

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Gilmore S10745

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State of Alabama, Marengo County

On this the 7th day of October in the year of our Lord 1835 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Henry W. Collier Judge of the Circuit Court of the County aforesaid John Gilmore a resident of said County of Marengo aged Seventy-six years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath made 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 Lancaster County in the year 1759, and that the record of his age is in his family Bible which is now in his possession – that when he was called into Service he lived in the County of Cumberland in North Carolina from thence he removed to Wilkes and afterwards to Lincoln County in the State of Georgia: from thence he came to the State of Alabama and first resided in Washington County then in Clark, then in Wilcox and now in Marengo where he has been living many years: He first was in service under Captain Joshua Guest [Joshua Guess] as a Substitute for one John Cole for three months in Cumberland County North Carolina in the Fall of 1778. After the expiration of this Service in the Fall of 1779 he volunteered and served as a foot Soldier for three months under Captain Nathan King [Nathaniel King] of the Second Regiment under General Arrington [probably Henry William Harrington] from whom he got a discharge which he has lost. On the same day that he was discharged he became a substitute for one Nathaniel Carruthers for 12 days in the same regiment under Captain Page [Thomas Page]. Soon after his time was out – he became a volunteer under Colonel Robert Roane [Robert Rowan] and Major Winslow [Edward Winslow] to act against the Tories in Cumberland County and had a brush with them at Jacob Mathews' just above Cross Creek Killed two that day and wounded four killed two more next day. In his company there were eighteen in the Tory company twenty-five: he served in this tour one month. After this served one month against Tories in different trips under Colonel Phil Alston [Philip Alston] in same county – He served afterwards to trips against the Tories under Captain Gaster [Henry Gaster] in all about twelve days. The Tories were numerous in Cumberland and at one time had the upper hand. The last service he performed was under one captain Teal after Tories five days. --

He hereby relinquish his every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State.

The following answers were given to the interrogatories propounded by the Court as are prescribed by the War department

1st I was born in Lancaster County in Pennsylvania in the year 1759

2nd I have a record of my age in our family Bible which is now in my possession

3rd I lived when called into Service in Cumberland County in North Carolina; from thence I removed to Wilkes and then to Lincoln County in the State of Georgia, from Georgia I removed to Alabama and lived first in Washington, then in Clarke then in Wilcox and then in Marengo County where I now live.

4th I was first a Substitute one John Cole for three months and the Fall of 1778, and the Fall of 1779 I volunteered as a foot Soldier for three months. I then was a Substitute for one Nathaniel Carruthers for 12 days. I then volunteered several times against the Tories.

5th My Services were for the most part and Cumberland in putting down the Tories. There were two regiments at one time raised I belonged to place second, these were under General Arrington. The only officers I recollect were Colonel Roane, Major Winslow, Colonel Phil Alston --

6th I received a discharge from General Arrington one which I have lost

7th William Dorse lived in the neighborhood at the time & those of my services. Honble F. L. Lyon, Thomas Ringgold Esquire and many others I could name if it were necessary.

S/ John Gilmore



Sworn and subscribe the day & year aforesaid

[James Yarbrough, a clergyman, William Dorse, & Francis L. Lyon gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Alabama, Marengo County

On this twenty fourth day of March in the year of our Lord 1836, personally appeared in Open Court, before the Circuit Court of said County and State, now sitting, John Gilmore, 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 7th, 1832: To wit:

I, John Gilmore, was born in the County of Lancaster in the then Colony of Pennsylvania, on the 8th day of November A.D. 1759 – (according to an entry made in the family Bible by my father which is now, I believe, in North Carolina and cannot be procured by me) – I was Seventy-six years old on the Eighth day of November last – at the time, I went into service was a resident of the County of Cumberland and North Carolina – a few years after the Revolutionary War, removed to Lincoln County in the State of Georgia – (though first to Wilkes County in the same State) – from Lincoln, I moved to Washington County in the Territory of Mississippi, now the State of Alabama – in which State I have remained until the present time – and I am now a citizen of Marengo County in the same State.

In the month of April, in the year 1777, or 1778, (I cannot now certainly say which[]), while I resided in the County of Cumberland in North Carolina, I was employed as a substitute by one John Cole of the same County, who had been drafted to serve three months in the company of one Capt. Joshua Guess, (or Giss or Guest) whose company, I accordingly joined, said Company was stationed in camp, on Cape Fear River, a few miles below Cross Creek, now called Fayetteville in North Carolina – did not act in connection with any other body of troops – and was not (I believe) under the command of any other officers than those of the company – I served in said company, encamped all the time at that place, as nearly as I can recollect and as I firmly believe, about three months – during all which time I pursued no civil occupation – and was then dismissed without any written discharge – I was a private soldier in the said company – and never received an officers commission – I was then a youth --

In the month of September (I think) in the year following the one when I was employed as a substitute as aforesaid, I turned out as a volunteer and joined the company of one captain Nathan King, in which Thomas Armstrong was Lieut. -- which formed a part of the 2nd Regiment of North Carolina militia, of this Regiment one Col. Brown [Thomas Brown] was (I believe) the commander – though he left it about the time I joined and went home – so that the command devolved on one Major (perhaps Brigade Major) McIntosh. This Regiment and the first were subject to the orders of Gen. William

Arrington. From Cross Creek (the place of rendezvous) we were marched to the East Side of Pedee River in South Carolina, opposite to what were called the Cheraw Hills, where we were stationed in Camp. There I remained in service until the three months for which I volunteered had expired, engaged in no civil pursuits – and then received there a written discharge from Gen. Arrington. But that has been lost many years. At this time, when Capt. King's Company was discharged, I was employed by one Nathaniel Caruthers, a private in the company of Captain Page, to act as his substitute. In his place I served during twelve days, and was then discharged with the whole company. Said company belonged to the same regiment as the former, and was stationed at the same place.

During these two periods of three months each, I was not in any engagement, or otherwise employed them as above described. But I was afterwards attached to parties under the command of Colonel Philip Alston, Major Edward Winslow and Captain Henry Gaster – in which we had some skirmishes with parties of Tories – and killed and wounded some of them. But my memory is now so impaired that I cannot make a statement of those services with as much particularity as the War Department requires.

To the above declaration to the truth of which I freely swear, I know no witnesses, whom I could now procure --

I further, hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present and declare that my name is not on the list or Pension Roll of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S John Gilmore

[Henry Collier, a clergyman, and William C. Lipscomb gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The following interrogatories, prescribed by the War Department – were propounded to Mister John Gilmore and open Court, and answered as follows:

Int. 1st When and in what year were you born?

Ans: In the County of Lancaster in the Colony of Pennsylvania, on 8 November, A.D. 1759

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: I have not – though I have at my house in this county, a copy of the Bible, in which is a transcript made many years ago, of the record of my birth – in a family Bible of my father's.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: When I entered the service, I resided in Cumberland County North Carolina – after the Revolution, I moved into Wilkes County, Georgia, thence into Lincoln County in the same State – thence to Washington County in the Mississippi Territory (now the State of Alabama) thence to Clark County in the same – and afterwards into this County of Marengo – where I now reside.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: During my first term of three months service, I was a substitute for one John Cole of Cumberland County North Carolina – afterwards I volunteered for the space of three months – and immediately after, was a substitute for 12 days, for one Nathaniel Caruthers.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Reply—The first Company in which I served was (I believe) an independent company, which had no connection with any other bodies of troops – the Captain's name was Joshua Guess, or Giss or Guest. The second Company to which I attached myself composed a part of the 2nd Regiment (I believe) of a Brigade (or Division, I don't know which) of General William Arrington. The third Company I belonged to, formed a part of the same Regiment – during each term of service, I was stationed in Camp. And when the company was marched during the second term of service to the Pedee in South Carolina, I recollect that we arrived about the time of gathering corn – Captain Conyers is the only officer of the regular army I recollect.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: I received one from General William Arrington; but I have now no idea of what ever became of it --

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Reply—John Collier, Wm. C. Lipscomb, George Keller, Reuben Hildreth, David Curry, Richard Whitehead—Charles Pistole-- and others.

S/ John Gilmore

Sworn and subscribed in open court this 25th day of March 1836

S/ Thomas Ringgold, Clerk

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$21.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months and 12 days in the North Carolina militia.]