

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Gudger W15772 Martha Gudger f24NC
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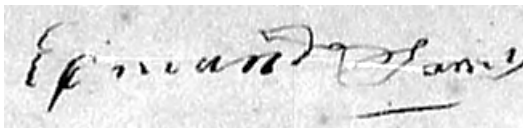
State of North Carolina, Buncombe County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions October Term 1832

On this 19th day of October personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Buncombe County State of North Carolina now Sitting William Gudger a resident of said County and State his age 81 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 June the 7th 1832. To wit that he was born on the 1st day of March 1752 Colonel Love of Haywood County State of North Carolina is now present and certifies that he has a record of his age (Colonel Love is a revolutionist) in the State of Virginia that he moved to Surry County and State of North Carolina at the age of 24 years, that he was drafted for the term of six months by Captain McInally [Charles McAnally], Colonel Joseph Williams Commander in Chief of the Militia of his Regiment, that he joined Colonel Christy [sic, William Christian] on the Holston River, Colonel Christy Commander in Chief of the Army, that they marched under Colonel Christy to the long Islands of Holston River. He marched from thence under Colonel Christy to the Nation. He does not recollect of having received a discharge from this Campaign. He volunteered again under Captain Ed Sams (whom signed his Certificate – against the Indians. He served under Captain Sams which the certificate will show two years after this he returned home. He moved to this County Buncombe in 1790 and have Resided here since and do at present. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present, and declare my name is not on the Pension Roll of any State. Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Wm Gudger, X his mark

I hereby certify that William Gudger who has signed and Sworn to the above Declaration was in the service of the militia of North Carolina under me two years and I was his Captain. And was in the Revolution with him against the Indians.

S/ Edmund Sams¹

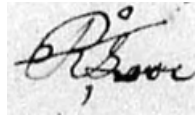


By Colonel Robert Love of hereby certify that I am well acquainted with William Gudger who has sworn to and subscribed to the Declaration above that I was in Colonel Christy's Campaign with him and served as he states. Sworn to and subscribed day and year aforesaid & further say is [sic, his] name is on record in my house.

S/ R. Love²

1 [Edmund Sams R9167](#)

2 [Robert Love S8858](#)



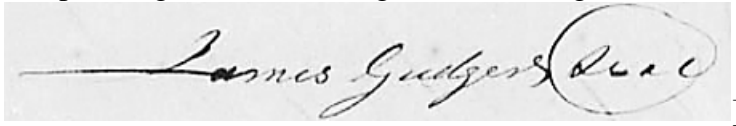
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It being inconvenient for me to attend to this business, I do hereby authorize and appoint Major Henry S Handy my lawful agent in full to transact the foregoing matter of my petition for a Pension, which I hereunto set forth my hand and Seal this 19th day of October 1832

S/ William Gudger, X his mark

[p 20: On February 9, 1836 in Buncombe County North Carolina, Thomas Foster gave evidence that William Gudger Sr. died July 12, 1833; that he, the affiant, was present and saw William buried on July 13, 1833; that William left surviving a widow named Martha who is still living.]

[p 7: On February 4, 1852 in Buncombe County North Carolina, James Gudger executed a power of attorney in which he authorizes his attorney to pursue any claim for a pension he might have as well as Joseph Gudger, William Gudger, James Gudger and Sarah Whitson.



[Facts in file: veteran died July 12, 1833, survived by his widow (Martha, maiden name not stated) who died about 1837, survived by the following children: Joseph, William and James Gudger and Sarah Whitson.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]