

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Gilbert Gallion R3876

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State of Virginia. Harrison County SS

On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 1834 personally appeared before Absalen Knotts an acting justice of the county court of Harrison Gilbert Gallion a resident of Booths Creek in the county and state aforesaid aged 76 years, who being first duely sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress passed June 7 1832.

1st That he was born on the 27th of March 1758 in Harford County State of Marryland. That he mooved into Harrison County Virginia in his 30 year and that he has eversince resided in said county. That he volunteered under Capt George Patterson who was a commissioned officer in the 17 regement of the Marryland line in Harford county on the first of June 1777 and served six months as a scouter, or as they were then called the flying camp whose business it was to fly from post to post to garde the enemy – that while he was under Capt George Patterson aforesaid he was called to mach to fort Washington in the State of New York and was stationed there three months. [sic: see endnote] from there he marched up the Hudson near Albany to prevent the English crossing the Hudson and was stationed there three months – that his whole service while under Cap Patterson was scouting and flying from place to place That he volunteered on the first of August 1778 under Capt John Rogers who was a commissioned officer in the 17 regiment of the Marryland line in the count of Harford and served six months as a scouter or as they were then called the flying camp, and scouted and spied as such between the Vally forge [sic: Valley Forge] Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania line. That he volunteered on the first of March 1779 and served six months as a scouter under Capt John Rogers who was a captain in the County of Harford Md. and in the 17 regiment of the Maryland line and was stationed at the Vally-forge Pa three months and from there he was called to spie on the frontier of Maryland line and scouted there three months – That he volunteered in Harford Co Maryland on the first of September 1779 and served six months under Cap John Rogers who was a capt in the 17 regiment of Maryland line and served and scouted and spie on the fronteer line of Maryland, between Harford County Md and Pennsylvania – That he volunteered in Harford Co Md. on the first of Mach 1780 and served six months as a spie and scouter under Capt John Rogers aforesaid, that he scouted and spied the country on the north river, at fort Washington and all the most likely places that the English might cross for the term of six months – That he volunteered at Harford Co Md on the first of September 1780 and served six mounths as a spie or as they were called the flying camp, under Capt John Rogers and spied the country from Harford County to the Bay, and from the Bay to fort Washington, New york – from there to the Hudson river at the landing or crossing place of the English

That his whole servises was in flying from station to station and guarding the fronteers as well as the landing places of the English – That he knows of no person in this country who can testify to his servises, that he got a written discharge at the expiration of each term of service but has since lost them from neglect &c. That he has no record of his age. That he was in no civil employment during his service – for proof of his character he would refer to Judge Duncan and the Hon John J Allen. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state or territory

War Department/ Pension Office/ March 29<sup>th</sup> 1834

Sir: The declaration of Gilbert Gallion has been returned from Annapolis Maryland whence it was sent for the purpose of procuring proof of his alleged service but without success.

The whole statement of the applicant is calculated to cast a shade of doubt over his claim – he alleges to have performed much service and that continually in the Maryland line, under Capt. Rogers, who was only a Militia Captain in the State of Maryland, and who never performed the services said to

have been done by the applicant.

Proof of service will therefore be required. The papers are enclosed.

I have the honor to be yr obt svt./ J L Edwards

[The following report is by US District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated hundreds of pension applicants from what is now West Virginia. For details see my appendix to the pension application of David W. Sleeth S6111. Singleton wrote "Not Entitled" in this report.]

Gilbert Gallions – Applicant.

This man was on the abstract for Harrison County. Since procuring his own statement, I have been informed that his case has been passed upon – & the original Declaration has been handed to me – which I herewith return that it may be filed with my report. W G.S.

I the undersigned Gilbert Gallions at the requisition of the Secretary of War give the following statement of my age and Revolutionary Services. I am in my 77<sup>th</sup> or 78<sup>th</sup> year of age In April 1779 I volunteered in Harford County Md under Capt John Rogers for six months and Marched to Vally forge was there attached to Genl. Waynes [Anthony Wayne's] Brigade – Col. Mitchel's Regt. Gen'l. Wayne was commander in chief at Vally forge – four or five companies went from Vally forge (mine included) to Fort Washington. from there to the Hudson river, thence to Trenton – Joined Gen'l. Waynes army. was at New York Philadelphia – was discharged at the latter place I went into service for six months but remained in actual service nine months. the three additional months I was a substitute for Thomas Clark.

In the succeeding august 1780 I volunteered in same county and under same captain for 3 months. Went to Brandy Wine & Stoney Point [Brandywine PA and Stony Point NY] – at the latter place my 3 mo. expired & thus ended my service Copelan [sic: Jacob Coplin] wrote my Declaration. I told him the same I now tell. In Witness that this Declaration is true I hereto subscribe my name Nov. 15, 1834

Gilbert hisXmark Gallions

Witness/ Jesse Martin

Note. a very different story from the one in the original declaration – not a word in either true

W. G Singleton/ Nov. 21, 1834

NOTE: There was no 17<sup>th</sup> Maryland Regiment in the Continental Line, and Gallion could not have been stationed at Fort Washington after 16 Nov 1776, when it was surrendered to the Hessians.