

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Gulley (Gully) ¹ W19557 Ann Gulley f61NC
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State of North Carolina Johnston County

On this 4th day of March 1842 Personally appeared before me John G Gule [sic] One of the Justices of said County Jesse Wall Sr.² Resident of said County aged 84 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following Affidavit (deceased) late a Soldier of the Revolutionary War that he Resided in the County of Johnston at the time of his marriage with Mrs. Ann Gulley his widow now applying for a pension I was well acquainted with them and know they were married and I think in December 1779 they were married by James Lackart [sic] Esqr. I was at the marriage John Gulley had been in the War about six months before his marriage and he returned to the War again after his marriage. I mustered in the same Company with him before & after the Revolutionary War and I think he Served two years and after he Returned from the war John Gulley was a Preacher of the Gospel and had the care of three or four Churches and was a pious member of the Church for about Fifty years and a preacher until his death. I was one of the members of One of his Churches and he died in April 1833 and his widow is about 80 years old and has Eleven children all of which is Grown & a Numerous train of Grand Children.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written

S/ Jesse Wall Sr., X his mark

Sworn to before me

S/ J. G. Gully [sic], JP

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On 26th April 1842 Personally appeared before me Josiah O. Watson, one of the acting Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid Ann Gulley a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged 80 years – who being duly sworn according to law, doth make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1838 “Entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows &c --

That she is the widow of John Gulley, who was a Sergeant in the revolutionary war, & was in the battle at Stono [June 20, 1779]³ in South Carolina, & was at different times under the Command of Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln], Huger [probably Isaac Huger] & Johnston & believes

¹ BLWt16125-160-55

² This **MAY** be the same man as [Jesse Wall R11060](#) who claimed service from Wake County NC under a Capt. Bryan.

³ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html

he enlisted in the Town of Smithfield – in this County under the command of Captain Hardy Bryan --

And she further declares that she was married to the said Gulley 30th of December 1779 after returning home from South Carolina & then he returned to the Army.

& further saith, that her husband died 15th of April 1833 & that soon after the revolutionary war, he engaged in the Ministry & was a Baptist Clergyman, at his death & being in easy Circumstances never applied to the government for aid, by way of pension although he left a numerous family of children & Grand Children at his death.

Sworn to & subscribed on the day & year above written, before me.

S/ J. O. Watson, JP

S/ Ann Gulley, X her mark

[p 9: Copy of a marriage bond issue in Johnston County North Carolina on December 26, 1779
2 John Gulley & John Watson conditioned upon the marriage of John Gulley to Ann Brown.]

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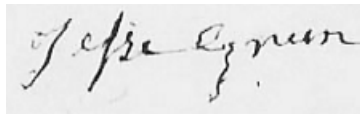
On this 22nd day of April 1842 Personally appeared before me Joshua O. Watson One of the Justices of the Peace for said County Jesse Green⁴ aged Eighty One years who first being duly Sworn doth make the following declaration

I was Raised within two miles of John Gulley whose widow Nancy or Ann Gulley is now applying for a pension I mustered in the same Company and they were married in the year 1779 and the said John Gulley entered the Service of the Revolutionary War the same year under the Command of Captain Hardy Bryan and was marched from Smithfield to South Carolina and the said John Gulley served 2 years in the Service of the Revolutionary War.

Sworn to before me

S/ J. O. Watson, JP

S/ Jesse Green

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jesse Green". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid.

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State of North Carolina Johnston County

On this 23rd day of April 1842 Personally appeared before me Elizabeth Whitley Resident of said County aged 74 years who having been first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following affidavit

This affiant Testifies that she was well acquainted with John Gulley deceased late a Soldier of the Revolutionary War, that he Resided in the County of Johnson [sic] at the Time of his marriage with Mrs. Ann Gulley his widow now applying for a pension, I was well acquainted with them and know they were married for I was at the marriage by James Lockart [sic] Esquire they were married in the year 1779 and John Gulley got me to stay with his wife now his Widow when he went in the War, I was a Small Girl and he was gone about two years he came home two or three times as he stated on a Furlough and then Returned, I heard him Speak of being in the battle of Stono in South Carolina and being at Charleston and I heard him speak of being under the Command of General Lincoln and heard him say he was a Sergeant in the Service and heard him talk of drawing and furnishing the Soldiers in fighting with Ammunition. John Gulley died

⁴ [Jesse Green W11084](#)

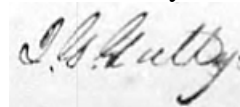
about April 1833.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & date above

S/ Elizabeth Whitley, X her mark

I John G Gully do hereby Certify I am well acquainted with Elizabeth Whitley and any Statement she made may be Relied on as she is a woman of trust and Veracity.

S/ J. G. Gully, JP 23rd April 1842



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State of North Carolina, Johnston County

On this 14th day of July 1842 Personally appeared before me John G. Gulley one of the Justices of the Peace for said Johnston County Joseph Brown⁵ aged 87 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following Affidavit.

This affiant testifies that he was well acquainted with John Gulley a Sergeant in the Revolutionary War that Gulley was enlisted and Enrolled in Smithfield North Carolina in the year 1779 under the command of Captain Hardy Bryan and we marched then to Fayetteville which was at that time called Cross Creek we then marched to Savannah River where we were put under the Command of General Lincoln we were then marched to Stono ferry where we had a Battle in June 1779 we had about 1200 & Enemy about 700 in this battle Colonel Roberts⁶ was killed. Soon after this battle I came home the next year 1780 in May Charleston was taken & Gully served six months and that & afterwards returned to the Army.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written.

S/ J. G. Gulley, JP

S/ Joseph Brown, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Johnston County

On the 9th day of February 1843 personally appeared before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, William Wood⁷ a pensioner as a Soldier of the Revolutionary War who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following affidavit.

This Affiant testifies and says that he was well acquainted with John Gully [sic] deceased late of Johnston County who was a Sergeant during the Revolutionary War. That he served with him for the space of two years and six months at different times in South Carolina and North Carolina, that he was with him in the Battle of Stono Ferry in South Carolina in June 1779 under General Lincoln and was with him at Gates defeat in August 1780 and at Camden [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780]⁸ and was with me at the Battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781]⁹ in Summer 1781, and was with us at Ninety Six [Siege of Ninety Six, May 22-June 19, 1781]¹⁰ and was with me at the Battle of Guilford Court House on the 15th of March [March 15, 1781]¹¹ and at a number of other places under the command of General Greene. I was wounded in my right arm by a ball I was with him and know he served two years & six months.

5 [Joseph Brown W3931](#)

6 This is probably a reference to Owen Roberts of the SC artillery.

7 [William Wood W11883](#)

8 http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_camden.html

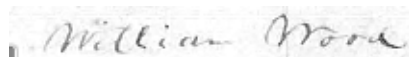
9 http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

10 http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html

11 http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html

This Affiant has a perfect recollection of the aforesaid John Gully and of his services at the time specified, he knows he enlisted in Johnston County where he resided at that time and where he has always understood he lived and died.

S/ William Wood



Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written

S/ J. G. Gully, JP

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State of North Carolina, Johnston County

On this 10th day of April 1843 personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for said County Burrell Whitehead¹² a pensioner as a Soldier of the Revolutionary War who being duly sworn according to law doth upon his oath make the following affidavit.

This Affiant Testifies and says that he was well acquainted with John Gulley deceased late of Johnston County who was a Sergeant in the Revolutionary War that he served with him for the Space of six months part of the time at Elizabeth ten miles below Wilmington at Beaufort Bridge Gulley was marched from that place as I understood to South Carolina I think it was about the year 1779 I was with him and knew he served six months. This Affiant has a perfect Recollection of the aforesaid John Gulley and of his service at the time specified he knew he Enlisted in Johnston County where he resided at that time.

S/ Burrell Whitehead, X his mark

Sworn to and Subscribed on the day and year above written

S/ J. G. Gulley, JP

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State of North Carolina Wake County

Be it Known that on the 11th day of June 1851 before the Subscriber an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally appeared Josiah O Watson a Citizen of Johnston County who having been duly sworn according to law deposeth & saith that he was well acquainted with the Reverend John Gulley of Johnston County, the Husband of Mrs. Ann Gulley who applies for a pension for the Revolutionary Services of said John Gulley – that it was a well-known & acknowledged fact that said John Gulley was a Soldier of the Revolutionary war, he has frequently heard him & John Watson, (father of this deponent,) who was also in the Service of said War converse about the hardships, experienced by them, while in Service in South Carolina & he has often times heard his father, the said John Watson speak of the Services of John Gulley, while with him in South Carolina about the time of the Siege of Charleston, that Gulley was sent to carry dispatches from one portion of the Army to the other, having been selected for his activity & zeal in the discharge of his duties.

This deponent further states, that it was more than fifty years ago he heard these occurrences spoken of when the recollection of them was fresh in the memory of his father and the said John Gulley, and he has often heard him speak in the highest terms of latter during the war, and specifically at the period above averted to about the time of the fall of Charleston [Charleston fell to the British on May 12, 1780].

It made a deep impression on the mind of this deponent, to observe the enthusiasm & feeling with which these circumstances were carried on by the parties above stated, & he will remembers to have heard him speak of the gloom & despondency which was cast over the minds

12 [Burrell \(Burrill\) Whitehead W4857](#)

of the Soldiers when Charleston & the Army was captured. –

From these facts so often repeated by his father & the said John Gulley who was an exemplary minister of the Gospel for forty years before his death – he has no doubt whatever, but that the said John Gulley was in service in South Carolina at the time above stated about the fall of Charleston & further this deponent sayeth not.

S/ J. O. Watson

[In the acknowledgment of the above affidavit, the affiant is referred to as Doctor Josiah O Watson.]

[p 7: In a bounty land application dated March 19, 1855, Ann Gulley, 93, adds that her maiden name was Ann Brown.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$37.96 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband service as a Sergeant for 11 months and 12 days in the North Carolina militia.]