

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Reuben Gurganus S8638

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State of North Carolina, County of Pitt: SS

On this 9th day of May 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the State and County aforesaid now sitting, Reuben Gurganus a resident of Pitt County and State of North Carolina aged Seventy-one years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He was born in the County of Pitt and State aforesaid in the year of 1762, and that he has no record of his age, and was living in the County of Pitt when called into Service and have lived in said County ever since the Revolutionary War. He volunteered in the month of May 1778, in the 10th Regiment commanded by Colonel Hogan [sic, James Hogun] and was commanded by Captain Childs [Francis Child] and was marched to the North through Philadelphia to West Point where he remained 7 months, from West Point he was marched to Philadelphia where he staid but a short time, then he was put on board a Vessel and was landed at Suffolk in the State of Virginia from there he was marched to Halifax North Carolina at which place he was discharged, the term of Service during that tour was nine months, That he volunteered again in the month of May 1780, in the militia Service under Captain Samuel Dudley in the Regiment commanded by General Caswell [Richard Caswell] and marched to Kingston [sic, Kinston] where he remained two months – from Kinston he was marched to Cross Creek and from Cross Creek he was marched to Charleston South Carolina but before arriving there at the town was taken [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] and we were marched back to Cross Creek at which place we were discharged at what time I served six months, and that he was well acquainted with Captain Reading Blount and Major Hogg. That he received a discharge from Captain McNeath [?] which discharge has since been lost.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Reuben Gurganus, X his mark

S/ Arch'd Parker, Clk

The amended declaration of Reuben Gurganus

Question the first Where and in what year were you born?

Born in the County of Pitt in the year 1762 as he has been told

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

I have none.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

I was living in Pitt County when called into service and have lived in the same County ever since the War.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

I volunteered

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

The regular officers under whom I served were General Hogun, Colonel Mebane, Major Hogg, Captain Francis Childs. The Continental Regiment was called the 10th Regiment called Caswell's Regiment

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

I received two discharges from the service, one of which was given by Captain McNeath which I sent by David Perkins to draw my wages and he never returned it, the other signed by Captain Samuel Dudley & that I have lost.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

I am known to Samuel Holiday, Hugh Telfair, Esquire Simon Keele, James Taylor, General William Clarke, Henry Toole Esquire, Luke Allbritton, Esquire, Churchill Perkins Esquire, William Clemens, Esquire, Edmond Anderson, Esquire Thomas E. Chance.

Sworn to in open court

S/ Reuben Gurganus, X his mark

S/ Arch'd Partker, Clk

[William Clark, clergyman, and James Taylor gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina, Pitt County

Simon Keel¹ maketh oath that he knows that Reuben Gurganus served in the Militia Service in the revolutionary war and that he relieved said Gurganus at Cross Creek in Cumberland County North Carolina and that Samuel Dudley was Captain and William Caswell was the General of the Regiment. Sworn to before me in open Court November 5, 1835

S/ Simon Keele, X his mark

S/ Archibald Parker, Clerk

The said Reuben Gurganus hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll or agency of any State.

Sworn to before me and Subscribed the 5th day of November 1835

S/ Reuben Gurganus, X his mark

Reuben Gurganus Maketh oath that he has no other person except Simon Keel by whom he can prove his Services and his own oath except an old man who lives at a distance from him.

Sworn to and Subscribed in open Court before made the 5th day of November 1835.

S/ Archibald Parker, Clerk

S/ Reuben Gurganus, X his mark

[p 13: the following documents is heavily edited for legibility]

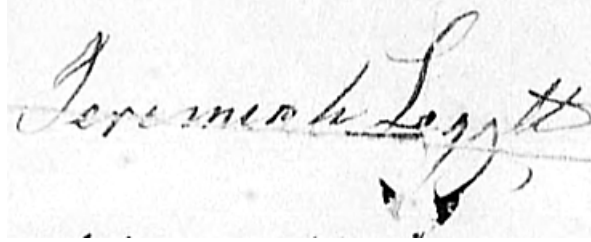
State of North Carolina Bufort [Beaufort] County

Whereas Jeremiah Legget came before me one of the Justices of the peace and maketh oath that he was in the Army of the United States with Reuben Gurganus at the Court house at Guilford and was under the command of John Kennedy of Martin County and under Colonel Hill as his field officer and under

¹ [Simon Keel W10164](#)

General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene]
January 23 1836
S/ Thomas Latham, JP

S/ Jeremiah Leggtt

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeremiah Leggtt". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent flourish at the end of the word "Leggtt".

State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Reuben Gurganus a private in Captain Childs' [Francis Child's] Company of the 10th Regiment entered the service 20th July 1778 for the term of nine months nothing more is said of him.

Given under my hand this 17th May 1836

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina Continental line and 3 months in the North Carolina militia.]