

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

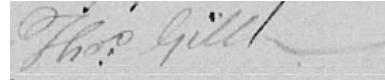
Pension Application of Thomas Gill S31061

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For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the army of the revolution" Approved on the 15th of May 1828 I Thomas Gill of Crawford County in the state of Illinois, do hereby declare that I was an officer in the continental line of the army of the revolution [sic: see endnote], and served as such to the end of the war At which period I was a Captain in Coln Edward Lacey's regiment of the — line And I also declare that I afterward received certificates (commonly called commutation certificates) for a sum equal to the amount of five years full pay; which sum was offered by the resolve of congress of the 22nd of March 1783 instead of half pay for life, to which I was entitled under the resolve of the 21st Oct. 1780.

Witness my hand the thirteenth day of May in the year 1829. (Signed



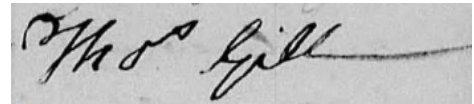
Before me a justice of the peace, duly empowered to administer oaths, in the County of Sullivan in the state of Indiana personally appeared this day Matthew McCammon [Mathew McCammon (McCemmon) S17578] of the said county, and made oath that, he was personally acquainted with Thomas Gill, (by whom the foregoing declaration was subscribed) during the war of the revolution and knew him to be n officer in the sothern states in the Revolutionary Army of the grade of Captain, and that he served and acted as such to the end of the war.

Witness my hand & seal this fifteenth day of May in the year 1829

James Love JP

State of Illinois Crawford County. on this third day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the County commissioners court of s'd County now sitting, being a Court of Record Thomas Gill a resident of Lamotte Township in the County of Crawford & State of Illinois, aged seventy seven years the 27th day of August Last 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 That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated; that he was drafted as a Malitia man in the Camden district and State of South Carolina the first day of December in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight, under Capt Philip Walker and Lieutenant James Johnson for three months. The company was attached to Col'n Cashshaw's [sic: Joseph Kershaw's] regiment and served three months and was discharged at Winsborough [sic: Winnsboro] in the State of South Carolina. The applicant returned home and in a few days there was a call for volunteers by capt. Walker & he volunteered under his former officers and was marched to Gen'l. [Benjamin] Lincoln's headquarter on Savannah river in the State of South Carolina, thence to Coosahatchey [Coosawhatchie River] thence marched back to Tuleyfinny [sic: Tulifinney River] and there we had a skirmish at the bridge [3 May 1779]. we were commanded by Col'n Laurence [sic: John Laurens] a regular officer from thence marched to Charlestown [Charleston], he thinks about the latter end of March or the first of April 1779. Thence was marched home by Capt Walker and dismissed by him by word of mouth. The applicant further states that in May or June in the year 1780 he again volunteered under Capt Alexander Pagan in the State of North Carolina at Ramsours Mills on the Cata[edge of page torn; should be Catawba] river & attached to Col. Thos. Sumpter's [sic: Gen. Thomas Sumter's] regiment. Thence was marched to the rocky mount in South Carolina & there we had a battle with the British & tories [skirmish at Rocky Mount, 30 Jul 1780]; thence marched to the hanging rock Coles old fields where he was in another battle with the British & Tories [Battle of Hanging Rock, 6 Aug 1780]. The tories were commanded by Col. Saml. Briant [sic: Samuel Bryan] a Tory, and the americans by Gen'l. Sumpter from thence marched near to Camden

and there, in the month of August 1780 he was elected Lieutenant in Capt. Alex'r. Pagan's Company. from thence was marched to Lear[page torn] old field's and there Gen'l. Sumpter was defeated by Tarlton [sic: Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton] & Capt. Pagan was killed [skirmish at Fishing Creek, 18 Aug 1780]. There and from thence he Reffugeed till the month of December, then he fell in with Gen'l. Sumpter in South Carolina near Winsborough and then went the rounds with him untill December 1781. returned home and was there a few days & there was elected Capt by his own company & other volunteers that joined it, he think about the first of January 1782. The applicant states that he served as Lieutenant one year & eight months & the applicant further states that he served as Capt. in the Militia in the service of the U. S. under Col. Edward Lacy who was attached to Gen'l. Sumper's division under the command of Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] one year & four months. The applicant states that during his service as Capt he was in the following engagements viz. first at the taking of the fort at Congaree the fort was commanded by Major [Andrew] Maxwell [Siege of Fort Granby at present Columbia, 2 - 15 May 1781], second at the Beggin Church [Skirmish at Biggins Church, 16 Jul 1781], third at Eugee [sic: Huger] quarters [probably Battle at Quinby Bridge and Shubrick's Plantation near present Huger, 17 Jul 1781], all of the above engagements in South Carolina. The applicant further states that the foregoing services were all performed in the horse service, except three months. 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



Interrogations propounded by the Court to the applicant

1. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in the State of New Jersey in the year of 1755 Augt. 27th.

2. Have you any record of your age & if so where is it?

Answer. I have a record of my age, it is at home in my Bible

3. Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live.

Answer. I was living in South Carolina, since the war have lived in the State of Kentucky & now live in Crawford County State of Illinois.

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

Answer. I was drafted for three months and then I volunteered the balance of the war. I never was a substitute.

5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served; such continental & militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your services?

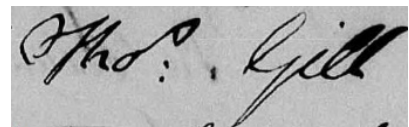
Answer. Gen'ls Lincoln & Green, and prior I was with Col. Laurence; as to the continental regiments I do not recollect; the Militia regiment that I first served in was Col. Winns [Richard Winn's] and I was afterwards attached to Col. Cashshaws at head quarters. I was in the battle at Tulefine Bridge, from thence I was marched to Charlestown, from thence I was marched home and discharged by Capt Philip Walker by the word of mouth. Next I was in the battle at Rocky Mount; other circumstances are set forth in my declaration

6. Did you ever receive a commission; and if so by whom was it signed, & what has become of it?

Answer. I never got a commission

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

Answer. John C. Alexander. Guy W. Smith. John Houston



Personally appear'd in open Court Matthew McCameron and after being duly sworn Deposeth and Sayeth that he is personally acquainted with Thomas Gill who has sworn to and subscribed his name to the above declaration that he was part of the time in the service with said Thomas Gill in South Carolina and that he was with him at the taking of Congaree fort and that he knew him to be a Lieutenant and Captain as set forth in his Declaration and he believes that he served the time stated in the Declaration as an officer and that he knew him to be a private soldier from his personal knowledge and that he verily believes that the said Gill served the time stated in his Declaration. Sworn to this third day of September AD 1832

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State of Illinois }
Crawford County } Sct.

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned a Justice of the peace in & for said County, Thomas Gill, who being duly sworn, deposeth & saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades: For one year and four months I served as Captain For one year and six months I served as a Lieutenant and for Nine months I served as a Private. and for such service I claim a pension. given under my hand and seal this 19th day of April AD 1833

William Wilson JP

NOTES:

Thomas Gill's service was in the state militia, not under Continental Establishment.

In two separate documents eight of the nine children of Thomas Gill applied for his pension from the last regular payment until his death on 30 Aug 1838. Two of the children were Elizabeth Ryan and Nancy Kitcell