

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Gill S21229

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State of South Carolina, Chester District

On this twenty Second day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before Wm D. Martin one of the Judges of the Court of Sessions & Common Pleas now sitting, George Gill a resident of Chester District in the State aforesaid aged Seventy-one 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 the seventh 1832 – That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, Viz.:

That he first went into service under Captain William Jones Colonel Edward Lacey's Regiment of South Carolina Militia, as a Volunteer, in April 1780 shortly before the fall of Charleston [May 12, 1780], and marched through Camden and as far as, or near to, Nelsons ferry on Santee River, where they heard of the fall of Charleston, when they heard of that fact, they were then turned, and returned home, the enemy in pursuit when the troops dispersed very soon after he again entered the Service under Captain John McClure in the same Regiment and was in a skirmish with the Tories at Mobley's Meeting House. The enemy then being in the Country no organized Troops were continued for a short time, the next service was under the same Captain he believes in General Sumpter's [sic, Thomas Sumter's] Command on Steele Creek, marched from thence to the camp on Clem's Creek. Thence to the neighborhood of Rocky Mount, and was in that battle [July 30, 1780]. The enemy still remaining, he was for some length of time in small detachments scouring the Country, to keep down the Tories and intercept small parties of the British. During this time he was with General Sumter and he thinks under the command of Captain Mills [John Mills]. They made an attack upon the Congaree Fort [probably a reference to the first attack on Fort Granby, February 19, 1781] but failed. Then marched to the British Fort at Buckhead or Lamotte [Motte] and also failed but took a British guard at Middleton's Ponds which was recaptured by the enemy at Wrights Bluff on Scott's Lake on Santee. Thence marched down the River to General Sumter's plantation. Thence home to convey a wounded brother who had been wounded at Wrights Bluff. He again went to the Congaree fort and was at the taking of it [May 14, 1781]. He then returned home and in May 1781 he enlisted in a Troop of Cavalry commanded by Captain John Mills, Colonel Henry Hampton for 10 months but was transferred to Captain Giles [James Giles] Company under Colonel Wade Hampton, in which he fought at the battle of Eutaw [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781], sword and hand, and continued in the Service in the lower part of this State, at Orangeburg &c until he was discharged at new market on the Congaree River some distance below where Columbia now is, in the Spring or summer of 1782, May or June. He was born in the State of New Jersey and removed to South Carolina when he was very young. He has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service except Colonel Thomas Taylor &

General Wade Hampton¹ to both of whom he has applied or certificates, by letter but has received no answer.

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 in open Court.

S/ J. Rosborough,

S/ Geo. Gill

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Geo Gill". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G" and "G".

[James B. Stafford, a clergyman, and John Rosborough gave the standard supporting affidavit.]
Interrogatories propounded to George Gill in addition to his declaration

1st Where and in what year were you born?

A: In the State of New Jersey in the year 1761

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

A: I have had a record of my age originally inserted in my father's family Bible, and from it I have had it transferred into my own Bible, which has been given to, and is now in the possession of one of my sons

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

A: I was living in the District of Chester South Carolina (so called at this time) I have continued to live in the same neighborhood ever since, and lived there now

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

A: I volunteered in every instance up to the time when I enlisted under Captain John Mills as stated in my declaration and that was done with a free good will.

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.

A: General Greene, Col. Lee, & Colonel Washington commanded at Eutaw Col. Lacey, Col. Bratton, Col. Neel of the militia Colonel Henry Hampton Colonel Wade Hampton & Colonel Hill of the State Troops and many others. The general circumstances are set forth in my declaration but I will add that I cannot state particularly the length of time that I served in each tour, but from the time I first entered the service until my final discharge I was very little at home, being engaged in no regular tours skirmishing parties &c but never at home to do any labor on the farm as I am satisfied of my whole service exceeded two years.

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

A: I do not recollect that I ever got a discharge in writing & think that I did not but believe I was only dismissed from service until the troops could be paid, which payment I have never yet got.

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.

1 [Wade Hampton W10078](#)

A: It would be difficult to state anyone who does not know me, & I hope they all believe me to be a man of truth but my particular friends the Reverend James B. Stafford & John Rosborough are willing to confirm their belief on oath which they have done and is attached to my general declaration.

Sworn to and Open court October 23, 1832

S/ Geo. Gill

S/ J. Rosborough, CCPS

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Chester District South Carolina

Honorable Sir

I have again received your record objections and recommendations to amend my declaration preparatory to the admission of my claim 1st respecting the affidavits of Colonel Taylor and General Hampton mentioned in my declaration, they both live at some distance from me. I sent as stated in the original and received no answer. I went to see Colonel Taylor found him a very old man, who was sitting in his armed Chair and had not been out of his house for some time and from bodily infirmity and old age it was with great difficulty he could know me at all, although my two friends who went with me (Col. Pointsette of Charleston & Jude Johnston of Columbia) endeavored to refresh his memory but all in vain. General Hampton I did not go to see him as his friends and neighbors informed me he was so much deranged, and they thought I could not have access to him therefore these are the true reasons I did not obtain their affidavits after mentioning their names in my declaration.

2ndly – Objection is the length of the service preceding my enlistment in the State dragoons that is to keep down the Tories and intercept small parties of British under Captain John Mills, it was five months & 20 days

South Carolina, Chester District

Personally appeared in open court before me Peter Wylie Judge of the court of Ordinary of Chester District State of South Carolina Colonel George Gill, who upon being first sworn saith upon oath that the amendments set forth in the foregoing page is just & true and that Colonel Taylor & General Hampton are in the condition or were in the condition set forth therein and further saith that the term preceding enlistment was five months & 20 days as set forth in said sheet or page.

Sworn to & subscribed this 21st day of May 1833 in open Court.

S/ Geo. Gill

S/ Peter Wylie, JCOCD

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Chester District, South Carolina

I received by the Honorable W. T. Nucketts your objections March 2nd, 1833 P. 280 45 red ink for my claim as a pensioner, which I am truly thankful for Knowing that you have no other motive, but to obtain the truth of the claimant and to distribute [?] to each one in justice what they merit.

And I as an humble claimant have but two motives. The first is to give you all the information and documents in my power. Second to obtain some small compensation for my Revolutionary Services which I stand in need – being an old man 72 years of age.

You object to the fourth and fifth as the others have passed an inspection.

I Answer[ed] to the fourth & fifth on oath before Judge Wylie in open court in the district aforesaid I volunteered in the United States service first day April 1780 by orders General

Sumter Colonel Edward Lacey's Regiment Captain Jones's Company – was in the service two months. I entered the Service in said Regiment and Brigade in Colonel McClure's Company – Served under him and his officers (as the Captain was killed) five months and 10 days was then under the Command of Captain John Mills in same Regiment & Brigade and by General Sumter's command served to keep down the Tories and in a setup small parties of British which we did and was of Singular service as we could exchange for our prisoners confined in Camden jail. Then I enlisted the 1st May 1781 in Captain Mills Troop of light Dragoons, Colonel Hampton's Regiment, General Sumter's State Troops, and served until I was discharged at New Market in said State on the 12 May 1782 making in all two years & one month and 12 days.

I served all the period as a soldier of the militia of South Carolina, Except one year and 12 days as an enlisted Regular Soldier of the State Troops as set forth in my declaration. State of South Carolina, Chester District: Personally appeared in open Court before me Peter Wylie Judge of the Court of Ordinary of said District Colonel George Gill who being duly sworn saith on oath that the facts contained in the written statement is just and true being answer to the fourth & fifth Interrogatories sent for amendment.

Sworn to & signed this 15th day of April 1833 in open Court before me & under my seal.
S/ Geo. Gill

S/ Peter Wylie, JCOCD

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$90.35 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in both the cavalry & infantry of the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts ² relating to George Gill, Jr. [sic]	AA5
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 2827	
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No. 61 Book N

Mr. George Gill Jr. his Account of Sundries for Militia use in 1781

Amounting to £25.18.6 ³/₄ Stg. [Sterling]

a Mare charged £100 [old SC] Currency or £14.5.8 ¹/₂ Stg. included in the above Account has no Receipt for the delivery; the Signers names to the appraisalment is one handwriting³

Ex^d. W. G. [Examined by William Galvan]

J. M^c. A. G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

The 20th of January 1785

Captain Mills has this day obviated the Remarks on this Account

J. M^c. A. G.

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State of South Carolina	Dr. to George Gill Junior	£ S D
19 May		
1781	To 18 Days in foot Service under	
	Captain Jones at 10/per day [10 Shillings old SC currency]	£9.10.0

² The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The "SC" file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.

³ The appraisal referred to is not among the documents in this folder

To 51 days duty served in the horse
Company of Captain John Mills
at 20/per day 51

1781 February to 21 Days served under Captain Thomas
13th to Gillian the Horse Company
March 7th at 20/per day 21

To Mare Lost in the big [undeciphered word]
with General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] 100
£181.10
£25.18.6 ³/₄
Stg.

Gentlemen

Please to Deliver to Captain John Mills an Indent Due me for my Services (& Clothing)
in said Captain's Troop of Light Dragoons & his Receipt shall be A Sufficient Discharge – from

Gentlemen
Your Most Humble Servant
S/ Geo Gill



Chester County

10th December 1785

Signed & acknowledged Before me

S/ James Knox, JP

To the Honorable General Sumter & Henderson & Colonel Richardson

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Received 21 January 1785 full Satisfaction for the within Account in Indent No. 61 Book In 4
£25.18.6 ³/₄ Sterling in Virtue of an Order from the within named George Gill

S/ John Mills

