

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Gunnell (Gunnel) ¹ W1172 Martha Gunnell f69SC[sic, VA]

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State of South Carolina

On this 2nd day of October 1818 before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Equity of the said State, personally appears William Gunnels aged Fifty nine years resident in Greenville district in the said State who being by me first duly sworn as the law directs doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War"; in the month of March 1778 That the said William Gunnels enlisted in the first Regiment of horse in the State of Virginia, in the company commanded by Captain Ha... [? an ink blot partially obscures the name of this officer]² in Colonel White's [Anthony Walton White's] Regiment of the Cavalry. That he continued to serve in the said corps or in the Service of the United States until the month of July 1782 -- when he was discharged from the Service at Winchester in the State of Virginia; That he was in the battles of Guilford [March 15, 1781], Eutaw [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781]], White Bluff Georgia and on Cumbake [sic, Canebrake?] in South Carolina and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for Support, And that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said Services.

Sworn to & declared before me the day & year aforesaid.

S/ W. Thompson,

S/ Wm Gunnells, X his mark

To the Honble Jno C. Calhoun,

Secretary of War

[Col. Benjamin Arnold of Greenville district, South Carolina gave a supporting affidavit as to the reduced circumstances of the claimant.]

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Schedule &c

District of South Carolina, to wit

¹ BLWt11184-160-55



² I could not identify a likely candidate for this officer.

On this first day of November in the year while Lord 1820, Personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record, of General Sessions of the Peace, & Common Pleas, held for the district of Greenville, in the State of South Carolina, before Abraham Nott Esquire one of the Associate Judges of the said State, William Gunnels, aged about Sixty-one years, resident in Greenville district in the said State, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War, as follows, to wit, that he enlisted in the first Virginia Regiment of Cavalry commanded by Colonel White; was in the battles of Trenton [December 26, 1776], Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Guilford, Eutaw, Combaker, &c and served faithfully several years, & was honorably discharged from said service, as is represented in his Declaration already filed in the Office of the War Department. And has no other evidence of his said service now in his power, except what is set forth in his said declaration now on file in the War Department; being already placed on the Pension list, in pursuance of the Act of Congress by virtue of a Certificate from the War Department No. 17206 dated 29th May 1820.

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, to wit,

One Horse, worth abt.		\$40.00
6 head of horned Cattle worth		36.00
21 hogs, various sizes		21.00
Pots, ovens, pails, &c		10.00
Some small articles		<u>3.00</u>
		\$110.00
Debts against me viz due Col. Arnold	\$38.00	
other small debts	\$30	\$68.00
Court Judgments		<u>91.38</u>
		\$159.38

Witness My hand.

S/ Wm Gunnels, X his mark

And the said William Gunnels further swears that his family consists of himself and daughter, and three grandchildren dependent on him for support, to wit, Nancy Gunnels, aged 26 years, Olive Gunnels 10 years, Benjamin Gunnels 6 years and Hulda Gunnels 3 years. That he was wounded in the Revolutionary War; and is in other respects very infirm, so that he is unable to labor sufficiently for a livelihood, his occupation being that of a farmer, he cannot support [himself and family] without the assistance of his Country.

S/ William Gunnels, X his mark

Sworn to and declared on the first day of November 1820 Before

S/ Abm Nott

[p 25: On February 25, 1825 in Gwinnett County Georgia, the veteran filed an affidavit in which he states he is the same person named in the certificate attached; that he was a resident of Greenville District South Carolina but removed to Gwinnett County in October 1822 and has not drawn his pension since that date.]

[p 20: On April 6, 1853, Martha Gunnell, 51, filed in Forsyth County Georgia for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of William Gunnell, a revolutionary pensioner at the rate of eight dollars per month; that he has drawn his pension while living in Gwinnett, DeKalb, Campbell and Henry counties of Georgia; that she married him on March 22 1821 and that he died on July 24, 1844. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 5: On March 24, 1855 in Forsyth County Georgia, Martha Gunnell, 53 a resident of said County, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner; that she is now a pensioner of the United States under the 1853 act; that she married William Gunnell in Lawrence District [Laurens District] South Carolina March 25, 1821; that they were married by one Alfred Perrett a justice of the peace; that her name prior to her marriage was Martha Adkins; that she has no record of her marriage; that her husband died in Henry County Georgia July 24, 1844 and she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 58: On February 21, 1867 in Milton County Georgia, the widow, 69, a resident of Milton County Georgia applied for the restoration of her pension benefit as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner. She signed this document with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 2nd, 1818, for service as a private for 16 months in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

[This veteran **MAY** be the same man as [William Gunnell VAS1703](#).]