

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Gaddis Gentry W7512 Patsy Gentry VA
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State of Virginia Hanover County To Wit

On this 17th day of May 1843 personally appeared before the subscriber Edmund Fountain a justice of the peace for the county aforesaid Martha or Patsy Gentry aged about seventy seven years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the acts of congress passed on the 7th of July 1838 and on the 3rd of March 1843 granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary war. That she is the widow of Gaddis Gentry, who was a private in a corps which was under the command of Major [Charles] Magill below Richmond and also in Colo. Taylors [John Taylor's] Regiment which was also employed below Richmond not long before the Seige of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] – that she is a resident of the county of Hanover and has been for 77 years – She further declares that she is still a widow and that she was married to Gaddis Gentry in the year 1786

Patsy herXmark Gentry

State of Virginia Hanover County to wit

Edmund Gilman [pension application S8565] of the aforesaid county of Hanover a revolutionary soldier now receiving a pension of sixty six dollars and sixty six cents per annum personally appeared before me Chas P Goodall a Justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid and made oath in due form of Law that he was personally acquainted with Gaddis Gentry that the said Gentry served a tour of duty with him of three months in Colo. Jno Taylor regiment in the revolutionary war which regiment was employed below Richmond a short time before the battle of York Town not stationed any one place constantly but removing some time on the North and sometimes to the South side of James River and he remembers perfectly that the said Gentry was in service at the time that Arnold came to Richmond [Gen. Benedict Arnold, 5 Jan 1781] but at this time he cannot say how long the said Gentry was at that time in service, but thinks he performed a full tour of duty, that the said Gentry and himself [one or two illegible words] near each other and he knows that he the said Gentry was call'd out and performed other tours of duty when the deponant was not in service

Given under my hand and seal this 15 day of May 1843

State of Virginia

Hanover County To Wit

John Hall [S9558] of the county of Hanover a revolutionary Soldier now receiving a pension of Twenty Dollars per annum personally appeared before me Edmund Fontaine a justice of the peace in the county aforesaid, and made oath in due form of law that he was personally acquainted with Gaddis Gentry – that the said Gentry served a tour of duty of two months with him, in a corps which was employed below Richmond, not long before the Seige of York, under the command of Major Magill – that he supposes Colo Innis [sic: James Innes] was the superior officer as he was with the troops occasionally. Given under my hand this 17th day of May 1843

State of Virginia Albemarle County

This day George Gentry Sr. [S6885] of the above named County personally appeared before me and made oath in due form of law, that he personally knew one Geddis Gentry of the county of Hanover and State of Va. and that to his knowledge the said Gaddis Gentry served a tour of two month in the war of the Revolution under the supervision of one Major Decluman [sic: Charles de Klauman]. Given from under my hand this 12th day of July 1843.

State of Virginia

On this 19th day of January 1844 personally appeared, before the Subscriber, a justice of the peace of the county of Hanover, Patsy Gentry a resident of the State of Virginia, in the county of Hanover aged 77 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 7th July 1838 entitled "an act granting half pay and pension to certain widows, and of the act passed 3rd of March 1843

That she is the widow of Gaddis Gentry who was a private in the army of the Revolution, and according to the best of her knowledg and belief performed a service in the State of Virginia in the counties below Richmond at different times amounting to at least six months under the command of Maj Decloman, Major Magill and others

She further declares that she was married to the said Gaddis Gentry on the 29th day of March in the year seventeen hundred and eighty six

That her husband the aforesaid Gaddis Gentry died on the 29th day of July 1827 That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the mariage took place previous to the first day of January seventeen hundred and ninety four, Viz at the time above stated

Patsy herXmark Gentry

[The significance of the following is to show that Gaddis Gentry served at least two different tours.]
State of Virginia

Hanover County S.C. [2 Aug 1844]

Personally appeared before me Edmund Fontaine a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid John Hall, a Revolutionary pensioner, and made oath in due form of Law that he was well acquainted with George Gentry of Albemarle a witness in the case of Patsy Gentry during the Revolutionary war, and that the said George Gentry was not in any tour of military service with him during that war

The said John Hall further states that he is enabled to speak thus confidently of George Gentry not being in Service with him as the number of men in the corps to which he J. H. was attached never exceeded eight hundred and there among that small number one so well known at George Gentry would have been seen if he had been in the same corps

NOTE: The file contains a copy of a bond signed on 24 March 1786 by Geddes Gentry and William Thacker for the marriage of Geddes Gentry, Bachelor, to Patsy Thacker, Spinster.