

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of John Fry (Frey) R3819

VA

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[Capitalization partly corrected.]

Stokes County North Carolina } S.S.

On this 11th September Eighteen Hundred & 43 Personally appeared in open court Benj^a Fry a resident of the county aforesaid and State of North Carolina, aged Fifty Four 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 Provisison made by the Act of Congress Passed March the Second one thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Nine for the Benefit and relief of the heirs of the continental soldiers.

I Benjamin Fry son and only surviving heir of John Fry dec'd. who was a Soldier of the Revolution, has made the following declaration as his Father stated to him this applicant, (Viz) that he enlisted in the county of Albemarle and state of Virginia, in the United States service for the term of eighteen months under Capt. Lewis don't know where he marched to during that service but was honorably discharged and returned home again to the county where he first enlisted (at which county he was born and raised in when he immediately enlisted again for the term of three years, don't know who he enlisted under but was attached to Col. [William] Washington corps of light horse, and served that term out and was again honorably discharged. he was marched to the South & was in the Battle of the Utau Springs [sic: Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781].

he again enlisted (don't know who he enlisted under) for during the war and was again attached to the light horse. don't know where he was marched to, but was at the taking of corn wallis [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781], don't recollect any of the field officers don't recollect any place where he was discharged either time, as the discharges are all either lost or distroyd. this declarant further states that he has no record of his fathers age but from the best information he can obtain he was about 83 years old when he died which was in March 1825. After the close of the Revolution his father removed to Surry county North Carolina, now [since 1789] Stokes, where he lived and died at or about the age aforesaid. he married in the county of Stokes N.C. where he lived with his wife untill about the year 1815 when she died, there being no family record the day and date this declarant cannot now with precision state and that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pention of an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state or only that of the agency of the State of N.C. and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension, that this applicant did not know that he was entitled to a pension untill very recently. Sworn to and subscribed the day and date first written Benjamin hisXmark Fry

[Mildred Lawson, about 91, deposed that she had been acquainted with John Fry in Albemarle County, and she certified the above statements.]

[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] 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 [VAS1453] 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 Children as this deponent 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 affidavit 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 deponent 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 affidavit in open Court. [signed] Gabriel Frye

NOTES:

A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following soldier of the same name also from Albemarle County, but whose service appears to differ from the above: Jn'o. Fry or Frey/ age 18/ height 5 8 1/2/ farmer/ born and residing in Albemarle County/ brown hair/ hazel eyes/ dark complexion/ enlisted 18 Sep 1780 for 18 months.

A summary and recommendation in the Virginia rejected-claims 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.