

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Robert Glidewell R4065

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The State of Indiana }

Franklin County }

On this ninth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six, personally appeared in open Court before the Probate Court of the County of Franklin aforesaid now sitting Robert Glidewell a resident of said County of Franklin and State of Indiana aged seventy three years the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October AD (1835) eighteen hundred thirty five, who being first duly 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

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he entered the service of te United States as a volunteer soldier sometime in February and on the first day of February in 1781 as a minute man in the Virginia Militia, his Captain name was Joseph Gill and his Colonel was Peter Rogers and his Lieutenant was Andrew Toryann. When he entered the service he was living in Halifax County Virginia. Soon after he entered the service as above he marched under the above named officer to North Carolina in Wilkes County and from thence he marched back to Halifax County Va under the above officers and remained on duty in Halifax County; he served under Capt Gill six weeks at least. And immediately after he left Captain Gill he was drafted according to his number and went into service of the Untied States under Captain John Folkner [sic: John Falkner] and was still under Col. Rogers, and marched from Halifax County sometime in the last of July or the first of August 1781 under Capt Forlkner and Col Rogers to York and was commanded at York by Col John Richardson, Col. Rogers going home, and he served the tour until about the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 1781 when he was discharged by his officers and returned home about the first of November and he served in this tour at least seven months He was in no regular battle, being engaged in making fish-ends and gab-ends [sic: fascines and gabions] to screen the soldiers from the shot of the enemy. he was present at the taking of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] and as above stated returned after his surrender home. Whilst at York the Americans used to shoot hot balls into the enemies Magazine. he saw General Washington daily whilst at York and he also saw Lafayette often at York. He has no documentary evidence of his service and he knows of no person (except William Glidewell [pension application S32271]) whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service) Here follow the answers to the interrogatories propounded by the War Department

1. He was born in Halifax Co. Virginia on the 15 day of October 1762
2. He has his fathers record of his age, at home in Franklin County In
3. He was living in Halifax Co. as af'd. when called into the service, he moved from said County to Lawrence Co [sic: Laurens County] South Carolina about 53 years ago & moved from thence to Franklin County Ind where he now resides & where he has since resided 30 years ago
4. He volunteered & was drafted as above stated
- 5 See the declaration above
6. He received a discharge he thinks from Col Richardson, but left it with his father in Halifax Co. Va. and cannot tell what has become of it. He states that he served as above set forth at twice at least eight months and a half

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.

Robert hisXmark Glidewell

NOTES:

William Glidewell stated that during the Revolutionary War he lived within a mile of Robert Glidewell.

Militia tours were seldom for as long as claimed for Glidewell's second service. The claim was therefore not allowed for lack of proof of at least six months service.

A letter dated 18 Jan 1853 refers to Robert Glidewell, one of the heirs of the pension applicant.