

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Virginia Rejected Claim of Joseph Fry VAS1453
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[The following are from [bounty-warrant records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do certify that Joseph Fry Inlisted as a Soldier in my Comp’y the 12th Feb’y 1777 for three years & that he died in June 1780
[signed] John Marks Capt. 10th V. Reg’t

At Albemarle December Court 1783

The Court are satisfied that George Fry [VAS1452] is [illegible word] Brother of Joseph Fry which is ordered to be Certified

[illegible signature]

[The following are in [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) under the name Fry, John.]

To the Governor of Virginia
the Petition of the heirs of George, Benjamin, Gabriel & John Fry [George Fry VAS1452, Benjamin Fry VAS1451, Gabriel Fry S38710, and John Fry R3819] respectfully states, that their ancestors above named, in the year 1777 enlisted themselves in the service of the State of Virginia for and during the war. That the three first served out the time for which they were enlisted
Joseph Fry the Brother of those above mentioned enlisted at the same time & in the same Company that George Fry did and died in the service – his heirs immediately after the war received the bounty in land promised to him.
but your petitioners have never till this time urged their claim. they hope it will now receive the favourable consideration of Your Excellency, that you will direct a warrant to issue to them for the services of their ancestors during the war

State of North Carolina }
Stokes County } at June County Court of pleas & quarter sessions 1832.

Henry Carter [pension application W3940] one of the old Revolutionary Soldiers came into Court and made oath that a certain John Fry, George Fry, Benjamin Fry, Joseph Fry & Gabriel Fry all Brothers did enlist themselves as regular soldiers in the service of the United States for and during the Revolutionary War against Great Britain & it was stated by letters to their Parents that Joseph Fry & George Fry died in the Army as this deponent was inform’d & has just reason to believe, leaving no children as heirs at Law, & since the revolutionary war ended the remainder of the Brothers have all died and none of them leaving any heirs at Law but John Fry’s Chidren as this deponant has just reason to believe, the aforesaid enlistments was made in the County of Albemarle in the Commonwealth of Virginia & this deponent further saith not but states that he served with said John Fry in the service & subscribed this affadavit in open Court.



Gabriel Fry one of the Sons of the late John Fry dec’d. came into open court & made oath that he has just reason to believe that all his uncles George, Benjamin, Joseph & Gabriel Fry died without any heirs except himself & his Brothers & Sisters whose names are Benjamin Fry, Gincy Fry, Delilah who intermarried with William Lawson, Nancy married Jonas Lawson, Elijah Fry, Thomas Fry, Zada who intermarried Wm. Collins and further this deponant saith that he has always understood & has just reason

to believe that his father John Fry dec'd was a Regular Soldier in the Army of the United States during the Revolutionary War against G. Britain and that he is the same person & his Brothers & Sisters that he represents himself & them to be the only children of the aforesaid John Fry dec'd. & Lawful heirs & representatives of their Uncles before mentioned as leaving no Children to inherit their Estates &c. and subscribed this affadavit in open Court. [signed] Gabriel Frye

NOTE: A summary and recommendation in the file dated 19 April 1834 states that the names of John and Benjamin Fry were found on rosters, but that there was no evidence that any of the brothers served to the end of the war and were therefore eligible for bounty land.