

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Gevedann (Gevidon, Gevandin) W8845 Mary Gevedann VA
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State of Kentucky } Sct
Henry County }

On this 26th day of August 1833 personally appeared before William McCrackin a Justice of the peace in and for said County of Henry Ky. and one of the Justices of the Henry County Court John Gevedann a resident of the said county of Henry in the state of Kentucky aged 77 years who from bodily infirmity cannot attend the proper court to make his declaration and 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 7th 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that is to say being a resident of Buckingham County in the State of Virginia he did in the month of Oct'r. in the year 1776 as well as he remembers enter the service of the United States as a drafted militia man and private soldier upon a tour of three months in the company of Capt Miller – that he rendezvoused with his company at the courthouse in the said County of Buckingham and there came under the command of Col. May as well as he now remembers and was march from thence to Williamsburg Virginia and was there kept as a part of the Garrison of that place during his whole tour of three months as aforesaid and after having fully and faithfully served out the same he was discharged and returned home.

He further states and declares that in the month of Sept'r. in the year 1777 [sic: see endnote] as well as he now remembers he again entered the service of the United States as a private soldier and drafted militia man upon a tour of three months in the company of Capt. William Curd – that he rendezvoused with his said company at the Courthouse in the said County of Buckingham and was again attached to the regiment commanded by Col May – that he was marched with his company from said place of rendezvous to Albemarle Barracks where he was kept stationed during the whole of his tour of three months as above named in guarding some British prisoners that he served out his said tour fully and faithfully and at the termination thereof was discharged and returned home

He further states and declares that afterward in the month of August in the year 1779 as well as he remembers he again entered the service of the United States as a private soldier and drafted militia man in the company of Capt Patterson upon a tour of three months – that he also again met his company to Courthouse in the said county of Buckingham Va. and there was attached to the regiment of Col. Cooper – that he was marched with his said company from their said place of rendezvous immediately to Cabbin point [sic: Cabin Point on James River in Surry County] a place not far distant from Chickahominy Swamp Va. and James River – that he was there kept stationed during the whole of his said tour and at the termination thereof he was discharged and returned home

He further states and declares that in the month of July in the year 1780 [sic: 1781] he again entered the service of the United States as a drafted militia man and private soldier in the Company of Capt. W. Perkins [William Perkins] upon a tour of three months – that he rendezvoused with his company again at the Courthouse in Buckingham County Va. where several other companies at the same time met that he there came under the command of Col. May that he was marched from thence toward Petersburg and afterward to the Point of Fork and was kept in the service actively employed until the expiration of his tour – that his services were principally upon James River and he was engaged in several skirmishes some of them quite severe against the British. He states that the Baron Steuben was his General at the time and the operations of the troops were under his direction. He states that he thus continued in the service till the expiration of his tour and was then discharged & returned home

He further states and declares that in the month of July in the year 1781 as well as he remembers he again entered the service of the United States as a drafted militia man and private soldier upon another tour of

three months in the company of Capt. Moseley that he again rendezvoused with his company at the Courthouse in Buckingham County Va. that he was attached to the regiment of Col. Cooper and the majors name was [William] Boyce – that he was attached to the Brigade of Gen'l. [Robert] Lawson – that he was marched from his said place of Rendezvous toward Charlottesville and was finally marched down toward little York and not a great way from that place joined the main army – that he continued with the main army and assisted in all the fatigue and labour and privations of the seige of that place and witnessed the surrender of the British [19 Oct 1781] – that he continued in the service till his tour expired which happened soon after the seige of that place and was then discharged and returned home He states that he is old and infirm and his memory has in consequence thereof failed him greatly; but from his present best recollection he did not serve less than five tours of three months each making fifteen months service as a private soldier during the revolutionary war and for that service he claims a pension

He states that he has no documentary evidence of his service & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid John hisXmark Gevedann

Interrogatories put to the above named applicant John Gevedann by the said William McCrackin justice of the peace and member of the Henry Court as aforesaid

1st Where, and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in Buckingham County Virginia in the year 1756 according to my information

2^d Have your any record of your age; and if so where is it?

Answer. I have none. It has been lost

3^d Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live?

Answer I lived in Buckingham County Virginia when I was called into the service and there continued to live principally until the year 1823 when I moved to Shelby County Ky. where I lived for three years and then moved to Henry County Ky. where I have resided ever since.

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

Answer I was drafted.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served; such continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer I recollect Genls. Washington, LaFayette & Steuben of the regulars & Col. [Thomas] Posey also of the regulars – I recollect Genls. Lawson and Cols. May, Cooper & Williams who were of the militia In my first tour I was kept stationed at Williamsburg Virginia during the whole period. In my second tour I was kept stationed at Albemarle Barracks guarding some British prisoners In my third tour I was stationed as a garrison at Cabbin Point In my fourth tour I served under Gen'l. Steuben at the Point of forks and along the Potomac river against the British and was engaged in some skirmishing with them: in my fifth tour I served at the seige of york and was present at the Capture of Cornwallis

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 discharges which were signed by m Captains and which I have lost

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

Answer I will name Stephen Powers & William McCrackin as persons to whom I am known

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid John hisXmark Gevedann

NOTES:

Albemarle Barracks 4 mi NNE of Charlottesville were not built until late in 1778. Between Jan 1779 and Feb 1781 they housed prisoners captured at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777.]

On 18 Sep 1838 Mary Gevidon, 74, applied for a pension stating that she married John Gevidon in Goochland County VA in January 1784, that their eldest son was born in Goochland County in 1785, and that her husband died on 17 April 1835. She stated that she was unable to attend court, having recently been thrown from a horse. Shadrack M Gevandan (as he signed) made a statement supporting his mother's application. The file contains a copy of a bond signed in Goochland County on 31 Jan 1785 by John Gevedann (as he appears to have signed) and Drury Mims for the marriage of Gevedann to Mary Mims. On 5 July 1843 Mary Gevedon was said to be 76.