

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Gabriel Gunn W7613

Alsey Gunn

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Georgia Newton County

On this twenty fourth day of December 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Judges of the Inferior Court, now sitting, Gabriel Gunn a resident of the County of Newton and State of Georgia, aged sixty-five, the 24th of February 1833; 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. That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named Officers, and served as herein Stated.

That he volunteered under Colonel William Moore of Caswell County North Carolina and Josiah Cole as Captain, And continued in Service upwards of thirty days, and got a discharge the 12th March 1781.

Secondly, That he entered the service as a Substitute for Samuel Adams of Granville County North Carolina, for the term of three months in May 1781 under Colonel William Gill [sic, Major William Gill] and Stephen Merit [Stephen Merritt], Captain,

Thirdly, that he entered the State Legion October 11th, 1781 for the term of twelve months, in the place of Barnet Geter [Barnett Jeter?] of Granville County and State aforesaid. And served until the 20th of May 1782, and then hired John Hix to serve the remainder of the tour and was bound for his faithful performance under Bennett Crafton Major and Samuel Jones as Captain, the former of Granville County, and the latter of Franklin and State aforesaid, as will more fully appear by reference to the two documents hereto annexed.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Question 1st When and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born agreeable to my father's register, in the State of North Carolina Orange County afterwards Caswell on the 24th of February 1767.

Question 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer: I have, and it is in my possession.

Question 3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer: When called in Service I lived in North Carolina Caswell County. Since my general residence has been in the aforesaid County & State, with the exception of 4 years, I lived in South Carolina. In 1805 I came to the State of Georgia, and now live in the same.

Question 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer: 1st I left my Mother without her consent, and joined as a volunteer. 2nd I Substituted for Samuel Adams of Granville County North Carolina. 3rd I substituted for

Barnett Geter of the aforesaid County & State.

Question 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: 1st We were commanded by General Greene [Nathanael Greene] Commander in Chief. The North Carolina Militia was commanded by General Butler [John Butler]. But Colonel Moore's Regiment to whom I belonged frequently acted as Infantry to Colonel Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] & Colonel Washington [William Washington] who commanded the light Horse. The 2nd tour I served I do not recollect that we were ever stationed with any Continental Troops, though I frequently saw Continental officers passing, such as General Sumner [Jethro Sumner] and Colonel Litle [Archibald Lytle]. The 3rd tour, we were first stationed at Bute Court House, and thence we removed to Durham halls in Franklin County, and thence to Hillsboro, in Orange County to guard the Legislature and public Stores.

Question 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer: I received the first from Colonel William Moore at the High Rock Ford on Haw River, three days before the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781]. The 2nd discharge I received from Colonel William Gill of Granville County North Carolina. The 3rd I received from Major Bennett Crafton, and I have the same, the other two are lost or mislaid.


Question 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer:

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Wm D. Conyers, JIC

S/ Gabriel Gunn



[James Hodges, a clergyman, and Reuben Winfry gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Virginia Halifax County

This day came John Hix before me and made oath that on the 20th day of May 1782 he entered into the State Legion of North Carolina in the place of Gabriel Gunn and continued therein until the 12th of October following or thereabouts, at which time he got a discharge from Major Bennett Crafton of said State Legion but that he hath either lost or mislaid the same – also that he has not received anything, or given any orders to any person for the said service.

Given under my hand this 15th of October 1791.

S/ N. Hobson

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This may Certify that Gabriel Gum [sic] has Furnished John Hicks [?] to Serve [?] his Tour in the State Legion, that Gabril Gun is Security for his Faithful full servis with [the] State Legion by which Gibriel Gun is Discharged from the said Legion Given by Me

S/ Bennett Crafton, Major
State Legion
May 20, 1782

It may be that Gabriel Gunn has furnished the
State Legion in the State Legion. The
Gunn is a society for his faithful service
in the Legion for which Gabriel Gunn is
the said Legion given by me
Bennett Crafton Major
State Legion
May 20 1782

[p 9: On September 25, 1855, in Chambers County Alabama, Alsey Gunn, 77, filed for a widows pension under the 1853 act stating that she married Gabriel Gunn; and that her husband died in Newton County Georgia September 26, 1839. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Facts in file: Alsey's name was Alsey Canup at the time of her marriage to Gabriel Gunn; in 1858, she lived with her son, John Canup, in Randolph County, Alabama; she moved to Troup County, Ga., in June 1858 and died either on January 14 or February 14, 1859 at the home of her son, John Canup; p 22: her estate was administered by one Solomon E. Jordan, 47, in Randolph County, Alabama.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$38.90 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 11 months and 19 days in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]