

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Gill R4024

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State of Kentucky, Logan County: SS

On this ___ day of November 1833 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Logan County in the State of Kentucky, now sitting, Robert Gill a resident of said County of Logan in the State aforesaid aged Sixty nine years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was born in the State of Pennsylvania in the year 1764. He derives this information from the record of his father's family Register, at an early period of his life he removed with his father to Chester County in the State of South Carolina. In the year of 1781, he was drafted in said County of Chester, to serve a tour of three months in the militia of South Carolina. He rendezvoused at one Cameron's Tavern in the County aforesaid he was placed in a Company commanded by James Ramsey, John Adair was Major & William Adair his brother was Colonel Commandant of the Regiment to which he was attached, from hence he was marched to Orangeburg and there stationed to guard a number of Tories, during the time he was stationed here he was detailed to accompany & guard certain wagons which were loaded with stores & provisions for General Greene's [Nathanael Greene's] Army which lay in the neighborhood of Charlestown he returned to his Regiment at Orangeburg & there remained until the three months had expired which he was drafted, he was discharged at Orangeburg but did not receive a written discharge – for said three months tour of duty. In the early part of the year 1782 he enlisted in the Army of the United States for the term of one year at the house of Captain John Mills in Chester County South Carolina & said Captain Mills was the officer who enlisted him, from the house of said Mills he was detailed with others under a sergeant's Command, to the Ruffs of Sandy River in pursuit of certain Tories who were plundering in this part of the State, they only succeeded in capturing one Tory during this trip, the service which he performed was principally of this character as said Captain Mills Company was employed principally as Rangers during the time of his enlistment, he served out the term of twelve months as above stated without having been engaged in any important battle, or having been attached to the Main Army, he was disbanded in said County of Chester but he did not receive a written discharge therefore.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Robert Gill



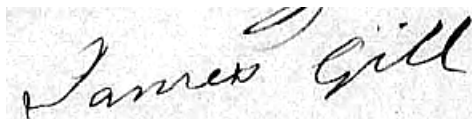
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State of Alabama, Greene County

Personally came before me Joseph Ricks an acting Justice of the Peace for the County & State aforesaid James Gill¹ who deposed & saith that his Brother Robert Gill did serve three months in the Revolutionary war in the year '81 as a soldier under Captain James Ramsey of South Carolina & Major John Adair of South Carolina.

Also this affiant further saith that his Brother Robert Gill Enlisted under Captain John Mills of the County of Chester of South Carolina for the term of one year in the year '82 and did serve the said time against the Enemy.

S/ James Gill



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State of Alabama, Green County: This day Hamilton Brown² personally appeared before me R. McAllister an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County & state aforesaid who deposed and saith that Robert Gill did serve three months in the Revolutionary War in the year '81 as a Soldier under Captain James Ramsey of the State of South Carolina & County of Chester. The witness further states that he knew that the said Robert Gill did serve under Captain John Mills of the State of South Carolina & Chester County But does not recollect the length nor the date of Service.

Sworn to and subscribed before me October 8, 1833

S/ Hamilton Brown



S/ R. McAllister, JP

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State of Illinois, Clark County: This day came Robert Gill who being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following statement explanatory of his application for a pension under the act of 7 of June 1832 --

That he is or will be Eighty years of age on the 19th day of August in the year 1845. That in the fall after he was 16 years of age in the County of Chester in the State of South Carolina he was drafted as a soldier for three months in the company of Captain Ramsey under Colonel John Adair – we rendezvoused at a place called the Cross Roads about 200 in number – then marched to Orangeburg to guard the fort and prisoners. In the winter following we were discharged and came home. For this tour of duty he never has been paid. That a few days after his return from this said tour of duty a company of about 70 men who were to be deemed Rangers and spies was organized in Chester County South Carolina under the command of Captain John Mills and James Gill a brother of this Deponent. -- That he as well as the others was regularly enlisted in this Corps for the term of 12 months at one dollar per day – That he served out the said term of 12 months and was regularly discharged. That he was furnished with arms by his Captain John Mills. That on the day on which this Copse of troops was discharged

¹ [James Gill R4023](#)

² [Hamilton Brown W1707](#)

they all rendezvoused at the same place and was there and then paid off in full one dollar per day – And this deponent well remembers that the first guinea that he was ever the owner of was paid him for his services in this expedition – that he acted mostly as a spy in the said expedition. That he recollects that a Captain Hook [sic, Christian Huck] of the British Army under Lord Cornwallis came up into the post of South Carolina and that this affiant spied him out and gave the information to Captain Gill when General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] Regiment cut out and defeated Hook³ and his men and Hook was killed in the engagement.

That he is informed that his brother James Gill who was a Captain in said company was some years ago placed on the pension list in Alabama. That his brother George Gill⁴ was a pensioner as a Colonel in Chester County South Carolina and his brother Captain Thomas Gill⁵ was a pensioner on the Pension Roll of Illinois. That he believes that his brother James was pensioned on account of the same description of service that this deponent performed. That this deponent was regularly mustered into service – was regularly paid and discharged by his officers except that he was not paid for the three months tour as aforesaid. That about the year 1835 he made application under the act of 7 June 1832 from the State of Kentucky in Logan County. That he now resides in the State of Illinois. That he was younger than the Brothers above named. That he knows of no living person by whom he can prove these facts. That this deponent was a witness for his brother James Gill when he applied for a pension.

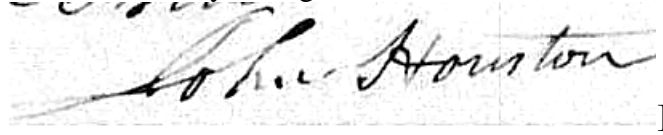
That when this Deponent applied for a pension he adduced the deposition of Captain James Gill of Greene County Alabama testifying for his faithful performance of the said 12 months duty against the enemy and that he also forwarded the deposition of a Mr. Hamilton Brown of the same State testifying to his services the three months aforesaid. That this deponent is old and poor – has had much trouble and mortification at being refused a pension while others have been pensioned for the same service. That he was a private in all the service he performed.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of May 1845.

S/ Robert Gill

S/ Stephen Archer, JP

[p 11: In a letter sent from Palestine Illinois on April 10, 1845 addressed to M. Manley Esqr., John Houston states that Robert Gill is an old acquaintance of Houston having known him for upwards of 35 years; when Houston first met Gill he was a Presbyterian preacher but soon thereafter joined the "Shaken Quakers" where property is held in common; that during his stay with that society, Gill had little use for money but since he left the Society (recently) he solicits the pension due him from the government; that Gill's Brother Thomas Gill was one of the first settlers of Palestine Illinois and was a Captain in the revolutionary War and drew a pension until his death a few years ago.



John Houston

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁶ relating to Robert Gill

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³ The engagement in which Huck was killed occurred on July 12, 1780, before the time this applicant claims to have entered the service.

http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/SC_Revolutionary_War_Known_Battles_Skirmishes.htm

⁴ [George Gill S21229](#)

⁵ [Thomas Gill S31061](#)

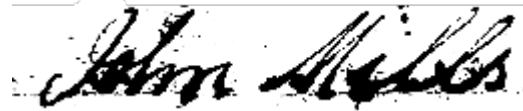
⁶ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name"

I Do Hereby Certify that the Above is the Signetor [Signature] of Mr. Robert Gill Junior –
given under my hand the Day and date above Written S/ Edward Lacey, JP
To the Commissioners of the treasury
of South Carolina

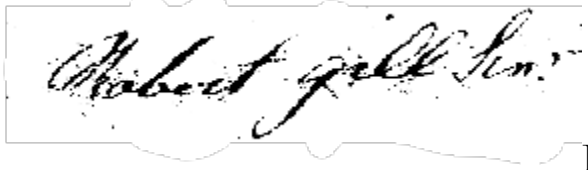
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Received the 21 January 1785 full Satisfaction for the within account in Indent No. 64 Book In 4
£42.9.1 Sterling in virtue of an Order from the within named Robert Gill

S/ John Mills

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Mills". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

[Note: Pp 1-5 relate to a small claim made by Robert Gill Senior for losses sustained during the
Revolution and for damage to property. His signature appears as follows:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert Gill Senior". The signature is enclosed in a decorative, hand-drawn border.