Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Benjamin Fry R3818 Ann Fry VA
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State of Illinois } Ss County of Iroquois }

On this 2^d day of November AD 1852 I John Chamberlain the undersigned, Judge of the county court in & for said County, the same being a court of Record, visited Ann Fry, widow of Benjamin Fry deceased; at her residence, in the aforesaid County, (she from bodily infirmity being unable to appear in open court) she is aged sixty nine years who first being sworn according to law, doth on hier Oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress, passed June 7th 1832; "That her said husband Benjamin Fry (deceased) she believes was a Private, in the "Wear of the Revolution," and was enrolled in the state of Virginia, and she believes served three years and eight months as she is informed, Believes from the conversation of her late husband, that he served under General Washington & General Warren [possibly Joseph Warren of the Massachusetts State Troops, killed at Bunker Hill, 17 Jun 1775], & General [Horatio] Gates & helped take Burgoynes force [army of Gen. John Burgoyne at Saratoga, 17 Oct 1777], and was at the Battle of Bunker hill [interlined: "this may be a mistake"]; And knows not where he was discharged, or what became of his discharge, and that they were married on the 18th day of May 1802 in Frederick County Virginia. And that there is no record of the marriage, that she knows of. Her Husband & self were natives of Frederick County, Virginia. Her name before her marriage was Ann Cadwaleder [Ann Cadwallader?]. She knows of no documentary evidence by which she can prove anything. Her Husband died in Iroquois County, & state aforesaid, & she has never married again – his death occured on the 24th day of July AD 1838 at which time he was 79 years & 6 months of age. He never drew pay of pension. And she knows not what became of his discharge; She further states that the said Benjamin Fry deceased has five children surviving him Towit, Isaac Fry aged 64 years, Abraham Fry aged 64 years these two were twins, John Fry aged 45 years, Benjamin Fry aged 49 years and Joseph Fry aged 42 years, the said Isaac Fry & Abraham Fry, are children by his first wife, and no record evidence exists of their Births & ages [signed] Ann fry

NOTE: The above federal file includes copies of supporting documents that pertain to a different Benjamin Fry VAS1451.