

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Adam Gitsinger (Goetzinger) W8880 Franzine Gitsinger f28SC
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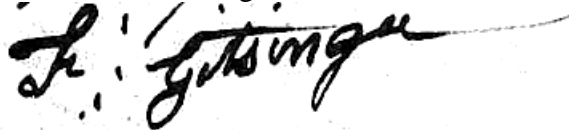
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South Carolina, District of Charleston

On this 10th day of December 1838 personally appeared before the undersigned Mrs. Fransine Gitsinger aged 77 who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to be entitled to the benefit of the 3rd Section of the act of Congress of 4 July 1836, that she is the widow of Adam Gitsinger late of Charleston deceased who was a private soldier during the War of the Revolution and served therein 2 years under arms in the following manner, to wit, he the said Adam on the 13 January 1776, Joined the German Fusiliers of Charleston, then under the command as Deponent believes of Captain Sheppard [Charles Shephard], and continued to serve therein to the fall of Charleston in May 1780, and subsequently. Deponent saith, that during this time he served at the Battles of Stono [June 20, 1779] & Beaufort, and at the attack upon Savannah in October 1779, at which last mentioned place he received a wound in the arm and in the leg from a musket balls, which confined him for some time to his bed. Deponent saith he also served at the Siege of Charleston, and when the said town surrendered [May 12, 1780] he was while under arms made a prisoner of War, and retained so a prisoner by the enemy for about nine months. Deponent saith, he escaped from the City and Joined Marion [Francis Marion] then in arms against the British by whom he was made Commissary and forage master, and so acted for Marion were nearly 2 years. Deponent saith, that, the British evacuated Charleston on the 14th December 1782, and that upon the 16th this deponent returned to Charleston in company with said Adam, and deponent saith that, said Adam within a few days after her said return rejoined said Corps of "German Fusiliers" and continued to serve in same until the declaration of peace in the month of September 1783 and for many years afterwards. She further declares she was married to the said Adam Gitsinger on 26 December 1782 while he was still in the service of his country under arms as aforesaid, and that, her husband the aforesaid Adam Gitsinger died on the 14th of October 1807, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, that she now resides in said The city of Charleston, and has resided here since the Revolution, that, she is in feeble health in poor circumstances, all which will more fully by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

S/ F. Gitsinger



Sworn to before me this 10th of December 1838

S/ Jacob Axson, Recorder of the City of Charleston in Judge of the City Court

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Charleston South Carolina September 25, 1838

Lutheran Church of German Protestants

The following extracts are taken from the Records of his Church viz.

"Married on 26 December 1782 by the Reverend Mister Martin, Adam Goetzing to Franzine Russell."

"On the 14th of October 1802, the late Adam Gitsinger was interred in the Cemetery of this Church."

I certify the above to be a true copy.

S/ Jacob F. Mintzing, President

[p 8: Mrs. S. Egar, 64, of Charleston, gave an affidavit on December 21, 1838 in support of the widow's claim in which she states that she has reason to believe that he was a member of the German Fusiliers, was at the siege of Savannah and at the siege of Charleston and subsequently served under Marion. She also states and part "... that she recollects that when Georgetown was possessed by General Marion a disturbance arose amongst some of his men, & that said Gitsinger wounded her step father Mr. Huger in the leg with the butt end of his musket in endeavoring to quiet the frolickers...."

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "S. Egar". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. To the right of the signature, there is a small, faint bracket-like mark.]

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State of South Carolina, The district of Charleston

I Certify that Adam Gitsinger's name and signature is in the list of names attached to the rules of the German Fusiliers Society and Company and that said Adam Gitsinger was admitted a member of the Fusiliers Company as appears by the original orderly book now in my possession on 13th January 1776 and that, he signed the rules on the same day. I further certify that it appears from said records of the Corps that said Adam Gitsinger performed duty in the militia as one of the German Fusiliers from 13th January 1776 to the 10th of March 1779 during which period the company performed service at Beaufort in and Charleston. Given under my hand at Charleston this 15th day of December 1838.

S/ Daniel Horlbeck, Treasurer and Keeper of the original books of
the German Fusiliers Society & Company

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State of South Carolina, District of Charleston

On this 19th day of December 1838 personally appeared before the undersigned Mrs. Sarah Susana Russell aged 74 years a resident of the City of Charleston, who being duly sworn, according to law, deposes that she is the sister-in-law of Mrs. F. Gitsinger, a Claimant for a pension. Deponent saith that, she became acquainted with her said sister's husband Adam

Gitsinger at the time of the marriage of said Francine to said Adam in 1782. Deponent saith she has reason to believe that said Adam served under arms during the War of the Revolution 2 years and in the "German Fusiliers," deponent often heard said Adam recount his services during said war, of his being at Savannah and at the Siege of Charleston, and that afterwards of his being with Marion. Deponent saith, she has heard Colonel Francis Huger as well as said Adam relate (in deponent's own house), of a dispute arising between a Colonel Neyman [?]¹ and said Huger, and that, said Adam being then a Sergeant Major or some such rank being ordered to separate the parties, and how said Gitsinger swelled [?]² the life of said Huger, this occurred in Georgetown & previous to the British quitting the Country. Deponent saith she has reason to believe said Francine Gitsinger was married in the year 1782 and that said Adam died in the year 1807, that said Francine never since married, and that her statements are entitled to credit.

S/ S. S. Russell

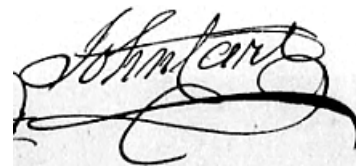


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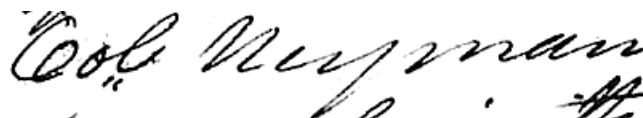
Personally appeared before the undersigned on the 18th day of July 1839 Mr. John Cart³ aged 78 years a Revolutionary pensioner a resident of Charleston who being duly sworn Deposeth that he remembers in new Adam Gitsinger during the War of the Revolution. Deponent saith, that Deponent himself served as a private in a company of horse during said War, that, in the Summer of 1782 he was in service in the County of Marion for about 2 or 3 months, that, he believes it was in the month of June 1782 he Deponent saw said Adam Gitsinger serving in the foot Service in said Camp. Deponent was very intimate with Mr. James Cox serving as a private in this militia in one of the Corps of Marion's detachment or Brigade, and he frequently saw said Gitsinger with said Cox. Deponent saith that, with regard to service being performed after the evacuation of the City by the British, by the militia of the City there is no doubt but there was service performed as usual, until the signing of peace was made known. Deponent cannot say what rank Gitsinger served him he only knows he was in the foot service, and Deponent was in the city at them after the evacuation.

S/ John Cart



[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$46.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband service as a private for 14 months in the South Carolina militia.]

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[John Cart S8139](#)