

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Hanna R4576 VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Virginia } S.S.
Greenbrier County }

On this 4th day of march 1834 personally appeared before me George R. Gillilan a Justice of the peace in and for said County and State aforesaid Joseph Hanna aged 72 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 provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

That in the county of Botatourt [sic: Botetourt] in that part that is now Greenbrier County Virginia in the Springs of 1779 - 80 - 81 82 and 83 he volunteered to serve against the Indians and served five months in each year that the nature of his servises the place that he served and by what authority he was called out was as followeth That owing to the invations of the Indians along the western part of Virginia the inhabitants was compeled to erect Forts or garrisons for their defence and government ordered a sufficient number of men to be imbodyed for their defence and those garrisons was also furnished with ammunition by government That for this purpose he volunteered in the Springs of 1779 - 80 and 81 and served under Capt. Andrew Hamilton from the first of May untill the first of october in each year in a garrison situated on Spring creek a tributary stream of Greenbrier River then in the County of Botatourt now [since 1778] in the County of Greenbrier and State of Virginia And that in the Springs of 1782 and 83 he served from the first of May untill the first of october in the same garrison above named under the command of Capt William Renic [sic: William Renick] the nature of his servises was to remain in garrison for its defence in case it was attacked by Indians and oationally to go out in Scouting parties to Spy after Indians That the company to which he belonged was divided a part remained in Renicks Fort [near present Renick WV] with him and a part was stationed five or six miles higher up Spring creek [probably McClanahan's Fort on Culverson Creek 5 or 6 mi W of Renick near present Sunlight WV] That among his Spying Companys he recollects Joseph Mase William Price George Davison and others that they spyed and ranged the Country along the watters of Spring creek Calvason and Sinking creek between the Fort where he was stationed and Walkers Meadows

That he served as above stated with an embodied corps under the above named officers and that he followed no civel pursuit

That he can support his declaration by the evidence of Capt. James Gillilan [pension application R4029; father of George R. Gillilan] who served as orderly Sergent in garrison with him and Joseph McClintic [sic: Joseph McClintick, R6623] who also served in garrison with him Interrogatorys answered

1st [Was born] In Baltimore Ma. in the year 1762 or 63

2nd he has no record [of his age]

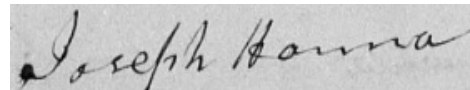
3^d he was living in Botatort County now Greenbrier Virginia where he has lived ever since and yet lives

4th Volunteered & 5th he never knew a higher officer then a Capt to attend where they served Col. Donly [sic: Andrew Donally] was stationed near where he served in 1779 and 80 then Col.[Samuel] Lewis

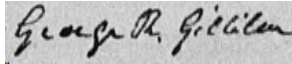
6th he received no written discharge

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state only on that of the agency in the State of Virginia

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid



And I George R Gillilan declare my opinion that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier and served as he states {



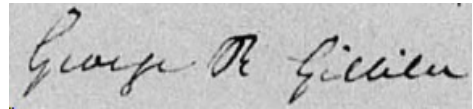
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On this 5th day of March 1834 personally appeared before me George R Gillilan a Justice of the peace in and for said county – James Gillilan a resident of said County and State aforesaid aged 85 years after being duly sworn according to Law doth on his Oath State – that he is well acquainted with Joseph Hannah and knew him to serve in the revolutionary war against the Indians – that he served with him in garrison on Spring Creek in Greenbrier County Virginia in that part that was then Botetort County

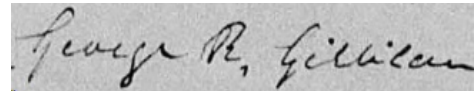
That he served under Capt. Hamilton – and afterwards under Capt William Renick

That he knew him dureing the revolutionary war and have lived a near neighbour ever since and he has ever been considered a man of strict verasity and credibility

Given under my hand the day and year aforesaid



And I George R Gillilan a Justice of the peace in and for said do hereby certify that Capt James Gillilan who has sworn to the preceding certificate is a credible person and that his statement is intitled to credit



[The following is a report by US District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated hundreds of pension applicants in what is now West Virginia, including several allegedly fraudulent applications prepared by George R. Gillilan. The two-year statute of limitations expired before the case against Gillilan could be prosecuted. For details see my appendix in the pension application of David W. Sleeth S6111. A typed summary in the file states that Hanna’s claim was rejected because his service was considered not to have been in a regularly embodied corps. this impression may have been derived from a statement by Joseph McClintick (R6623) and perhaps others, that while in garrison they were engaged mainly in farming. Capt. Andrew Hamilton and Capt. William Renick, however, were legally commissioned officers.]

Joseph Hannah – Applicant.

this man died recently.

W. G Singleton/ Febry 13 1835