

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Gillespie (Gillaspie) R4031 Mary Gillespie f18NC
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State of Tennessee, Williamson County: Court of pleas and quarter session. April term A.D.

On this 8 day of July A.D. 1834 personally appeared before us Thomas Prowell, John Hughes & Gilbert Marshall Justices of the court of pleas and quarter Sessions held for the County of Williamson in the State of Tennessee, David Gillespie [sic] aged 70 years a resident of said County and State who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit the provisions of an act of Congress passed 7th June A.D. 1832 that he entered service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

I was born in Rowan County (N. Carolina) in the year 1763 where I lived during the revolution. My father Thomas Gillespie was a commissary under Gen. Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] and engaged me in driving a wagon [wagon] loaded with stores and provisions for the army. I first drove from Rowan and Iredell Counties down to Salisbury in the year 1780 commencing a short time before gates defeat [the defeat of Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden in South Carolina, August 15-16, 1780] at Camden. I hauled two loads from Col. Lop's Mill to Charlotte in Mecklenburg County about 50 miles. I continued hauling for two years at least without intermission. My being engaged in the hauling of provisions exempted me from service. I was drafted at the order of Gen. Rutherford released from service, I lived after the war [tear in page, probably removing the word "in"] Rowan until I was about 50 years of age when I moved to the State of Tennessee Williamson County where I now live and have been living ever since. I have no record of my age it having been destroyed by time. I know of no person except Alexander McCorkle¹ whose certificate I have procured and appended it hereto, and David Dobins² of Maury County who can prove the same as McCorkle who lives in Henry County in the district about 100 miles of this place. I was attached to a company under Capt. Cowan³ during the whole term of two years. There were with the troops when I served Col. Frank Locke [sic, Francis Locke] and Gen. Rutherford. I can refer to John Allison Esgn, Robert Davis, Isaack Jones, Moses Steele, Levin Oglesby and Bush S. Hurt for my character for veracity and their belief of my services in the revolution. I can refer also Mark L. Andrews, David Christmon, Moses Steele who can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my services in the revolution. I have no documents except the certificate of Alexander McCorkle who died in two

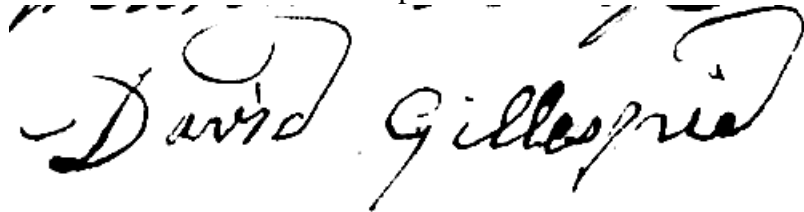
1 No one by that, or any similar name, filed for a federal pension for services in the Revolution from NC.

2 David Dobbins of Maury County, Tn. filed for a federal pension, see FPA S1805.

3 David Cowan, George Cowan and Thomas Cowan all served as militia captains from Rowan County, NC

days after he gave it & Dobbins. I hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity whatever except the present and declare my name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

S/ David Gillespie

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Gillespie". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

Sworn to in open court 8 July 1834
[name of attesting clerk of court is obliterated]

We Robert Davis a clergyman resident in the County of Williamson and State of Tennessee and John Allison also a resident of said County do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with David Gillespie who has subscribed and the above declaration that we believe him in his 70th year of age, that he is respected and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been in the service of the United States in the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

S/ Robert Davis
S/ John Allison

Sworn to in open Court 8 July 1834
S/ Thos. Harden [? Herdeman?], Clerk

[The file does not contain the affidavits of either McCorkle or Dobbins.]

[p 3: On September __, 1853, Mary Gillespie, 74, filed in Marshall County, Tennessee for a widow's pension stating that she married David Gillespie on February 12, 1814; that he died on September 18, 1834 in Williamson County, Tn. The document is attested on September 7, 1853. Signed Mary Gillaspie

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Gillespie". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.