

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Gunter W19558
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State of North Carolina, Chatham County

On this 6th day of November 1845 personally appeared before the undersigned one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for said County Rebecca Lasater [sic, Lassiter?] a resident of said County aged eighty years and made oath in due form of law namely, that she was present at and witnessed the solemnization of the rites of matrimony between her Brother Benjamin Gunter & Elizabeth Long that they were married in Chatham County North Carolina, that to the best of her recollection her Brother Benjamin and said Elizabeth Long were married in the year 1783 just at the close of the revolutionary war, that she herself was married on the 26th of October in the year 1786 which she has registered in her family Bible now in her possession & that she does know her Brother Benjamin and the said Elizabeth Long were lawfully married near three years before she was. And further that she well recollects that her Brother of the said Benjamin Gunter serving in the revolutionary war that the first tour he served he substituted and went in his father's place for a three or six months tour she is not certain which. And that he served several other militia tours she is unable to say how long he served but is of the opinion that he did serve twelve months or more & that during his service was at General Gates defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780].

Sworn to and subscribed this 6th day of November 1845 before me.

S/ W. Brasington, JP

S/ Rebecca Lasater, X her mark

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State of North Carolina, Chatham County

On this the 8th day of November 1845, Personally appeared before the undersigned one of the Acting Justices of the Peace in and for said County of Chatham Isaac Gunter a resident of said County aged 74 years and who being duly sworn according to law saith that he is a Brother to Benjamin Gunter Deceased who left a widow Viz.: Elizabeth Gunter Deceased, who died on the 14th day of February 1841 and whose heirs are applying for a Pension for the Revolutionary services of their Deceased Father the said Benjamin Gunter; that he well Recollects of his Brother the said Benjamin Gunter serving as a Private in the North Carolina Militia in the Revolutionary war. That the first tour he served he took his Father's Place, for a six or nine months tour and he is under the impression that it was a nine months tour and he served said tour on foot; and that he remembers he served two or three other three months tours in the War, he is not certain he served three tours after serving the above named ~~six~~ nine months tour but is certain he served two and is under the believe he served three; that he was at General Gates Defeat and was at a Battle which took place at a Place now called Lindley's Mills [September 13,

1781] in Orange County North Carolina; That he well remembers of his Brother leaving home all of the above named tours and of his returning home at the Expiration of Each tour;

That he feels very confident his Brother Benjamin served twelve months in the Revolutionary War: and to the best of his Recollection he believes he served fifteen months in the said War:

And further he saith that he Recollects when his Brother Benjamin and the said Elizabeth Gunter were married that said Elizabeth's maiden name was Long; that he remembers he went for one Zachariah Hannon who was a Justice of the Peace to marry his Brother Benjamin to the said Elizabeth Long;

That he was not at his Brother's marriage but was at his Father's when his Brother Benjamin brought the said Elizabeth to the [indecipherable word] as his Wife and they ever after that time lived together as Husband and Wife until the death of his Brother Benjamin and he never heard it said that said Elizabeth was not his Brother Benjamin's lawful wife; that said marriage was just at the close of the Revolutionary War: soon after his Brother Benjamin returned home from the service of his Country not exceeding one year: and further he saith not.

Sworn to & subscribed on the 8th day of November 1845 in presence of
S/ O. A. Stedman, JP

S/ Isaac Gunter, X his mark

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State of North Carolina, Chatham County Court of Pleas & quarter sessions November Term 1845

On this the 12th day of November 1845, personally appeared in Open Court before the Court of Pleas and quarter sessions for the said County of Chatham (Now in Session) (it being a court of Record) Joseph Gunter a resident of said County & State aged 48 years; who being first duly qualified according to law, maketh oath that he is one of the Children or heirs at law of Elizabeth Gunter Deceased: Widow of Benjamin Gunter Deceased: who was a Private Soldier in the North Carolina Militia in the War of the Revolution; that his Father the said Benjamin Gunter lived in North Carolina in time of the Revolutionary War, and served several tours in said war; as he has always understood from him and others that served with him in said War; all of whom are now dead; That he substituted and went one tour in this Deponent's Grandfather's place; and was a substitute for another tour; and was Drafted one tour which is three tours he served in the said war of the Revolution.

That he is unable to state how long said tours were whether they were three months tours or for a Longer time; but from the best information he can obtain [he] believes his Father the said Benjamin Gunter did serve as much as twelve months or more in all he served in the Revolutionary War:

That his Discharges which duly testify as to all of these facts have long since been Destroyed: that he was under the Command of one Capt. Ramsey the other officers he does not Recollect: that he was at General Gates Defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] and was also at the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] in North Carolina; and served in the latter part of the war:

That his Father the said Benjamin Gunter died in the year 1823, and left his Mother the said Elizabeth Gunter his widow him surviving who did not after marry but remained the widow of the said Benjamin Gunter until her death; that said Elizabeth Gunter did die on the 14th day of February 1841 and left her surviving the seven following Children to wit: Mary who intermarried with John Womble; Benjamin Gunter; Elizabeth – who intermarried with Alston Shawn [the attestation shows this name as Straughan]; Easter who intermarried with Philip Womble; Abner Gunther; Rebecca who intermarried with Alfred Lambeth; and the Declarant – Joseph Gunter all

of lawful age: and the only surviving children and heirs at law of the said Benjamin and Elizabeth Gunter Deceased.

The Declarant in the half of himself and the other children and heirs at law of the said Benjamin and Elizabeth Gunter Deceased: further sets forth upon his said oath that to the best of his information and belief is Parents the said Benjamin and Elizabeth Gunter were married in the year 1783 and that they did lived together as Husband and wife until the death of said Benjamin Gunter which will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed;

That the said Benjamin [&] Elizabeth Gunter were not married prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 that the Family record which showed when the births of the said Benjamin and Elizabeth Gunter's children took place has been destroyed; but he has an aunt Rebecca Lasater who was Present and witnessed the marriage: whose testimony he has procured and herewith sends it:

Sworn to & subscribed on this 12th day of November 1845 in open Court.

Witness: S/ N. A. Stedman, Clerk

S/ Joseph Gunter

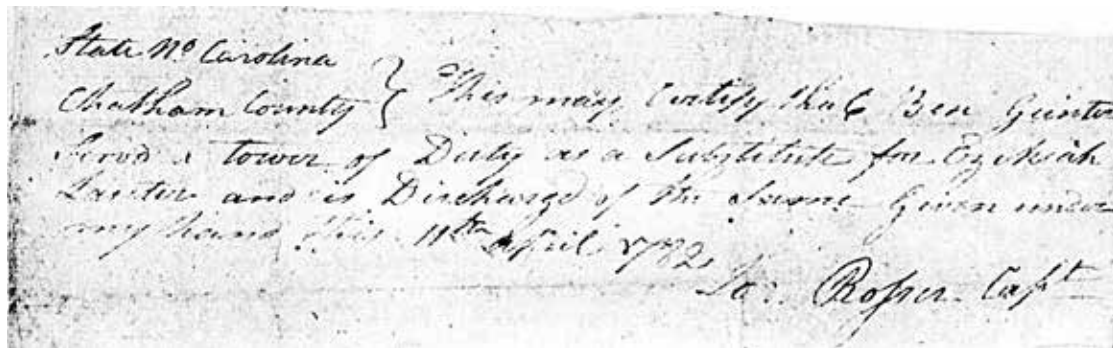
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Gunter". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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State of No. Carolina, Chatham County

This may Certify that Ben Gunter Serv'd a tower of Duty as a Substitute for Ezekiah Lasater¹ and is Discharged of the Same Given under my hand this 11th April 1782

S/ Jos. Roper, Capt.

A handwritten document on aged paper. The text reads: "State No Carolina Chatham County This may certify that Ben Gunter Serv'd a tower of Duty as a Substitute for Ezekiah Lasater and is Discharged of the Same Given under my hand this 11th April 1782 Jos. Roper Capt". The signature "Jos. Roper Capt" is written at the bottom right.

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Copy [sic]

State of North Carolina Chatham County

William Lasater Junior and Rebecca Gunter was Married October the 26 A.D. 1786, William Lasater was born December the 22nd 1756 his wife Rebecca Gunter was born June the 18th 1765

Ages of William and Rebecca Lasater's Children

Thomas Lasater Born July 23rd 1787; Abner Lasater born May the 30th 1789; Elizabeth Lasater Born November the 1st 1791; William Lasater born July the 12th 1794; Harbert Lasater Born June

1 [Hezekiah Lasater \(Lassiter\) R6172](#)

the 4th, 1797; John Lasater born May 23rd 1798; Catherine Lasater Born April the 10th 1801; Bennett Lasater Born September 25th 1803; Rebecca Lasater was born January 25th 1807; Susanna Lasater Born April the 9th, 1811:

I Rebecca Lasater of the County and State aforesaid – aged Eighty years – who made affidavit on the 6th November 1845 Respecting My Brother Benjamin Gunter's intermarriage with Elizabeth Long – do hereby certify on oath that the foregoing is a true and exact Copy of my Original family record which has been in my possession from my Marriage up to this date. I cannot give the original Record of my Family Register as requested by Mr. J. L. Edwards as my husband William Lasater² was a Soldier in the Revolutionary War – and may probably need it myself for similar purposes.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 20th day 1856

S/ Elizabeth Lasater, X her mark

[p 25, certificate of David Ausley (in his own handwriting), a Methodist minister, attesting to the respectability of Rebecca Lasater]

[Veteran's widow's surviving children were granted a pension at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836 and ending February 14, 1841 when the widow died. The pension was based upon the service of the veteran for 9 months in the North Carolina militia.]

² [William Lasater \(Lassiter\) W4010](#)