

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of James Gilmour (Gilmore): S30432

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Kentucky - Christian County S.S

On this 3 day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Christian County Court now sitting James Gilmour a resident of said County & State - aged eighty seven years the 17<sup>th</sup> January 1832 - 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 —

That agreeably to his Fathers family register he was born on the 17<sup>th</sup> January 1745. in the State of Pennsylvania and when quite a Child was removed to now Virginia Augusta County where he resided until he was grown — The first military service he was performed for his Country was before he was of age to be inrolled - he Substituted and served a tour at fort fummert[?] on the head of the Bull pasture River in Augusta County Va. [in present Highland County VA] — March 1764 was Drafted and went to Dickensons fort on the Cow pasture Agusta County Va [present Highland or Bath County] where he served a tour. - The same fall he served a Volunteer Company under the Command of Col McNeill — We marched to Pittsburgh where we joined Col Bogent[?] - crossed the River there & marched down the River 130 miles & held a treaty with the Indians - he continued to reside on the frontier of Virginia until the Spring of 1775 when he came to Kentucky - and planted corn the same Summer at Boonsborough [sic: Boonesborough] on the Kentucky River — In the Spring of 1776 he returned to Holston and met the men going to muster to be Drafted as the Traders had come in and given information that the whole Cherokee nation were comming against them in that settlement on Holston River and that daybreak the same men had a Battle with Indians near the long Island on Holston River [at present Kingsport TN] — the Monday following myself & Isaac Bullin were appointed spies for Bryan fort on Holston River near where the South and Middle forks intersect - under the command of Capt Gray - We entered the service in May to the best of my recollection - the Friday after I entered the service Bullin & myself heard a party of Indians around farm Houses that they had plundered the same day - and threwout their camp - in the evening gave information at the fort and Capt Gray attacked them the next morning before day and killed six & was on this engagement & continued to spy from the same fort until the fall of the same year when Col Christy [William Christian] commanded a Regiment of men and marched against the Cherokee towns — He chose me as a spy for his army and I continued in the service until he marched to their Towns and held a treaty with them and returned in November to the best of my recollection - that ended my spying services — In the year 1780 removed to Montgomery County Va where I was Drafted some time in the year 1781 under the command of Col [William] Preston to go a tour against Cornwallis [sic: Cornwallace] We marched to North Carolina where we had a skirmish with the British army on Haw River [at Wetzel's Mill, 6 March 1781] about eight days before the Battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse, 15 March] — Col Prestons Regt. got so dispersed that he could not get them collected in time to join the american army before the Battle of Guilford — I have no recollection of the length of this tour nor do I recollect the names of the Commandants of Companies to which I belonged — Col Preston had eight killed in that engagement — I removed to Kentucky in the fall of 1782 and settled in Lincoln County where I resided until the year 1815 when I removed to Christian County Kentucky where I now & have ever since resided —

My wages as a spy was five shillings per day and I served in that capacity from some time in May until in November of the same year — I have in my Declaration above omitted stating in its proper place one other tour of service - I performed from the frontier of Va under Col Christy in the capacity of Sergeant Col [Andrew] Lewis was Commander in Chief and had a Battle with the Indians at the Point between the Kenhaway and the Ohio River [sic: Battle of Point Pleasant at the junction of Kanawha and Ohio rivers, 10 Oct 1774] I was not in the engagement but was left at the levels of Greenbriar to take care of the Magazines and the Invallid until the Army should

return — he never Rec'd any written Discharge — he is certain that his whole service was more than two years as herein stated —

That he is now very infirm and not able to labour — he has herein stated all that he now recollects and returns this declaration as a full answer to all the Interogatories put by the Department —

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 in the United States

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Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid -

James hisXmark Gilmour

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[p2] Kentucky Certificate 19239  
James Gilmour of Christian County  
under Capt Gray, Col Neal of Va  
11 months as private, 3 months as sergeant  
Issued 29Aug1833 @ \$51.66/annum

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State of Kentucky, Christian County

On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the justices of the Christian County Court now sitting James Gilmour, a resident of said county & state, aged eighty seven years the 17<sup>th</sup> January 1832. 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.

That agreeably to his father's family register he was born on the 17<sup>th</sup> January 1745 in the State of Pennsylvania and when just a child was removed to near Virginia Augusta County where he resided until he was grown. The first military service he was performed for his country was before he was of age to be enrolled. He substituted and served a tour at Fort Formost [?] on the head of Bull pasture River in Augusta County Va. March 1764 he was drafted and sent to Dickerson Fort in the Cow pasture Augusta County Va where he served a tour. The same fall he served a volunteer company under the command of Col McNeil. We marched to Pittsburgh where we joined Col. Boquit, crossed the river there & marched down the river 130 miles & held a treaty with the Indians. He continued to reside on the frontier of Virginia until the Spring of 1775 when he came to Kentucky and planted corn the same summer at

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Boonesborough on the Kentucky River. In the Spring of 1776 he returned to Holston and met the men going to muster to be drafted as the traders had come in and given information that the whole Cherokee Nation were coming against them in that settlement on Holston River and that day \_\_\_\_ these settler men had a battle with the Indians near the Long Island on Holston River. The Monday following myself & Isaac Butler were appointed spies for Bryans Fort and Middle Forks interest under the command of Capt Gray. We entered the service in May to the best of my recollection. The Friday after I entered the service Butler & myself heard a party of Indians around four houses that they had plundered the same day and spied out their camp. In the evening gave information at the fort and Capt Gray attacked them the next morning before day and killed six. I was in this engagement. The fall of the same year when Col Christy commanded a regiment of men and marched against the Cherokee towns, he chose me as a spy for his army and I continued in the service until he marched to the towns and held a treaty with them and returned in November to the best of my recollection. That ended my spying service. In the year 1780 I removed to Montgomery County Va when I was drafted some time in the year 1781 under

the command of Col Preston to go against Cornwallis. We marched to North Carolina where we had a skirmish with the British army on Haw

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My wages as a spy was five shillings per day and I served in that capacity from some time in May until in November of the same year. I have in my declaration above forgotten stating on its proper place one other tour of service. I performed from the frontier of Va under Col Christy in the capacity of sergeant. Col Lewis was commander in chief and had a Battle with the Indians at the Point between the Kanhaway [sic] and the Ohio River. I was not in the engagement but was left at the levels of Greenbriar to take care of the magazines and the \_\_\_alled until the army should return. He never recd any written discharge. He is certain that his whole service was more that two years as herein stated. That he is now very infirm and not able to labour. He has herein stated all that he now recollects and returns the declaration above as a full answer to all the interrogatories put by the Department.

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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 in the United States.

Sworn to and subscribed

James Gilmore

x his mark

The day & year aforesaid.

[routine county supporting statements and certification

Col. Thomas Caldwell, clergy

Jacob Sherrill, neighbor

Abraham Stiles, clerk]

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The Commonwealth of Kentucky

Christian County to wit-

Personally appeared before me the undersigned, a justice of the peace in & for the county and state aforesaid, James Gilmour. Who being first duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his services, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the period mentioned below and in the following grades.

His first tour as a private and substitute for John Kirkpatrick at Fort Formost [?] was for two months. He does not recollect the names of the officers with whom he served on this tour.

His second tour in March 1764 he served as a private under Saml Clark at Dickerson's Fort was for six months.

His 3<sup>rd</sup> tour as private was under the command of Col McNeill & Capt C. Lewis he served three months.

His 4<sup>th</sup> he served a tour of six months as a spy in which capacity he was entitled to five shillings per day.

His 5<sup>th</sup> tour under the command of Col Preston he served two months as a private.

His last tour as stated in his declaration of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 1832 to which this is an amendment he served a three month tour under the command of Col Lewis as a sergeant. Making in the whole as recapitulated

[p13] herein twenty two months. That he has herein stated the shortest period of his service but is well satisfied that he served fully two years, for which he claims a pension.

It was not common for militia to receive discharges. He never received any written discharge. Nor has he any documentary evidence to support his claim. Nor does he know of any person by whom he can prove his actual service.

He would state the names of Jacob Anderson, A Boyd, Robt Ball, Thomas Forest, Charles Thompson, Roger Thompson of his near neighbors who can testify for his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He would also name \_\_\_\_\_ F Saltenstall, Col J Thompson, L Bauldin, James Stevenson, A Davis & many others of his former neighbours in this county who can also testify for his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier.

Given under my hand this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 1833.

Sworn to and

James Gilmour

x his mark

Subscribed by the

Said deponent before

Me this 7<sup>th</sup> May 1833

D.J. Hays JP

[p15 certification by Abraham Stiles, clerk of Christian County]

[p17 cover letter for amendments of James Gilmour with bounty land applications for William Barnes and Ab Nixon and declaration for pension of Richard V Bagley.

D.S. Hays

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War Dept. Pen Off

Nov 9 1833

Sir

Until further notice from this office you will be pleased to suspend any other payment to James Gilmour, Jesse Force, James Harris, and Joseph Glover, pensioners under the act of & June 1832, now on the rolls of your agency. It appears from the documents by which the two first were placed on the rolls that they could not write their names, but made their marks. The two others have written their names, and in such a hand writing as might be expected from persons of their advanced age; on comparing these vouchers with those on which payment has been made by you the three first have written there in person, or by attorney fair and beautiful signatures and Joseph Glover's name is evidently written by some one who has endeavored to imitate his hand writing but the difference is too obvious to pass the notice of a boy of ten years of age.

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John Tilford Esqr

Prest U.S. Br Bank

And pension agent

Lexington Ky.