

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Gentry [Gentree] S39566

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Virginia Hanover County to wit

William Gentry, (a resident Citizen of the United States and of the said State & County) – came before me Thomas Tinsley, presiding Judge for the County aforesaid, and made oath, that he served three years as a Soldier in the revolutionary War in the first Virginia Regiment, of Continental Artillery Commanded by Colonel Charles Harrison deceased – in the late Captain William Fleming Gaines¹ Company, the particular time of his enlisting he does not know – His original discharge he has lost, but He obtained, in September 1813 ~~from his Captain~~ the above named Captain William Flem. Gaines the annexed Certificate, which shows, that he faithfully served as a Soldier, the above period of three years – He states, that he well recollects being discharged, at Hillsboro in North Carolina sometime after Gates defeat [August 15-16, 1780].

He further maketh oath that he never was on any pension list, and consequently have received no pension – and from his inability to labor, and reduced circumstances, he needs the assistance of his Country for support.

Given under my hand this 9th day of May 1818

S/ Thos. Tinsley

In addition to the within testimony in the case of William Gentry, also is annexed, the Certificate of Captain John Pryor² who was a Captain in the said first Regiment of Continental Artillery – I was present when Captain Pryor gave the Certificate & saw him write it, the Certificate given by Captain William F. Gaines, I believe to be his hand writing, I have often seen him Wright & have had letters from him. – I know of my own knowledge that the said Gentry is in reduced circumstances – an invalid and has been provided for as one of the poor of the said County of Hanover, and in absolute need of the assistance of his Country for his support. And it appearing to my satisfaction that the applicant served in the revolutionary War, against the Common Enemy. – I do hereby in pursuance of the 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," Certify and transmit, the foregoing evidence to the Honorable Secretary of War. Given under my hand, as presiding judge of the said County of Hanover this 12th day of May 1818

S/ Thos. Tinsley

I do Certify that William Gentry a Soldier in the 1st Regiment of artillery commanded by the late

¹ FPA BLWt880-300

² [John Pryor W12064](#)

Colonel Charles Harrison of the Revolutionary Army on Continental Establishment enlisted for three years & served faithfully to the end of his term - Given in Richmond this 9th day of May 1818

S/ J. Pryor, Capt.
late of the Said Regt.

I do Certify that William Gentry a Soldier
in the 1st Reg^t of Artillery, commanded by the late
Col^l Charles Harrison of the Revolutionary Army
on Continental Establishment enlisted for three
years & served faithfully to the end of his
term - Given in Richmond this 8th day of
May 1818 -

J. Pryor Capt.
late of the Said Regt.

I do certify that William Gentry served as a Soldier under me three years in the first Regiment of Continental Artillery during which time he behaved himself in an orderly & proper manner
8th September 1813

Wm Flem. Gaines

I do certify that Wm Gentry served as
a Soldier under me three years in the
first regiment of continental Artillery
during which time he behaved him-
self in an orderly & proper manner
8th Sep. 1813
Wm Flem. Gaines

Schedule

In Hanover County Court, August 23rd, 1820

District of Virginia SS

On this 23rd day of August 1820, personally appeared in open court, being a court of

record for the County of Hanover William Gentry aged Sixty six years, a resident in the County of Hanover in said district, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: In the first Virginia Regiment of artillery commanded by Colonel Charles Harrison in Captain William F. Gaines Company and that his original declaration is dated the 9th day of May 1819 [sic] the Number of his Pension Certificate is 5680

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 that he has no real nor personal estate (necessary Clothing and bedding excepted) that he is by occupation a Carpenter but Possesses no ability to pursue it, that his family Consist of a wife about ___ years of age and six children, names & ages as follows Spencer 16 Thomas 13 Howard 10 Theodorick 8 Andrew 6 Mary 3 years of age, that his family do not possess sufficient capacity to support themselves – and that he stands in need of his Country's assistance for support.

S/ William Gentry, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 9, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I do hereby Certify that William Gentree Enlisted into Colonel Harrison's Regiment the 12th [?] of Novr/ 1777 & was Discharged the 12th of October 178? 's[last digit illegible]

S/ D. Ragsdale Capt [Drury Ragsdale]

Artillery

June 4th 1783

Brokenshire Certify that William Gentree Enlisted into Col. Harrison's Regiment the 12th of Novr. 1777. & was Disch. the 12th of Oct. 1783.
D. Ragsdale Capt.
Artillery
June 4th 1783

[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Hanover County Legislative Petitions

To the Honorable the Speakers and Members of the two Houses of General Assembly

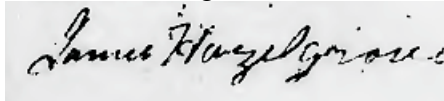
The Petition of William Gentry of the County of Hanover, Humbly Sheweth, that in the contest with England for the liberties of his Country, He turned out as a Soldier, in Harrison's

Regiment of Artillery – that he faithfully served the full term of his enlistment – that he served to the northward as well as to the southward – that he was in all the several actions in which that Regiment was engaged in particular Monmouth [June 28, 1778] & Camden [Camden, August 15-16 1780] – that He was in Captain William Fleming Gaines's Company – Major John Prior, also knows of his serving in that Regiment – to whose certificate he begs leave to refer –

Your Petitioner further Sheweth, that from the fatigue and exposure of his health, whilst in the service of his Country as aforesaid – He is rendered unfit for labor – that from pain & weakness in his hips & knees, it is with difficulty he can even walk – His arms also, on much affected – & these facts are verified by the annexed certificate – He states that he is Poor, possessing no kind of property whatever & that he has four small helpless Children – He therefore, throws himself upon the bounty of his Country, and humbly hopes, that they will make such a provision for him, as they in their Wisdom may think him entitled to & in duty bound he will pray &c

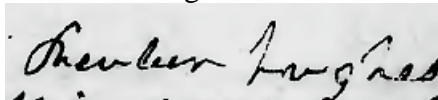
We the undersigned have long known William Gentry – We know that he was a Soldier in Harrison's Regiment of Artillery & that he served the full time of his enlistment = We have discovered for a considerable time past his lameness growing fast upon him, – that it is with difficulty he can even wall, his Arms are also affected & that he is now unfit for labor – He has 4 small helpless children. – He is now being an invalid, We really believe (from [our] own observations & he is statements) is to be attributed to some violent cold, he called in the Army. Certified under our hands this 8th day of January 1812.

S/ James Hazelgrove



I well No [know] that Wm Jentry [William Gentry] served as Soldier in Colonel Harrison's Regiment for three years as I myself was with him.

S/ Reuben Hughes



The above mentioned old soldier William Gentry I well know who was in the same Regiment with myself his service is faithfully recounted in his petition and he appears to be totally disabled by infirmities age &c

S/ J. Pryor

