

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Gurley W4973

Mary Gurley

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State of North Carolina, Johnston County

On this the 6th day of January 1845 personally appeared before the Subscriber one of the Acting Justices of the Peace in and for said County Mrs. Mary Gurley resident of Johnston County aged 91 years who being first duly 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 the 4th day of July 1836.

That she is the widow of Joseph Gurley who was a soldier of the Revolutionary War, that her husband the said Joseph Gurley enlisted in the Army of the Revolution of the United States in the month of September 1781 for twelve months and served the time out and then Enlisted for during the War and Served fourteen months more – When the war ended he enlisted under Captain Raiford [Robert Raiford]. She cannot at this time recollect under what other officers he served. She distinctly recollects of hearing him say he served in Raiford's Company and she knows he will was gone from home two years and two months. She further declares that she was married to her deceased husband the said Joseph Gurley in the month of January 1780 in the County of Johnston State of North Carolina by Henry Rains Esquire and that her maiden name was Mary Carter and that her husband the aforesaid Joseph Gurley died on the 10th day of March 1828, and that she has remained a widow ever since his death.

Sworn to and subscribed before me

S/ J. Gulley, JP

S/ Mary Gurley, } her mark



[p 5, copy of the marriage bond dated 10th January 1780 given by Joseph Gurley and John Watson for the marriage of Joseph Gurley to Mary Carter.]

State of North Carolina, Johnston County

On this 29th day of January 1845 personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County William Wood¹ of Wake County aged 94 years a pensioner as a Soldier of the Revolutionary War who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following affidavit. This affiant Testifies and says

That he was well acquainted with Joseph Gurley deceased late of Johnston County who was a private Soldier during the Revolutionary War that he served with him from Virginia line

¹ Perhaps the same man as [William Wood W4868](#)

through North Carolina to South Carolina he belonged to Captain Raiford's Company and I served with him some over 2 years I think 2 years and 2 months as we were both Regular Soldiers, I know I served with him in the year 1781 and 1782 I have a perfect Recollection of having served with him.

Sworn to and Subscribed on the day and year above before me.

S/ J. G. Gully, JP

S/ William Wood, X his mark

State of North Carolina, Johnston County

On this 24th day of January 1845 personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Jesse Green² aged 84 years a pensioner as a Soldier of the Revolutionary War who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following affidavit

This affiant testifies and says

That he was well acquainted with Joseph Gurley deceased late of Johnston County and with Mrs. Mary Gurley his widow who is now applying for a pension I know that Joseph Gurley served in the Revolutionary War under Captain Raiford's company in the year 1781 and 1782 I have a perfect recollection of being with him at Halifax Tarboro New Bern and Trent and Wilmington we were from the same County he was a Regular and I was a militia man I know he was gone from home more than 2 years.

S/ Jesse Green

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesse Green". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

Sworn to and Subscribed on the day and year above written before me.

S/ J. G. Gully, JP

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband's service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]

² [Jesse Green W11084](#)