

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward Gwin R4401

Rachel Gwin

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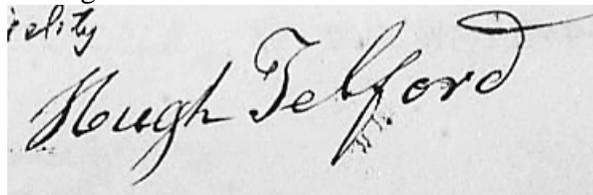
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State of Tennessee, Davidson County: SS

This day personally appeared before the Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions for the State & County aforesaid in open Court, Hugh Telford¹ of the County of Wilson State aforesaid, aged sixty-eight years and makes [oath] that he was personally acquainted with Edward Gwin, late of the County of Carroll, State aforesaid, who is said to have departed life October 10th 1831. Deponent became acquainted with the deceased in the County of Orange North Carolina, when deponent was a young lad, the said decedent being a man grown, and knew him to his death – Deponent well remembers that before he himself had any hand in the troubles of the day, the decedent was reputed to be, as he has no doubt he was, one of the first militia Captains that embarked in the war of the American Revolution in that Country: In the month of June 1780, this deponent being 16 years, & one day old, and the 5th day of that month, he volunteered under the decedent as his Captain, and was in actual service under said decedent about seven months, in detached periods. The decedent's operation with his command, was most generally under the orders of General Butler [John Butler], Colonel Taylor, & Major O'Neal, he was at times under General Greene [Nathanael Greene], & sometimes Colonel Washington [William Washington]. The decedent was one of the most brave, daring, & enterprising officers in the South, and distinguished in the whole Country – he was the terror of the Tories in the whole country. From deponent's own knowledge, and from the information of others, and the common report of that day, he has no doubt, that the decedent Edward Gwin was a Captain in the American Army in the South, from the first to the last of the war player, and that no man served his country with more persevering seal, usefulness, & fidelity.

S/ Hugh Telford

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hugh Telford". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. There is a small mark above the first letter "H" that looks like a correction or a flourish.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court
October 16, 1832 S/ Henry Ewing, Clerk

And in the Court aforesaid, came James Gwin, a resident of said County of Davidson: for the last twenty-seven years, a regular minister of the Methodist Church; aged sixty-three years, who being sworn, makes oath that he is the brother of Edward Gwin deceased, the individual referred

¹ [Hugh Telford S2021](#)

to in the foregoing statement of Hugh Telford – Said Edward departed life in the County of Carroll State of Tennessee, on the 10th October 1831, leaving a widow, Rachael Gwin, & three children – at his death, he was Eighty Four years old, of a powerful Constitution, firm, & active to the last: Deponent states, that to his knowledge, the decedent was Captain in the Army, during the whole of the war of the Revolution in North Carolina – he was in many battles, and engagements. At the battle of Guilford [Guilford Court House, March 15, 1781], one of his men is said to have shot the first British officer that fell. In justice to the character of a brother, I may be permitted to say, that he distinguished himself as an officer and as a brave & enterprising soldier during the whole war and descended to his grave full of years, and universally respected as a good man, & a Christian, by all who knew him.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court

S/ James Gwin

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Gwin". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ James Gwin".

October 16, 1832, S/ Henry Ewing, Clerk

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"The printed list of 1852 gives cause of rejection of Claim of Rachel Gwinn [sic] of Nashville, Davidson County Tennessee as 'Died before passage of the Act.' "