Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Gwin (Gwinn) R4402 Hannah Gwin f37NC Transcribed by Will Graves 9/10/08 rev'd 12/2/15

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State of Tennessee, Sumner County

On this 30th Day of October 1839 personally appeared before me William Barr, one of the acting justices of the peace now Sitting as a Court in and for said County it being a Court of record in order to hear the declaration of Hannah Gwinn the Surviving Widow of William Gwinn Deceased and after being sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th, 1836 and the act explanatory of said act passed March 3rd, 1837 that she is now in her 83rd year of her age and that she was married to William Gwinn who was a private Soldier enlisted in the Army of the revolution in the 4th Regiment of the North Carolina Time and Served and Captain Roger More's [sic, Roger Moore's] Company and after Captain Moore resigned was transferred to Captain William Goodmond's [sic, William Goodman's] Company until Discharged by Colonel Thomas Polk who commanded the above Regiment in the North Carolina Line for whom service she claims a pension as directed in rule No. 4 of the foregoing Regulations of July the 9, 1836-- She further declares that she was married to the said William Quinn on the 7th day of May 1782 that her husband William Gwinn died on the 27th Day of January 1827 and that she was a widow on 4 July 1836 and still remains a widow – as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. She further declares that her husband's Bible sets forth the names and ages of the children born during his lifetime both dead and living they are as follows – Sarah Gwin born 19th of February 1783

Jesse Gwin born January 9th, 1785 –

William Gwin was born March 12th, 1787—

Elizabeth Gwin was born September 3rd 1789

John Gwin was born June 15th 1792

Ezechal Gwin [sic, Ezekiel Gwin?] was born March the 22nd, 1794

James Gwin was born July 14 1797

She further Declares that Jesse Gwin and John Gwin her two sons are since Dead without issue – that this Bible Register is now in my possession at this time and has been ever since the death of William Quinn Senior that the said William Quinn never did attempt to make any application in any way whatever for a pension during his lifetime – that she is a resident citizen in Sumner County at present.

Sworn to and subscribed before me William Barr one of the acting justices of the peaceful Sumner County.

S/ William Barr, JP

S/ Hannah Gwin, X her mark

McCluer, aged 77, gave an affidavit that she was well acquainted with William Gwin when he lived in Orange County North Carolina, that she was aware of his serving in the Continental line with Thomas Moore, "and after his return from home from the Army he lived at my father's house until he Inter-Married with Hannah McCombs of Guilford County..."; That she, the affiant, was present at the wedding of William and Hannah; that she has knowledge of their children and confirms the record set forth by the widow in her application. Elizabeth signed her affidavit with her mark.]

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State of North Carolina

Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina do hereby certify, that it appears of record in this Office, that William Gwin a private Soldier in the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, obtained a Warrant for bounty land for three years service in said War, which warrant is No. 3640 for 274 acres, dated 12th of December 1788.

Given under my hand this 18th day of January 1840.

S/Wm Hill

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State of Tennessee, Sumner County

On this 5th day of April 1847 personally appeared before the County Court of Sumner County James Gwynne [named spelled this way throughout this document] a resident of said County and State of Tennessee aged about 50 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 provisions made by the acts of Congress passed may 15th 1828 June 7th 1832 July 4th, 1836 and July 7th 1838 and any other acts or resolutions of Congress which are applicable to the facts of his Declaration that he is the son of William and Hannah Gwynne that he is the executor of William Gwynne who died the 22nd of January 1827 the said William was a private soldier in the regular Army of the United States in the war of the revolution and served 18 months in said service under Captain Edward Gwynne [Edward Gwin or Edward Gwinn] of Orange County North Carolina where the said William enlisted the said William was in the battles of Fort Moultrie at Charleston South Carolina [June 28, 1776]¹ and was also in the battles of Guilford North Carolina [March 15, 1781]² where General Greene commanded the said William Gwynne and Hannah McCombs were married and Orange County North Carolina in 1782. The said William and Hannah's oldest child was born the 19th day of February 1783 as fully appears by an entry in the family Bible Hannah Gwynne died on day of April 1840 said James Gwynne was the executor of Hannah Gwynne.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court on the day and year before written Before Sworn to in open Court April 6, 1847 S/Wm S. Munday, Clerk

[p 34: Power of attorney dated February 25, 1852 given in Sumner County Tennessee by James Gwin whereby his attorney is authorized to pursue the claim of Hannah Gwin, deceased

James Guin

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution ft moultrie 1.html

² http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution battle of guilford courthouse.html