

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Alexander Gunn R4386

Bedy Oak Gunn

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State of Georgia, County of Cass

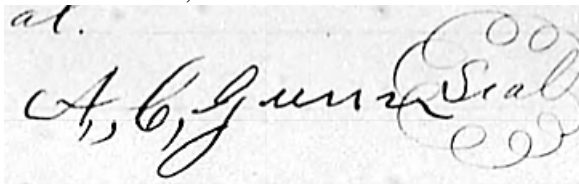
On this the 10th day of November A.D. 1853 Personally appeared in open Court before the undersigned Thomas A. Word Ordinary in and for the County and State aforesaid Alexander C. Gunn a resident of the County of Cass and State of Georgia aged 49 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th, 1836. That he is the Son of Alexander Gunn who was a private in the company commanded by Captain George Dowell in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Malmadey [Francis de Malmedy, Marquis of Bretagne] in the Revolutionary War and that the said Alexander Gunn resided in the County of Rowan in the State of North Carolina when he entered the Service and that he marched through said State and was at the battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781],¹ And he further declares that the said Alexander Gunn died on the 8th day of August A.D. 1830 and that his Mother named Bedy Oak Gunn died on or about the 7th day of April A.D. 1845 and that they were married on or about the 13th day of September in the year 1791. And that their three other children of the said Alexander Gunn as follows: John M. Gunn, Jane Campbell and Mary Gunn only surviving Children of the said Alexander Gunn.

He hereby revokes any former Powers of Attorney that he may have given for the prosecution of the above claim for pension, and does by these Presents constitute and appoint irrevocably and with powers of Substitution William R. Query and Henry H. Walker of the County of Union and State of Georgia his true and lawful Attorneys for him and in his name and stead to examine into prosecute to demand and receive from the Government of the United States all his rights in any manner of claim or pension arrears of pension or land as Son of the said Alexander Gunn who died leaving the same undrawn as in right of law, custom or equity he is or may be entitled.

In Testimony Whereof he has on this day and Year first mentioned hereunto signed his name and affixed his Seal.

Sworn Subscribed and acknowledged before.

S/ A. C. Gunn, SEAL

at.


S/ Thomas A. Word, Ordinary

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

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State of Georgia, County of Union

On this 22nd day of March A.D. 1845 before me Mason McLeod a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Personally appeared William McLeod² a pensioner of the United States and a Resident of the County of Union and State of Georgia to me well known, who being duly Sworn according to law deposeth and saith on oath that he was well acquainted with Alexander Gunn who was a Revolutionary Soldier of the State of North Carolina and a Resident of Rowan County in said State, and Deponent States said Alexander Gunn was a private in the Company commanded by Captain George Dowell and was in Service with Deponent and continued in actual Service in said war for the term of four months and Deponent further states that he at the time of said War that said Alexander Gunn as Deponent heard and believes was in and Served one other Tour in said War, besides the one above mentioned And Deponent further states that said Alexander Gunn and Bedy Oak Gunn his wife that they must have been married in or about the year 1791, and that they always lived together as man and wife and was always Reputed so to be and that Witness never heard anything to the contrary.

And Deponent further states that Alexander C. Gunn who now makes application as Heir for the Pension Money due said Alexander Gunn and his wife Bedy Oak Gunn years and always was treated as and Deponent believes is the Son and Heir of Said Revolutionary Soldier and Deponent declares that he is not interested in said application to Pension.

S/ William McLeod, X his mark

Family Record

Alexander Gunn & Bidy Oak Gwyn was married the 13th September 1791

Bedy Oak Gunn died the 7th April 1845

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State of Georgia, County of Fannin

On this 5th day of August A.D. 1854 Before me Coleman Forrester an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County, personally appeared William McLeod a Pensioner of the United States and a resident of Fannin County in the State of Georgia, who being duly sworn according to law, deposeth and saith that he was well acquainted with Alexander Gunn who was a Revolutionary Soldier of North Carolina. That he knew said Alexander Gunn to be in the service of the United States about 4 months, and that he heard that said Alexander Gunn was in the service as aforesaid prior to the period he was with him, in said Service and deponent further states that the said Alexander Gunn was the identical Alexander Gunn, who served in said War, from Salisbury District, and that he is the only person of that name that did so serve in or from that District or that he ever heard of in America. He further states that said Alexander Gunn came from Scotland in the same Ship he did himself and that he is the identical Alexander Gunn who married Bedy Oak Gwin.

And deponent further states that he was acquainted with Alexander C. Gunn who now claims a pension, in right of said Alexander Gunn deceased and that he was always, by him treated as it is by the Witness believed to be the son and heir of the said Alexander Gunn, And deponent further states that he served from Salisbury District and that he is in no wise interested in the Berg execution or result of the Claim of Bedy Oak Gunn to pension.

S/ William McLeod, X his mark

S/ M. L. Croney

S/ Coalman Forester [sic]

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State of Georgia Cass County

On this 19th day of April A.D. 1856 personally appeared before me an Acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County Alexander C Gunn a Resident of said County who being duly sworn according to law declares upon his Oath, that the leaf of the old family Bible of Alexander Gunn deceased on which was a record of the Marriage of Bedy Oak Gone to the said Alexander Gunn deceased was in his own handwriting, which Record has remained in the possession of the Heirs of the said Alexander Gunn deceased without any alteration whatever with the exception of writing upon a part of the said family Record with the new and black Ink where the writing had almost become invisible, and that there was no word or words, letter or letters added to order diminished from said family Record for the purpose of altering it but declares that the black Ink was run over that part of said Record where the writing had become almost invisible for the purpose of preserving the same, as it was originally written by the deceased Soldier, and he further states that said Record was newly written as above described long prior to the time of making Application for this pension of said Bedy Oak Gunn deceased or long before he knew that he or the above named claimant was entitled to a pension and that said record is the original.

S/ A. C. Gunn

[p 11: What appears to be a family record but which is largely illegibly faint except for "John M. Califler Gunn was Born on [illegibly faint] the thirteent [sic] of June at Two OClock in the morning in year Eighteen Hundred & One

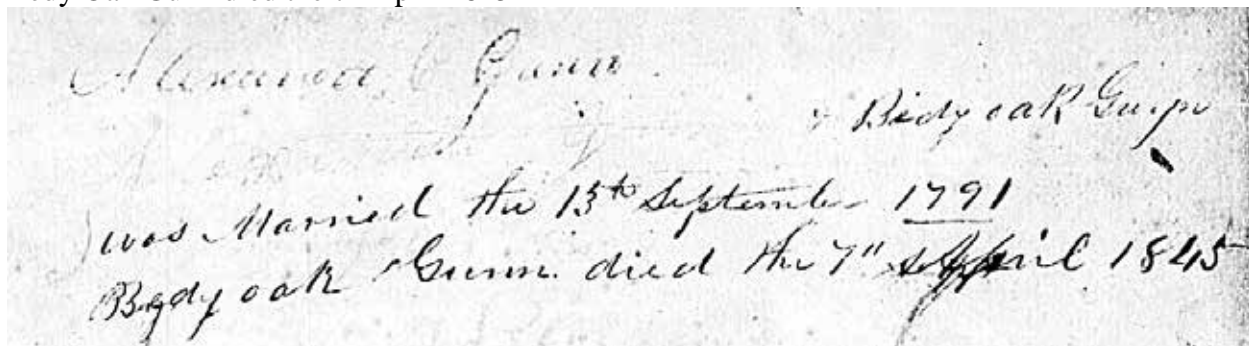
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Eliza Gunn was born on the 16 of October in the year 1823 May Easter Gunn

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[p 14: NC Comptroller's certificate of payments made to Alexander Gunn for Military services in the Revolution: shows payments to a soldier named "Alexander Gunn" who served as Sergeant in the North Carolina Continental line from December 1, 1779 [ending date of service not shown] see image below

State of North Carolina
Comptroller's Office.

I, William J. Clarke, Comptroller of public Accounts in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears of record in my office, among the payments made by said State to sundry persons for Military services in the Revolutionary War, as follows, to wit:

Alexander Seaman
Book G. No. 17 page 111, \$57.16 D. 11 specie. Cont. Soldier
Statement C. payments to Continental Soldiers entry
No. 1393 pay as Sergeant to 1st December 1779 \$151.00
Indent or Army Certificate issued by the Auditors of
Salisbury District No. 9295 Sept. 1782, \$24.08 specie.
Ditto No. 6797 - 1784 \$4.06 specie for Militia service
Ditto No. 6571 1784 \$3.00 " " " "

In testimony whereof I have hereunto
subscribed my name and affixed my
seal of office this 15th day of July 1854
Wm. J. Clarke, Compt.

