

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Gwin (Gwinn, Givin) W7618 Mary Gwin

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[Wayne County Ohio]

On this seventeenth day of June in the year of our Lord 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Wayne in the State of Ohio personally appeared John Gwin aged fifty-five years, resident in the County of Wayne aforesaid who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late Act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War". That he the said John Gwin enlisted about ten miles from Greensburgh [Greensburg] in the State of Pennsylvania in the Company commanded by Captain Cobe Sullivan [Cope Sullivan], which company was afterwards commanded by Captain Robert Vance, in the thirteenth Virginia Regiment which Regiment this declarant thinks was afterwards called the ninth, that he continued to serve in the said Corps in the service of the United States during the term of three years, or until about the twenty third day of December 1779 when he was discharged from service at Fort McIntosh in the State of Pennsylvania that he was in the battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], and served the whole of the above term of three years as a drummer – And that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his services – Sworn to & declared before me the day and year above said.

S/ John Cissne, Associate Judge

County of Wayne, State of Ohio

On this 27th day of September A.D. 1820 personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas being a Court [of] Record for the County and State aforesaid John Gwin a resident in said County of Wayne aged fifty-seven years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818, and the first May 1820 that he the said John Gwin enlisted about 10 miles from Greensburgh in the State of Pennsylvania in the company commanded by Captain Cobe Sullivan which company was afterwards commanded by Captain Robert Vance in the thirteenth Virginia Regiment this deponent thinks was afterwards called the ninth, that he continued to serve in the said Corps in the service of the United States during the term of three years, or until about the twenty third day of December 1777 when he was discharged from service at Fort McIntosh in the State of Pennsylvania, that he was in the battle of Brandywine, and served the whole of the above three years as a drummer, and on the Continental establishment, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said

services – And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

A schedule of all property owned by me excepting necessary bedding and clothing		
One Cow & calf	value	\$15.00
Two Sheep		5.00
20 hogs		30.00
One axe		1.00
1 Iron pot		1.00
1 Iron kettle		2.00
1 dutch oven		1.00
two tea cups & saucers		0.10
		\$55.10

That I am indebted to several persons in the amount of about \$40

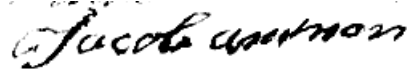
I am by Occupation a farmer & a Miller. I am not able by my own labor to support myself by reason of my age and infirmities, my family consist of my wife, Molly Gwin aged 55 years, one son James Gwin aged 19 years and my son of Jonathan, aged 11 years, and my daughter Sarah Gwin aged about 18, my said wife, my said son James, and my daughter Sarah are able to support themselves, but my son Jonathan cannot; I lived with my said family on land belonging to my sons John and Thomas, And I do say that my original [declaration] here with exhibited was made on the 7th day of June 1818 and that I have never received a pension from Government.

S/ John Gwin



[p 13: On February 25th 1845 in Holmes County Ohio, Mary Gwin a resident of Kilbuck Township in Holmes County, aged 83 years, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Gwin , a drummer in the revolutionary war who enlisted in Westmoreland County Pennsylvania in a company commanded by Captain Cobe Sullivan, afterwards by Robert Vance in the 13th Virginia Regiment; that her husband was a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him June 9, 1781; that her husband died April 7, 1744; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 14: On February 25, 1845 in Holmes County of Ohio, Jacob Ammon gave testimony that he is the brother of Mary Gwin, the widow of John; that he, affiant, was a soldier in the Indian wars and is a pensioner from the state of Pennsylvania for such service; that his sister has children by said John Gwin some of whom are over 50 years of age; that his sister and John Gwin lived in legal wedlock until his death.



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[p 15: On February 25th, 1845 in Holmes County Ohio, Thomas McQuiston, 73, a resident of Hardy Township in said County gave testimony that he was born in Westmoreland County Pennsylvania; that he was personally acquainted with the veteran and his wife; that the veteran and Molly Ammon daughter of George Ammon were married in her father's house about 12 miles from Greenberg in Westmoreland County Pennsylvania in April 1782 by Esquire Hughes; that his (the affiant's) brothers and sister went to the wedding of the veteran and his wife; that he was intimately familiar with the family of the veteran including his children having always lived in the same neighborhood with them; that their son Thomas who is now dead was born in 1784; daughter Rebecca was born 1794, Susannah, another daughter was born in 1788 and Polly was born in 1794, she has since died, their son John was born in 1792 and is now 53 years old, Jacob another son was born in 1796, James another son was born in 1800 they also had other younger children whose ages he does not particularly recollect.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 17, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$96 per annum.]