

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Isaac Gelden [Gerldin, Geldin, Geldon] W17943 Mary Gelden f44NC
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State of North Carolina, Johnston County

On this 17th of April 1843 personally appeared before the Subscriber One of the Justices of the Peace in and for said County Mary Gerldin Resident of Johnston County aged 88 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth upon her Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed the 4th July 1836 that She is the Widow of Isaac Gerldin who was a Continental Soldier of the Army during the Revolutionary War that he enlisted for three years in the year 1776; in the latter part of the year she believes he left home he served the whole tour of his Enlistment under what officers this declarant is unable to say at this time but she has frequently heard him speak of having served in Colonel Martin's [Alexander Martin's] Regiment and his discharge which he Once had but being considered of no value has long since been lost, She has frequently heard him say was given him by Colonel Alexander Martin of his service though, this declarant only swears to what was often times repeated to her by her late husband Isaac Geldin She can speak particularly of the length of time he was absent from home which she knows about three years she further declares that she was legally married to her late husband Isaac Geldin in the County of Johnston State of North Carolina in the month of October 1775 by Everet Pearce a Justice of the peace that her maiden name was Mary Bailey [sic] that she was married at the house of her father William Baley [sic] who resided on Contentnea Creek in Johnston County a few miles from where this declarant now lives that there were several persons present at her marriage and of whom she believes are now living that she has no record of her marriage nor does she believe any was made if it was she cannot now find it she has no Registration of the ages of her Children her husband being an Illiterate and Ignorant man she does not believe any Record of their ages was made by him She has now living four Children the Older Laury Saper [?] is now in the 67th year of her age that she was born in a few months before her father Isaac Gelden left home to enter the Service in the Revolutionary War this event the more strongly impresses the time of the birth of her daughter on her memory Especially as she was left alone with her Child and Experienced a Great many hardships during his long absence that her husband the aforesaid Isaac Geldin died in Johnston County on the 10th day of March 1832 aged as she always understood 78 years all which will more fully appear by reference to the Proof hereunto annexed that she has been but recently made acquainted with her Right to a pension on account of the Services of her husband which she finds she is Justly entitled to.

S/ Mary Gelden, X her mark

Sworn to and Subscribed day & year above written before me.

S/ J. G. Gulley, JP

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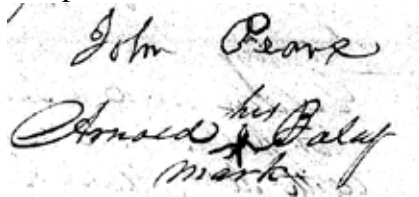
State of North Carolina Johnston County

On this 18th day of April 1843 personally appeared before me John Pearce aged 87 years and

Arnold Baley aged 80 years Residents of said County who having been first duly sworn according to law doth on their oath make the following affidavits.

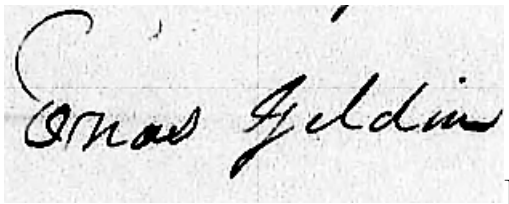
These affiants Testifies that they are well acquainted with Isaac Geldin deceased a Soldier of the Revolutionary War, that he Resided in Johnston County, of his marriage with Mrs. Mary Geldin his widow now applying for a pension we are well acquainted with them and know they were married, we were both at the Wedding at the house of William Baley Father of Mrs. Mary Geldin and Uncle to one of these affiants, Arnold Baley, they were married about or just before the Commencement of the Revolutionary War, they were married on Contentnea Creek in Johnston County by Everet Pearce Esquire we think Mrs. Mary Geldin had her oldest Child about the first of the year 1776 which was Mrs. Laney Saper now wife of John Saper of Johnston County they lived together as man and wife as long as he lived since his death which was about 1832 Mrs. Geldin has remained a Widow and always sustained a Good Character as a prudent & Industrious lady Isaac Geldin was always reputed to be a Soldier of the Revolutionary War in his neighborhood we have often heard him speak of Events which took place.

Given under our hands this 18th April 1843



John Pearce
Arnold Baley
marks

[p 9: On April 18, 1843 in Johnston County North Carolina Enos Geldin gave testimony that he was well acquainted with his father Isaac Geldin; that he is the next child to Laney Saper, his sister, and has always understood that his sister was born about the time of the Revolutionary War; that he calls himself 60 years of age having understood that there were about 7 years between his birth and that of his sister.



Enos Geldin]

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State of North Carolina, Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the muster rolls of a Continental line of this State in the revolutionary War, that Isaac Geldin a Fife Major of the 2nd Regiment entered the service on the seventh of November 1776 for the term of three years was a musician in December 1777, and a private in November 1778.

Given under my in this 4th day of November 1843.

S/ Wm Hill

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State of North Carolina, Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears in a Book of Settlements of the accounts of the Officers and Soldiers on the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war that Isaac Geldon was allowed to the sum of £188.7.1, and which amount) on for his services by John Ingles who was a Captain in the 2nd Regiment of the line of aforesaid.

Given under my hand at Office in Raleigh this 19th day of May 1843.
S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$95.16 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband service as a fifer major for 13 months and a private for 11 months in the North Carolina Continental line.]