

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of George Gillespie S13150

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State of Virginia: County of Prince Edward Sc:

On this 17th day of September 1832, personally appeared in open court, before the Justices of the said court, now sitting; George Gillespie aged eighty years a resident of the Parish of Saint Patrick and County of Prince Edward and state of Virginia, who being 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. He entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated: in May 1776 he was one of the Minute Men and served as a soldier with the Company commanded by Charles Allen as Capt, Joseph Parks Lieutenant and James Allen ensign; he marched from the County of Prince Edward where he resided passed by Richmond, Williamsburg, York and to Hampden [sic: Hampton] at which last place he was stationed and placed under the command of Majr. James and Colo Meredith [Meredith] officers of the minute men service he then went to Portsmouth at which place he was discharged, having been in service seven and a half months. In Sept. 1780 he turned out as a volunteer, there being a call for troops from said County, and as a soldier marched under Capt. Charles Allen of the 1st Regiment, marched from said County to Petersburg where this troops were stationed and Commanded by Colo. E Meade [Everard Meade] and B. Randolph [Beverley Randolph], and after remaining there for a short time, he was marched near to Portsmouth in Virginia & placed under the command at first of Gen. Robert Lawson & then under Baron Stuban [sic: Baron von Steuben], and having served a tour of three months he was discharged about thirty miles above Portsmouth in Va.

He further states that he has since the revolution resided in the County of Prince Edward, that he has no written discharge or other writing to show his services. 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

George Gillespie

State of Virginia, County of Prince Edward Sc

On this 15th day of August in the year 1833 George Gillespie a resident of said County, personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace of said County, and by way of amendment to his declaration for a pension, made before the Court of said County on the 17th day of September 1832; [page torn] sworn according to law, saith,

1. He was born in the county of Prince Edward in said state on the 25th of September 1752.

2. He has no record of his age.

3 He has no written discharge from the service, his discharges he [illegible word] & believes were verbal, by the officer under whose command he was, and whom he supposes had the right to discharge him: nor can he at this late period prove by witnesses his discharge or all his actual services rendered in the respective Tours, except what he proves by the certificate of Philip Mathews [pension application S5729]

4 He is known in his present neighbourhood by John Cunningham, Wm Morgan and Philip Mathews whom he supposes can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

[signed] George Gillespie

I Philip Mathews a clergyman residing in the County of Prince Edward hereby certify, that I am well acquainted with George Gillespie who has subscribed and sworn to the above amended declaration, that I believe him to be Eighty years of age, that he is reputed and believed in the neighbourhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution, and I have seen the original and this amended declaration & concur in opinion that the said George Gillespie served as he states.

[signed] Philip Mathews