

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel Gunn W7614

Susan Gunn

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State of Georgia, Jones County

Know ye that on this the 18th day of July in the year A.D. 1853 in person appeared before me the undersigned one of the Justices of the Inferior Court of said County, the same being a court of record Susan Gunn of said County an aged & infirm person age 86 years and who by reason of bodily infirmity cannot appear in open court – who being duly sworn according to law declares on oath that she is the widow of Daniel Gunn (formerly of said County deceased) who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War – that her said husband never applied for or received any Pension, as such, so far as she knows. That her said husband Daniel Gunn died in said Jones County on the 25th day of September in the year A.D. 1825 – at the age of 68 years: That she, Declarant, is the identical Susan Gunn – who intermarried with said Daniel (deceased) at or in Person County¹ in the State of North Carolina – on the day of the 26th of January in the year A.D. 1786 – there being no public record of said marriage -- & no living witness thereof except Jesse Gunn of Chambers County Alabama; that she has never married since the death of her said husband Daniel Gunn – is still a widow – That she has not since the death of her said husband ever applied for a received any pension as his widow, & she hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity – except the present claim, & she declares that her name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency of any State. That she has resided in said Jones County for 44 years -- & with her said husband until his death. She further states that she has often heard her said husband say -- & also his comrades in arms – all of whom are now dead – as far as she knows – that he said Daniel served in said War of the Revolution about 5 years. That he entered the service when about 16 years of age in Granville County, State of North Carolina: that he volunteered in said service – first under Captain Lawson – who afterwards became Colonel of a Regiment under General Green [Nathanael Greene]. That during the war he was under various Captains & other officers whose names are not known to deponent. That he was at the battle of Guilford in North Carolina – the battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] & also the Battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] – in South Carolina, & that at this last named battle his brother & comrade in arms in said War John Gunn was killed & that said Daniel was promoted to a Lieutenancy whilst in said service & was honorably discharged at the close thereof. That she was personally acquainted with said Daniel Gunn at the time of his entering the service although not married until the year 1786 as before stated that she frequently saw him during the War when he visited his mother and over relations and of her own knowledge knows when he was discharged at the close thereof.

She further states that she has no documentary Evidence in her possession of the service of her said husband in said War.

That she was not married to her said husband prior to his leaving the service but the marriage

¹ Person County North Carolina was formed from Caswell County North Carolina in 1791/92. Caswell County had been taken from Orange County North Carolina in 1778. Consequently, if the wedding took place in as claimed by the widow, it probably occurred in Caswell County North Carolina and not Person County.

took place previous to the first day of January 1794 to wit at the time above stated

And for the purpose of obtaining the pension which may be due her under the laws of Congress & particularly under the act passed ___ she does by these presents constitute & a point jointly & severally Robert Laurie of Macon in Bibb County State aforesaid & F. E. Hopler of Washington City DC as her true & lawful Attorneys for her & in her name & stead to prosecute demand & received from the proper officers of the United States Government the amount of Pension due her as the widow of a Revolutionary Soldier & for any income or re-years of pensions that may be due her and write of her said husband – as in right of law she may be entitled.

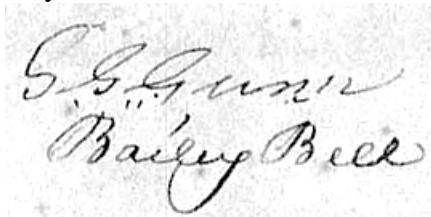
Sworn to & subscribed & signed, sealed & delivered in presence of me & before me – the day & year above written.

S/ Bailey Bell

S/ Susan Gunn, X her mark

S/ Jos. Day, JIC

[Bailey Bell and Green G. Gunn gave a supporting affidavit in which they state, among other things, that Green G. Gunn "... is one of the youngest of several children of said Daniel & Susan Gunn that he is near 46 years of age – that his said parents have always been reputed as lawful husband & wife -- & that he has no doubt of their having been such. That he was born in 1806 on 3 November..." And Bailey Bell stated that he had always heard that Daniel Gunn was a Revolutionary soldier "...both from said Daniel Gunn & George Ross and Solomon Becham who are now dead – whom he has heard say they were his comrades in arms in said War..."



A photograph of two handwritten signatures in cursive ink. The top signature reads "G. S. Gunn" and the bottom signature reads "Bailey Bell".

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State of Alabama, Chambers County

On this the Eighth day of August 1853 personally appeared before me Jesse Gunn of said County and State who being now in the 71st year of his age and being now sworn according to law says on his oath that he was well acquainted with Daniel Gunn in his lifetime now Deceased That said Daniel Gunn Died in Jones County Georgia about the year 1825 AD and that the said Daniel Gunn was then about 68 years of age That the said Daniel at the time of his Death left a widow whose maiden name was Susan Street now Susan Gunn. That he is informed that she is still a widow and that she is now about 86 years of age or older. That said Daniel Gunn & Susan Street intermarried in the State of North Carolina in the County of Caswell That he does not know whether there is a public Record of the same or not, Deponent says he and sundry other persons were present when the marriage took place but does not Remember who performed the marriage ceremony That they lived together as Husband & wife ever since up to the time of his Death of the said Daniel Gunn and have Raised a Large Family of Children who have themselves Children & grandchildren Deponent further says That the said Daniel Gunn deceased was a soldier of the Revolutionary War That he served during most of the war and that he was his brother older than himself has often heard him speak of the narrow Escape he made and the battles he was in and the part he bore in the Battles of Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781] and the Eutaw Springs Has Heard him say he had been promoted the Rank of orderly Sergeant witness has also Heard him when conversing with his old comrades in arms speak of other smaller engagements and skirmishes and the Hardships they had undergone while together in the service I have also Heard my Brother Daniel speak of the Death of my Brother John who was wounded at the Eutaw Springs and died from the effects of said wound 3 days after said Engagement Deponent further says That the said

Daniel volunteered in the said war as a private quite young under Captain or Major Lawson not positive which He was as he has often Heard him say and believes having often Heard his Comrades in arms speak of the Honorable part he bore in said War and that the said Daniel was Honorably Discharged from said service at the End of the War this Deponent further says he is wholly disinterested.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day and year first above written and I further certify that said Deponent is worthy of all Belief and that I believe the foregoing Statement to be true.

S/ Peter M. Rowland, JP

S/ Jesse Gunn, Senior

A rectangular area containing a handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "Jesse Gunn, Senior".

[p 30: Moses Fuller, 82, of Bibb County Georgia gave an affidavit in support of the widow's claim. This affidavit is dated September 15, 1856.]

[p 41: Moses Gunn of Coosa County, Alabama wrote a letter dated August 15, 1854 in which he states that he is a son of Daniel Gunn who served under Genl. Greene. He inquires as to how all heirs of a revolutionary veteran can obtain a pension.]

[There are several references in correspondence in this file to the 'family record' of the veteran having been forwarded to the Department in support of his widow's claim, but those records are not contained in the Fold3.com version of the file.]

[p 16: NC Comptroller's certificate shows payment to a Daniel Gunn for service for 9 months in the NC Continental Line 'to the Southward.' See below:

State of North Carolina
Comptroller's Office

I Geo. W. Brooks Comptroller of the Public Accounts in and for the
State of North Carolina do hereby certify that it appears of records in
my office among the payments made by said State to sen-
-dary persons for military service in the Revolutionary
war as follows -

Daniel Gunn

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-ber 1786, for 9 months service to the Southward -

The testimony whereof I
have put my hand and Seal
at Raleigh N.C. June 20th 1856

Geo. W. Brooks
Comptroller

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836 for her husband service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina militia.]