

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Gilmore [Gilmore, Gilmer] VAS391

[vsl 74VA](#)

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[From [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

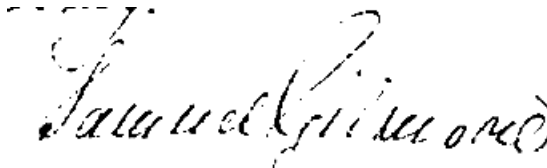
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To the Auditor of Publick Accounts

Sir,

A. Rutherford wrote to me that a law is passed by which I placed on the pension list of allowing me \$60 for my present relief, you will therefore pay the same to A. Rutherford, and this shall be your receipt for so doing.

S/ Samuel Gilmore



Teste:

S/ John Graham

S/ James Gilmore

Rockingham County January 31st 1812

[This file contains no documents giving substantive details of the veteran's service. With the exception of the above document, the entire contents of the file are powers of attorney and receipts for the collection and payment of the pension due the veteran who evidently lived until at least January 22, 1847, the date of the last power of attorney given by the veteran for the collection of his pension.]

[From [Virginia Legislative Pensions](#)] [Rockingham County Legislative Papers](#)

[Petition of James Gilmer, father of Samuel Gilmer/Gilmore

To the Hon. the General Assembly of Virginia

The Petition of James Gilmer of the County of Rockingham most humbly Sheweth That your Petitioner's son Samuel Gilmer being enlisted as a Soldier in the service of this State and was so unfortunate to be in Col. Buford's defeat [Battle of the Waxhaws, May 29, 1780] at the

Hanging Rock in Carolina in the year 1780 at which time he received fifteen bad wounds four of which was in his head out of which came five Bones, and returned home to your Petitioner (who is very Ancient [?], in low Circumstances) in a very miserable Condition having been almost naked your Petitioner truly commiserating [?] that unhappy Situation of his, employed a Doctor to cure his wounds, also hired a woman to take care of and to nurse him by whose care and assistance under Divine Providence he recovered for which your Petitioner paid forty Shillings to each of the said persons viz. the Doctor and the nurse for their trouble and likewise clothed him from head to foot, your petitioner therefore prays to be reimbursed the money he has expended upon the cure of his said son, and further to be allowed such compensation for Clothing and finding four months board as may be thought just and reasonable.

And Your Petitioner as in duty bound shall pray
[there follows a number of signatures, presumably of neighbors of the petitioner but most of the signatures are too faint to be discerned]

[From [Virginia Legislative Pensions](#)] [Rockingham County Legislative Papers](#)
[18 page file under the name of "Samuel Gilmore"]

To the Hon. the Speaker and Members of the general Assembly

Your petitioner Samuel Gilmoore [sic] humbly States that he went out as a Soldier in the Revolutionary War, between this Country and Great Britain, and was in that Memorable battle called Buford's defeat, in South Carolina the 31 day of May in the year 1780 [sic, May 29, 1780], where I received twenty two wounds from the enemy, most of which were with the broad sword, several of them so split and fractured my head that there was five pieces of my skull bone taken out before I was Cured and my Right hand severely cut off where the fingers joined to the hand, so that they are naturally useless but my two four fingers [forefingers] have grown into the hollow of my hand, so that they greatly hinder me in getting my living by labor being the only way I have to support myself and family, – after I was no longer able to stand and defend myself and Country, laying wilting in my blood I received three stabs with a bayonet in the joint of my hip, the effects of which I now begin very sensibly to feel; I was taken and kept as a prisoner at the place where the battle was fought for three weeks without ever having a Surgent [surgeon] to dress my Wounds or any other person but by Five of my fellow Sufferers who was nearly in the same Condition, at which time they moved off leaving myself with several others to Shift as we could our not being able to go with them, in this situation. I made towards home traveling a few miles a day begging my way till I was met by my friends and conveyed home to the County of Rockingham, where I have lived ever Since, being under the hands of a Surgent for nearly two years before my Wounds were healed. I have a Wife and a large family of Children to support having no other dependence but my labor to assist them; I have never received a Cent from my Country nor have never applied for feeling a Spirit, above it while I was in any way able to live without it, but I am now compelled to call on my Country for a small pittance that may enable me to spend a few of my last days in a Way that my life may not be a greater burden to me than it is,

Nov. 24th 1811

Gentleman I am yours
S/ Samuel Gilmoore

Samuel Gilmore

[Reverse]
Samuel Gilmore's Petition
Received December 4th, 1811
& referred to Committee of Claims
Reasonable
December 10th, 1811
reported
Bill drawn
December [indecipherable]

These are to Certify that Samuel Gilmore Entered into our Army During the American war out of the 8th Regiment whom I had Honour to Command: and returned home in most Mangled and Distrest [Distressed] Condition: which Rendered him unable to support himself he being in low Circumstances; for a considerable time unable to support himself perhaps some years: one of his hands was deformed by a wound received in it perhaps he has twenty scars from wounds received at Buford's Defeat he lives near neighbor to me and has since he was a boy and ever has supported a good Character as to sobriety, honesty and industry.
In testimony whereof I signed my name

S/ Benj^m Harrison [Benjamin Harrison]

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Benj^m Harrison

I Certify that Samuel Gilmore returned from the War – 1780 with Wounds as follows – his Right Hand Crippled – and His Head badly wounded –: as witness I certify this.

S/ Arthur Davison

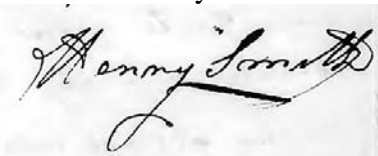
A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Arthur Smith". The ink is dark and the background is light, possibly a document page.

Rockingham County November 23rd, 1811

At the Request of Mr. Samuel Gilmore I feel it to be a duty I owe to him as a good old Soldier to give him the following certificate

I seen the above named Samuel Gilmore as his friends were bringing him home in the year 1780 sometime about the month of June or July and seen his wounds at that time many of them not cured up and some of the wounds were alive with creeping animals, and he did not appear as if he would ever get over his wounds, one of his hands had been nearly cut off but has since got well but his fingers are quite grown into his hand so that it must be with great difficulty that he can get his living by labor he has always lived a neighbor to me and I know him to be an honest hard-working man and think of there is any man who ought to have a pension from wounds received if fighting in the defense of his Country he ought and I have every reason to believe he received the above wounds at Bluford's defeat in South Carolina, and have understood that he acted as a brave and valiant Soldier, I also feel it a duty further to state that I know he voluntarily joined an artillery Company since he has got his wounds healed up, and was not willing to be an invalid but rather chose to be in a Company, Stating that if there should be a War he wished to have a hand in it, that he might get some satisfaction for the Wounds that he Received, I have never heard of his applying for this far a pension and believe it was owing to his feeling of spirit above applying whilst he was in any way able to maintain himself and family. The above statement is made under a sense of duty to an old friend a Soldier

S/ Henry Smith

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