

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Moses Perkins R8109

Gillean(Gille Ann) Perkins f19NC

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State of Kentucky Franklin County Set

On this ___ day of March 1844 came before ___ a magistrate in & for said County, who by virtue of his office is one of the Judges of the County Court in & for said County, Gillean Perkins resident of said County, who on her solemn oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed the 7th of July 1838, Also the act of 7th of June 1832:

Affiant states that she is in the 81st year of her age, and is informed & believes that her dead husband Moses Perkins enlisted as a Soldier of the Revolutionary war for one year in Halifax County NC and served as such in Captains Swan & Trouton¹ & in Col Branches Regiment for the time of his enlistment and that he performed other tours, the number not distinctly recollect it, but she begs leave to refer to the narrative of said Moses Perkins Services as by himself set down in his declaration for a pension now on the files of the pension Office at Washington City, his declaration having been made in the County of Franklin Kentucky some time in 1832, 3 or 4 & as she is informed was forwarded & presented by A. R. Depew [?] of Frankfurt and is now among the registered cases. She begs said declaration and the proofs filed in support thereof be together with the records of North Carolina & the United States be taken in support thereof, as well as the declaration of William Perkins² now on the files of the pension office on which he drew or is now drawing a pension of the North Carolina Line, and at the last dates heard from resident of Halifax County NC said William Perkins was the brother of affiant's husband, and as she is informed served together in the Revolutionary Army from Halifax County NC & she doubts not that said declaration or proofs filed in support thereof will through [sic, throw] important lights on the Subject of said Moses Services; She states that her dead husband departed this life on the 27th [could be 7th or 17th—text is very faint] day of November 1834 and left this affiant his widow and that she has continued to live as his widow ever since, that, she never knew the reason why her husband failed to get his pension.

She states that she resided in Halifax County North Carolina during the Revolutionary War and was married in November 1782 the said Moses Perkins, that her name before she was married was Gillean Daniel that she moved to Kentucky in the year 1814 and has continued to live here from that day until the present, that she has conversed with the officers and soldiers of the revolutionary Army who always said Mr. Perkins was [a] Soldier. She states that the marriage of herself with Moses Perkins took place after the last term of said Perkins Services,

¹ The War Department interpreted this as "Captain S. Trowton" and "Col. Branch's"

² [William Perkins S8791](#)

and before 1794 to wit at the time aforesaid that she is totally unable to travel to the Court house to make her declaration from Sore affliction, that she was born with Christian fortitude for a Series of years, Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Gillean Perkins, X her mark

[attested by Alexander Wilson, Esqr., JP]

[facts in file: there is reference to another brother named Thomas Perkins who was said to have been a soldier in the Revolution. Contrary to the widow's statements, there does not appear to have been an application filed by the veteran himself. There is no such application in the file.]