

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Benjamin Gilbert R4013 Nancy Gilbert VA
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[The first page(s) of the pension application are missing. Other parts are missing at places marked *.]
...Gilbert enlisted for the term of three years on the 17th of March 1777 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain George Lambert in the Regiment commanded by Colonel [Charles] Lewis in the line of the State of Virginia on the continental establishment that he continued to serve in said corps for three years & a half when he was discharged at Kingston in the State of Delaware That he was in the battles of Germantown [4 Oct 1777], Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] & Gilfert [sic: Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781] & that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services his papers haveing been lost by casualty many years ago. And in pursuance of the act of the 1st of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 & that I have not since that time [*] trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed & that I am a carpenter but am from old age unable to practice my trade – the members of my family residing with me are my wife aged 56 years who is very sickley & infirm my daughter aged 26 years who has been abandoned by her husband & with her two children (the eldest not three years old) left destitute & dependant on me, & one son ten years old
The folowing is a schedule of the whole of my estate (necessary bedding and clothing excepted) viz

1 Horse	\$30.00	
3 Feather beds all in common use by the members of my family above mentioned		35.00
[*] Pine Tables	[*]	
1 pine side board	[*]	
6 Split chairs	[*]	
a small supply of [*] crockery for the present use of my family	3.50	<u>10.50</u>
		\$75.50

Benjamin Gilbert

Georgia } I John J Smith Clerk of the Superior Court in and for the County & State above
Putnam County } mentioned do hereby certify that it appears to the satisfaction of the Court that
the said Benjamin Gilbert did serve in the Revolutionary war as stated in the preceeding declaration
against the common enemy for the term of three yeas & six months under one engagement on the
Continental establishment. I also certify that the foregoing oath & schedule thereto annexed are truely
copied from the Records of the said court & I do further certify that it is the opinion of the said court that
the total amount in value of the property exhibited in the foregoing schedule is seventy five dollars
In testimony whereof I have hereto set [*]

State of Georgia } Putnam Inferior Court May adj'd Term 1846
Putnam County } (May 26th 1846)

On this the twenty sixth day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty six,
Personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the Inferior Court in and for the County
aforesaid the same being a Court of record Nancy Gilbert a resident of said County, aged seventy three
years past 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 7th day of July 1838
entitled an "Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows;" That she is the widow of Benjamin

Gilbert (commonly written by other persons than himself Benjamin F. Gilbert) who was an enlisted Soldier, and served as she verily believes faithfully and truly in the American cause in the war of the Revolution.

That her husband the aforesaid Benjamin Gilbert was at the time of the War a resident of Bedford County State of Virginia: That at the commencement of the War of the Revolution her said husband Benjamin Gilbert enlisted as a private soldier for the period of during the War, and went into the service of the United States, from said County and State in the Virginia Continental line, as a private enlisted Soldier and continued in said service till the war was terminated and Peace was made, as she has always understood and often heard him say: That she always understood from him that he belonged to the fourteenth Regiment and Served under Gen Washington and Gen Green [sic: Nathanael Greene], and she has often heard him tell the names of his Captains, Majors, and Cols but their names she does not recollect. That he was in the Battles of Brandywine, Germantown, Guilford and numerous others not recollected, the Sections of Country through which he marched not known; that he was twice wounded during the War. That she has no documentary evidence in support of her claim; that her husband's discharge she has frequently seen, but does not recollect the wording or the contents of it further than it showed that he had been honorably discharged from said service; and which her husband kept and preserved sacredly till about the year Eighteen hundred an eleven when it was lost by some means not known, and yet unaccounted for; that she knows of no person now living by whom she could proove said services of her husband. She further declares that she was married to her husband the aforesaid Benjamin Gilbert on the twentieth day of September in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety one, by a Methodist Clergyman by the name of Harriss who then resided in the County of Washington State aforesaid Georgia (now dead) that they were married in the County of then Green, now Hancock, at the House of Edmund Butler State aforesaid Georgia: That she has no documentary or Record evidence of her marriage in her possession; that her Family Registry was in the possession of her eldest Daughter when she remooved from the State of Georgia to the State of Missouri where she soon after died, and declarant has never been able to obtain said Registry since the death of her said Daughter, and is unable now to obtain it, if it be yet in existence; Consequently she relies upon the affidavits of those persons, yet living, who saw her married, for proof of said marriage. That her husband the aforesaid Benjamin Gilbert died on the twenty fifth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty, in the County of Putnam State aforesaid Georgia. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service; but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January Seventeen hundred an ninety four (viz) at the time above stated.

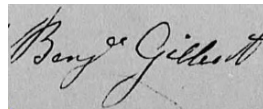
[signed] Nancy Gilbert

NOTES:

On 21 Nov 1827 James Duncan (pension application S37901) stated that he saw Benjamin Gilbert occasionally in service during the war.

On 21 Oct 1826 Benjamin Gilbert stated that he had not yet received a pension certificate. He signed as shown:

His son, Robert Gilbert, certified the same.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benjamin Gilbert". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

On 20 April 1854 Aley H. Donnelie assigned power of attorney to obtain any benefits due to her parents, Benjamin and Nancy Gilbert. On 31 May 1854 Martha H. Bowman, 65, wife of John Bowman of Bibb County GA and formerly Martha H. Gilbert, stated that she was well acquainted with Benjamin Gilbert and his wife, the former Nancy McKinsey. She stated that Nancy McKinsey Gilbert died at her house on or about 1 March 1851 leaving the following children: Aly H. Gilbert widow of Thomas Donnelly, living in Mobile AL; Sophia Gilbert wife of Zachariah Roughten, living in Putnam County; and Robert R. Gilbert of Wilkes County. Children Benjamin Gilbert and Washington Gilbert died during the lifetime of Nancy Gilbert. Edmund Gilbert, 72, a planter living in Bibb County, made a similar statement.