

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Moses Gill S16823

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State of Missouri Marion County: SS

On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November in the year of our Lord 1832 before me one of the Judges of the County Court for the said County of Marion Moses Gill a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged Seventy-five 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. – That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1776 or 1777 but cannot now recollect with certainty – with Lieutenant Thomas Hardy of the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment and served under the following Officers Captain Samuel Hawkins Bean Colonel John Hawkins Low and General Smallwood.

I lived in Prince George County State of Maryland at a place called Broad-Creek at which place I enlisted for the term of eighteen months. My Company rendezvoused at a place called Prescalanway [Piscataway ?]<sup>1</sup> and from this place we marched to Baltimore where we joined our Regiment commanded by Colonel Low – I was enlisted for the term of eighteen months which term I served out faithfully. Our troops were called minute men.

I obtained a regular discharge for my term of service above named which was signed by Colonel Low and it is long since either lost or mislaid so that I do not now know where it is – After many years had elapsed and Government had made no provision for us I grew careless of preserving the evidence of my service or my discharge would have been preserved.

General Smallwood's Regiment was kept generally on the march we were very seldom Stationary and from that circumstance I am unable now to recollect the names of the Officers. We were generally in pursuit of the British who were flying from place to place continually.

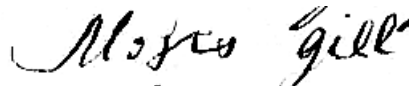
We had one engagement in the State of Pennsylvania but the enemy very soon gave way leaving us the field but they soon obtained a reinforcement and after some resistance we in turn retreated. One Circumstance is still fresh in memory. A man by the name of Joseph Steward foolishly attempted to stop a cannon ball which was rolling by him and got his leg broke – he begged not to be left on the field and 2 men took him up to carry him – but they had not proceeded far before another cannonball passed between the men carrying him and cut the wounded man in two.

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*Prescalanway*

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

S/ Moses Gill



State of Missouri Marion County: SS

On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared before the undersigned President Judge of the County Court of Marion County State of Missouri Moses Gill a resident of Marion County aforesaid aged seventy-five 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 act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

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

After serving the tour of eighteen months as a regular soldier as previously stated my father moved to the State of Virginia – and in the month of February 1781 I volunteered with Captain Charles Little – Edward Sandford was my Lieutenant and James De Neal my Ensign. We joined our Regiment at Fredericksburg, Guinness Ramsey was my Major and a Gentleman who was called Weden [probably George Weedon] and who had served in the Army previously as a General was our Colonel. We first marched to Williamsburg at which place our Colonel from some Cause resigned and left us. From Williamsburg we marched on to Little York at which place there were some troops stationed. We remained at this place a few days and marched down near Hampton remained there a few days and then marched back to Williamsburg where we were stationed for five weeks. The British then drove us from this place and we retreated to Richmond at which place we joined the troops of the Marquis (so-called and as I suppose General Lafayette). On our retreat from Williamsburg a portion of our troops were taken for the purpose of assisting in getting a ship off which had grounded in James River and to guard her but the whole detachment was taken prisoner and the Ship was abandoned to the enemy. The British pursued us four or five days but we eluded pursuit by breaking a causeway over a Great Swamp through which our road led. We then crossed the River and hauled the boats on shore and the enemy pursued no further.

During our Stay at Richmond the British came to the Opposite bank of the James River and took from a warehouse a number of hogs heads [hogsheads] of Tobacco and place them on the bank and set them on fire as some supposed to smoke us out but the wind turned against them and defeated them if that was there Object – but is more likely that to destroy the property alone was there purpose. [The British occupied Manchester Virginia opposite Richmond on April 30, 1781 and burned the tobacco warehouses located there.]

At the time I volunteered in this Service I lived in Fairfax County State of Virginia. The only Continental troops with which we were associated with those of the Marquis and with them but a short time.

I never saw the Marquis and did not learn the name of any of his Officers. We were discharged at this place and Major Ramsey signed of my discharge which I have lost long since. I know of no one now living except a sister with whom I am now living by whom I can prove anything respecting this service. She was about twelve years old when I volunteered and only knows that I left home for the Army.

I was discharged in the first of May. Of the Officers who were with us I recollect the

name of the Brigade Major Armistead, Captain Robert Sandford, Captain Volney Paton  
[probably Valentine Peyton]

I was born in Colbert County in the State of Maryland in the year 1757 – I have no record of my age. I have lived in Fairfax County Virginia – Washington County Ohio – then in Wood County Virginia and now in Marion County Missouri.

I am known in this neighborhood to William Johnson, Thomason Elgy Turner, William Turner, Anderson Brown and Albert G Johnson who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except that previously stated as a regular Soldier and the present and declare that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

S/ Moses Gill

[Thomason E. Turner and William Turner gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Missouri Marion County Sct.

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared Moses Gill resident of said County aged seventy-six years before me James Jamison President Judge of the County Court of said County of Marion who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following additional declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States and served as herein after stated. In my declaration dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 1832 I have stated that I enlisted for the term of eighteen months and that I served out the whole of that time. I know not whether I was a regular Soldier or whether I belonged to the State Troops or state line. My Regiment was called the minute men. I enlisted or volunteered in the month of June in the year 1776 or 77 as stated – I remained at home with my father about three weeks and a call being made for troops my Company rendezvoused at Prescataway as before stated. We took our arms with us from home. After our discharge Colonel Low my Commander returned home with us at the expiration of this tour and did not again entered the Service or at least not for a long time after my Captain returned likewise. I received my pay in Certificates signed by Colonel Low and I received my pay from Colonel Low. I recollect of those who served with me as privates in the same Company the following persons George Newman, Joseph Stewart, James Johnson, John Eaglin – John Lindsey – and one other person whose name is forgotten. These with myself formed our mass. I recollect Zachariah Willing. I forget the names of all others – Those I have named were all of us from the same neighborhood. I drew my clothing as I believe from the State but am not sure whether from the state or United States.

From length of time and loss of memory I am not able to state precisely the length of time which I served but will state that the first campaign I served not less than 18 months as heretofore stated.

I served first Campaign under Captain Bean not less than 2 months for which I got a discharge for 3 months signed by the Colonel of the County name forgotten	18
I served under Captain De.neal not less than 2 months as heretofore stated	2
I served not less than 3 months under Captain Charles Little	2
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{ 2 years + month

all as a private soldier

I have no documentary evidence respecting my Services and know of no evidence except that of a Sister with whom I am now living by whom my services can be proven. I am now old and unable to walk without a crutch and totally unable to ride and if witnesses were still living I should be unable to look for them.

If the evidence accompanying this is insufficient to procure my reward I must await it at the hands of him who knows how faithfully and how cheerfully the services aforesaid were rendered.

S/ Moses Gill

[Jeremiah Taylor, a clergyman, and Albert G Johnson gave the standard form supporting affidavit.]

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On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord 1833 before me James Jamison a Judge of the County Court of Marion County aforesaid personally came Mary Turner who appears to be of the age of sixty-five years and being first duly sworn according to law on her oath states that her Brother Moses Gill the above named Applicant is older than she by several years – that as respects his services in the revolutionary War she recollects that said Gill when she the Affiant was a small girl of the age of eight or nine years turned out and went into the Army that she saw him start and return – that he was more than a year gone on the first campaign – that she saw the preparations for his start.

She further states she recollects of said Gill's going two or three times after the first into the Army.

S/ Mary Turner, X her mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private in the Maryland and Virginia service.]