

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Gilkey (Gilky) R4019

Elizabeth Gilkey f29SC

Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of Mississippi, Winston County

On this the 29th day of July in the year of our Lord 1844 personally appeared before me Felix Ellis Judge of Probate in and for the County of Winston, Elizabeth Gilkey a resident in the County and State aforesaid who being first duly sworn deposeth and maketh the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed on the 7th day of July A.D. 1838, entitled an act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows, that she is the widow of Samuel Gilkey who was a private in the Militia of the State of South Carolina in the war of the revolution & served in Colonel Brandon's [Thomas Brandon's] Regiment of said Militia, and was engaged in service from the fall of Charleston [May 12, 1780] to the close of the war of independence, & was present at the battles of Cowpens [January 17, 1781] & Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] fighting in behalf of his Country. Declarant further states that she was married to the said Samuel Gilkey in the State of South Carolina in the year 1786 and has continued to reside with the said Samuel Gilkey to the time of his death as wife & consort of him the said Samuel, and, that the said Samuel departed this life on or about the month of January 1818, and declarant from that hitherto [?]¹ hath remained and still is a widow & unmarried; and declarant further deposeth & swears that she is aged & infirm and cannot personally be present to make this the declaration in open Court and this declarant further states that she has no record evidence of her marriage to the said Samuel there being no public record of marriage or of marriage bans in the State of South Carolina and the length of time which has elapsed since the same took place renders it extremely difficult for this declarant to make proof of the same by witnesses thereto. That she has raised a large family the children of herself & the said Samuel by her said marriage.

In testimony whereof I the said Felix Ellis have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this the day & year above written & I do further certify that the said declarant is aged & infirm so as to be unable to make this application in open Court.

S/ Felix Ellis

[p 26: transcribed as written without corrections]

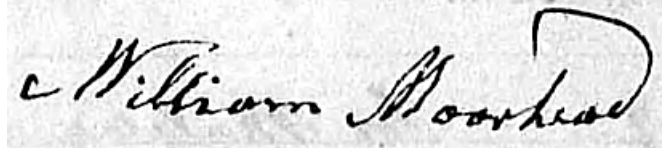
State of South Carolina union District: Personley Came before me one of the Jestes of the peas apointed for the state and Destrict aforesaid William Morehead Who being Duly sworn saith on oath that he Was With the Within named Samuel gitkey who served in Co. Branens redgmt at

¹ *Richard*

the battel of kings mountin in the year 1780 also the said Samuel Gelkiy was in the batlar at the Cow pens in the year 1781 in Junuery this deponent further saith he Was present Whin the said gilkey was married to Elesabeth his Wife in the year 1786. Sworn to before me this 7th Day of Februar 1841

S/ Isaac Peeler, JP

S/ William Moorhead²



[p 7: Contains the following: "The printed list of 1852 shows reason for suspension 'for proof of identity with the soldier bearing the same name in Brandon's Regiment & for proof of marriage."]

[Simeon Watson of Winston County of Mississippi gave an affidavit dated July 12, 1844 stating that he knew Samuel Gilkey and his wife Elizabeth 45 years and that they lived together as man and wife.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts³ relating to Samuel Gilkey
Audited Account No. 2825

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[p 2]

[No.] 74

[Book] X [No.] 762 27 September 85 [1785]

Samuel Gilkey [sic] for a horse lost in Public Service

Amount £4.5.8 ½ Stg. [Sterling]

Ex^d. W. G. [Examined by William Galvan]

J. M^c. A. G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

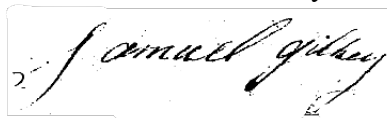
[p 4 (retake of page 3)]

I do hereby Impower Clayton Rogers to Receive my Indent for the amount of my Account against the State of South Carolina & his Receipt shall be a Sufficient Discharge from me to the Treasurer of the State of South Carolina

Signed & acknowledged this 7th March 1786

before S/ J. Brown, JP

S/ Samuel Gilkey



² [William Moorhead \(Morehead\) S18127](#)

³ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

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No. 112

[No.] 2834

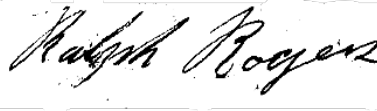
[Book] X 26 May 86 [1786]

Samuel Gilkie [sic] for Militia duty, Since the fall of Charlestown [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] in Brandon's [Thomas Brandon's] Regiment per Anderson's [Colonel Robert Anderson's] Return [not extant] –

[old South Carolina] Currency	<u>£202</u>
Stg. [Sterling]	£28.17.1 ½

Received 26 May 1786, full satisfaction for the within in an indent No. 2834 X per order

S/ Ralph Rogers

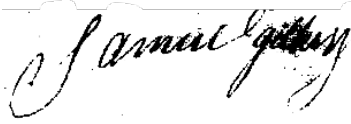


[p 6: repeat of the above information]

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I do hereby Impower Ralph Rogers to Receive my Indent for the amount of my account against the State of South Carolina & his Receipt shall be a Sufficient discharge from me

S/ Samuel Gilkey

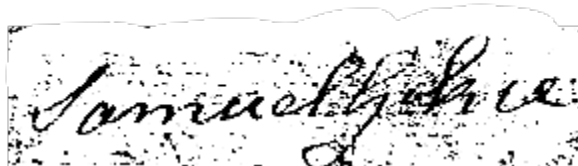


[p 8: Printed form of Indent No. 2834 Book X]

[p 11: Reverse of the above Indent bearing among others, the following endorsement:

I Sign over my Right and Title of the Within Indent unto Abram Smith full value Received of him

S/ Samuel Gikie



[Note: This signature looks to me to be a forgery based on the other examples of his signature as a peer above]

[p 14]

November 11 1811 I went the Comptroller
General's office searched for services Done in
the Revolution war by Samuel Gilkey said
Gilkey served in Colonel Brennan's regiment
and under Captain John Thomson of Union
District said Gilkey served in the year 1780
and 'til the Close of the War said Gilkey
was in the Battle at Kings Mountain and also
in the battle at the Cowpens if there is any
account of his services I want to know how long
he served in the War call to your office as his
Widow is still alive and is intitled to a
pension and we can't obtain it without
some account of his services
as to send me the account in writing and the
bearer of this will pay you for your trouble
this from yours with respect

Isaac Peelar

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if you have not time to search the office when
this comes to hand you can send me a letter and
direct it to Draytonville Union District

My best attempt to decipher the above:

November 11 1811 [?] I went [to] the Comptroller General's Office [and] searched for services Done in the Revolutionary War by Samuel Gilkey. Said Gilkey served in Colonel Brennan [Brandon's] Regiment and under Captain John Thomson of Union District. Said Gilkey served in the year 1780 and 'til the Close of the War. Said Gilkey was in the Battle at Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] and also at the battle at the Cowpens [January 17, 1781]. If there is any account of his services I want to know how long he served in the war altogether as his Widow is still alive and is entitled to a pension and we can't obtain it without [sic, unless] we can find some account of his services on the record in your office. Be so good as to send me the account in writing and the bearer of this will pay you for your trouble. This from yours with respect

S/ Isaac Peelar

If you have not time to search the office when this comes to hand you can send me a letter and direct it to Draytonville Union District