

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Gunnell S40062

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United States of America Weston District State of Pennsylvania Sct.

Be it remembered that on the 3rd day of August A.D. 1818 before me Jonathan H Walker Esquire Judge of the United States for the Western District of Pennsylvania personally appeared John Gunnell a resident of Bedford County and State aforesaid aged fifty-five years & upwards who by me being duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration – That in the year 1780 he enlisted in Petersburg Virginia with Captain John Linton in a Regiment of U S Dragoons or Light Horse usually commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Washington [William Washington], was at the Battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] &c – the Battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] & sundry skirmishes & at the said Battle of the Cowpens received a wound by a Sabre in the sword arm & hand & also in the head at the said Battle of the Cowpens & served during the War or until its close as a Soldier in said Regiment of Dragoons in the Revolutionary War on the Continental Establishment & at the close of the said War was honorably discharged at Winchester Virginia & that he hath now lost his discharge. That he is now in reduced circumstances with a constitution much impaired & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support & that he hath not now in his possession any further evidence of his said Service he declares on oath as aforesaid & that he has never heretofore received any pension from the United States.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid Before
S/ Jonathan H Walker

S/ John Gunnell



4th Judicial District of Pennsylvania Bedford County SS

On the 11th day of August A.D. 1821, Before the Honorable Court of Common Pleas now holden in & for said County John Gunnell aged Sixty-three 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 in the year 1780 he enlisted with Ensign Hutchinson in Washington's Corps of Light horse & served in the said Corps of Light horse commanded by Colonel Washington & served in said Corps on the Continental establishment in the Revolutionary War until its close & received during said period of service four severe wounds all which was stated in his original application & declaration on which a pension certificate issued to the said John Gunnell dated the 5th day of August A.D. 1819 No. 13 563 – Signed J C Calhoun Secretary of War, & I the said John Gunnell do 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

Sworn to this 4th of August 1821 in open court

S/ J. M. Espy, Noth.

S/ John Gunnell

The petitioner states that his family consist of a wife and infirm woman aged 59 years & one daughter 20 years of age –

Sworn to & subscribed this 11th of August 1821 in open Court

S/ J. M. Espy, Noth.

S/ John Gunnell

Schedule of Declarant's property

1 small wheel	1 Fort adge
1 Cow & calf	1 Jack plain Do Smothing plain
1 Table	1 Plow & Grove
2 Iron pots	1 Handsaw
1 Small Kettle	1 Pannel saw
1 Tea kettle	4 mortzing chisels
1 Frying pan	2 augers 1 Hoe & mattock & drawing knife
2 Coffee pots	1 Bed & bedding
1 Set plain tea ware	
1 Broad ax	
1 Do Common ax	

All valued at forty dollars & a part of which was purchased out of his pension heretofore received.


Bedford County The Court on having the above Schedule submitted to them certify in their opinion the above schedule does not exceed the value of forty dollars.

By the Court

S/ John Dickey

S/ Abraham Martin

[p 10: In a document dated March 24, 1827, the veteran indicated that he has moved from Bedford County Pennsylvania to Westmoreland County Pennsylvania. This document was attested to by Corbin Gunnell, relationship not stated.



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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 3rd, 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 Certify that John Gunnell of 3 Troop Enlisted for the War May 20th A.D. in Baylor's Dragoons & is entitled to his Bounty Land.

S/ William Barrett, Captain
Baylor's Dragoons
December 16, '84