apparently a listing of property sold, naming the buyers who appear to have been principally Francis Wade, John Hartwick and John Travis

Item	Name of person to whom disposed of	Time of sale	Amount of money description of property received in return
1 chest 1 1/2 feet	James Madsen	"	"
hoos, 1 two year old cow	"	"	30¢ linen
2 belts	"	"	\$1. in linen
1 wide	"	"	50¢ in linen
1 chain	"	"	50¢ in linen
6 head of sheep	"	"	\$8 in cloth
1 hand saw	"	"	"
1 auger 1/2 ft con	"	"	"
papers & some shan from the hog house	"	"	\$15 in traces
1 cow & calf	Wm Hartwick	"	\$9 on current time he paid interest
1 two year old steer	Geo Travis	"	\$9. 7 of which he paid me in what 2 loads here

S/ Joel Gunter, X his mark

Whatever changes have been made in my property since the year 1818 have been made through necessity as in the annexed Schedule I have sold at different times nearly all my property for the purpose of purchasing the necessities of life.

S/ Joel Gunter, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 29, 1818, for service as a private for 2 1/2 years in the North Carolina Continental line.]