

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Utzman (Utzman) W22476 Mary Utzman f38NC
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State of North Carolina, Rowan County} SS

On this 6th day of February 1840 personally appeared before Isaac Burns one of the Justices of the Peace for said County Mary Utzman a resident of Rowan County aged Eighty-Three years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled "An Act granting half pay and Pensions to widows" That she is the widow of Jacob Utzman who was in Ensign in the Militia of North Carolina that in the year 1776 said Jacob Utzman first went as a commissary under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] in what was called the Cherokee Expedition¹ and was absent four months – that he was afterwards in Ensign in the Militia and continued constantly out with the Militia during the whole of the Revolutionary War and was at Wilmington at the time of the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown [October 19, 1781] in Virginia that said Jacob Utzman resided in Rowan County North Carolina at the time he entered the Service and afterwards resided there until his death on the 9th day of November 1801. That he was a volunteer in the Service, that claimant has no documentary evidence in support of her claim, that she does not recollect the name of any officer under which said Jacob Utzman served beside that of General Griffith Rutherford nor does he know any thing of the Country through which he marched and only recollects the names of places where as she was informed battles were fought when her husband was present to wit Ramsour's Mill [June 20, 1780], Camden [August 15-16, 1780], Guilford [March 15, 1781], Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781]. She further declares that she was married to the said Jacob Utzman on the 8th day of September in the year 1774 in the County of Mecklenburg North Carolina. The record of which marriage in the Quarter Sessions Court of that County has been lost. That her husband the aforesaid Jacob Utzman died on the 9th day of September 1801. That she was married to him previous to his entering the service and previous to the first day of January 1794 this at the time above stated.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written.

S/ Isaac Burns, JP

S/ Mary Utzman, X her mark

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This day John Beard a resident of Rowan County a Seventy Three years a credible and respectable witness appeared before me Isaac Burns an acting Justice of the Peace for Rowan County and being duly sworn doth on his Oath declare that he is well acquainted with Mary

¹ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_expedition_1776.html

Utzman who has subscribed & sworn to the foregoing declaration. That in 1781, she was the wife of Jacob Utzman an Ensign in the North Carolina Militia and lived with him as such until his death in the year 1801 and that her children inherited his estate.

S/ Jn Beard Snr.

S/ Isaac Burns, JP

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State of North Carolina, Rowan County

On this fourth day of February in the year 1840 personally appeared before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for said County Philip Sell² a Revolutionary Pensioner now Resident in Montgomery County in the State aforesaid, who being duly sworn declares upon oath that he was personally and intimately acquainted with Jacob Utzman who was an Ensign in the War of the Revolution in the Militia of North Carolina under the command of General Griffith Rutherford – that said Utzman was engaged in the Battle of Ramsour's Mill holding the office of Ensign aforesaid in the year 1789 [sic, 1779] or 1780 in that part of North Carolina now called Lincoln County – and afterwards in the same year he was also at the Battle of Guilford; that he was also at the Battle of Camden in South Carolina usually called Gates defeat: that said Jacob Utzman was at the Battle of Eutaw Spring in South Carolina as an Ensign in the year 1781 – and that he was also at Wilmington North Carolina as an Ensign with the troops assembled there – and was dismissed shortly after the capture of Cornwallis in the month of November 1781 that affiant knew said Jacob Utzman in the war of the Revolution for the term of at least two years during all which time he held the rank and office of Ensign in the Militia of North Carolina and always acted in such capacity and in active service.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court the day & year above written.

S/ Jno. Giles

S/ Philip Sell, X his mark

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State of North Carolina, Davidson County

On this 9th day of December 1844 personally appeared before me W. Wommack, one of the acting Magistrates in and for said County, George Fritts,³ a resident of the County and State aforesaid, a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States, and made oath in due form of law, to the following statements (to wit) That he was in the days of the Revolution well acquainted with Jacob Ultzman [sic], late deceased of Rowan County North Carolina who was a Commissary in the War of the Revolution under General Rutherford at the time said General Rutherford went with his Army against the Cherokee Indians in the year 1776.

That he deponent was a private soldier under Captain More [sic, Moore?] of the Militia and served the above tour of duty, and knows of his own personal knowledge, that the aforesaid Jacob Ultzman did Act, and was their Commissary during the above tour, which was according to his best recollection four months at the least, if not longer, that they left Salisbury about the middle of April and marched on to Cathy's Fort [Cathey's Fort⁴] where they made a halt and remained for a time until joined by a reinforcement and after that the Army proceeded on to the Indian Nation, Burnt their Town destroyed their Crops and then returned home and it was some time about the last of August or the first of September. That by referring to his own Declaration on file in the Pension Office, they may arrive at the time he deponent was in service with said

2 [Philip Sell W4333](#)

3 [George Fritts S6864](#)

4 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/catheysfort.htm>

Jacob Ultzman at the Indian Nation.

And this deponent further states on his said oath, that the aforesaid Jacob Ultzman was at the time of serving the above tour of duty a man of a family, that some two years before report said that he Ultzman, run away with, and was married to Mary Beard, a daughter of Luis Beard of Salisbury, who was also in the service during the aforesaid Campaign, and who was at that time known as the father in law of said Jacob Ultzman, and that said parties lived together as husband and wife till the death of said Ultzman, and that his wife Mary who is an infirmed has lately died in Salisbury, and that her heirs are now applying for a Pension due to her on the account of the Revolutionary Services of her said husband the aforesaid Jacob Ultzman deceased.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year first above written before me.
S/ W. Wommack, JP

S/ George Fritts, X his mark

[p 10: On February 5, 1845, John Utzman, son and heir of Jacob and Mary Utzman, filed a petition in Rowan County seeking the pension due his deceased Mother who died a widow on May 11, 1844 in Rowan County, NC. In his petition he states that he has in his possession an old handbook in which the family records are recorded and those records include the following information regarding the births of the children of Jacob and Mary Utzman:

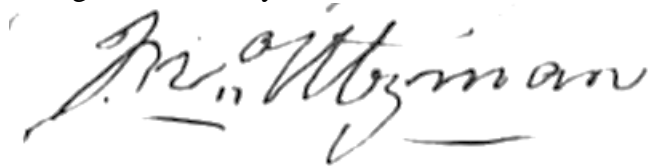
Christina born September 8, 1776

Catherine born July 2, 1778

John born September 15, 1781 [John died before January 10, 1852]

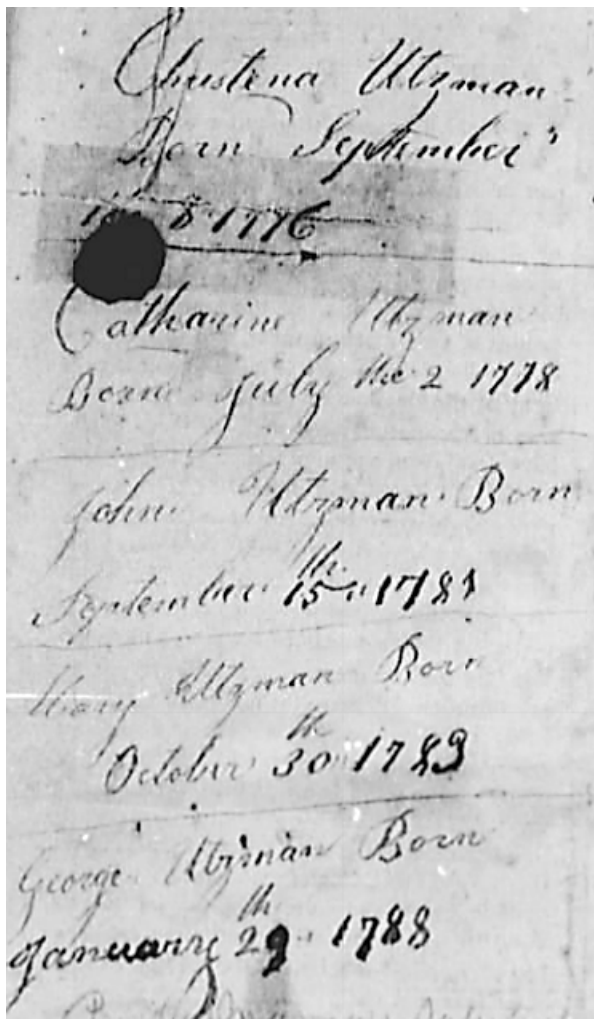
Mary born October 30, 1783 [married a Vogler] [Mary died before January 10, 1852]

George born January 23, 1788.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "G. Fritts". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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[p 13: family record]



[The veteran and his wife also had a son named Lewis whose birth is not shown in the above record but who is referred to in several of the other documents in the file.]

[p 20: Edward Yarborough, son of Capt. Edward Yarborough, gives a supporting affidavit based on his own conversations with Jacob Utzman and based on the statements of his father, Capt. Edward Yarborough, an officer in the Continental service, who told affiant of the services of Utzman during the war.]

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State of North Carolina, Cabarrus County

On this 13th day of December 1844, personally appeared before me John Livingood a Justice of the peace in and for said County, Henry Turner,⁵ a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 84 years an United States Pensioner and made oath in due form of law, that he lived in the days of the Revolution in Salisbury Rowan County North Carolina and was well acquainted with Jacob Ultzman and wife of said place whose heirs are now applying for a Pension due to them on the account of the Revolutionary services of their father the aforesaid Jacob Utzman, deceased.

Then he deponent was a Soldier in the War of the Revolution and knows of his own

5 [Henry Turner R10755](#)

personal knowledge that the said Jacob Utzman was a good thoroughgoing Whig, and was generally engaged in the service of the United States during the war against the common Enemy, that said Jacob Ultzman was a part of the time a Commissary. That he deponent was not out in the service with said Jacob Ultzman, on but one occasion and then only for a few days, but that he lived during the War, within 150 yards of the house of said Jacob Ultzman and knows that Jacob Ultzman was often gone from home out in Service, that he went once to Wilmington, and was one among the foremost men in the County in support of Liberty during the Revolutionary struggles.

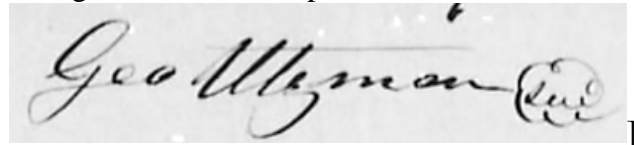
And this deponent further stated on his said oath that he went to live in the aforesaid Town of Salisbury about one year before the War broke out and at that time the aforesaid Jacob Ultzman was a living with his wife to whom he had not long been married, and who was a daughter of Lewis Beard Esq. said place and that the parties lived together as husband and wife "till the death of said Jacob Ultzman and were considered as lawfully man and wife all that knew them.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year first above written before me.

S/ John Livingood, JP

S/ Henry Turner, X his mark

[p 27: Power of attorney dated January 11, 1852 executed in Rowan County North Carolina I George Utzman who represents himself as the son of the late Mary Utzman.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Geo. Utzman" followed by a circular flourish or mark. The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$60.37 per annum commencing March 4, 1831 and ending May 10, 1844 when she died. The amount of her pension was based on her husband service for 11 days as a private for 9 days as a Sergeant and for 5 months and 13 days as an Ensign, all in the North Carolina militia.]