

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Gilbert (Gilbirt) S31691

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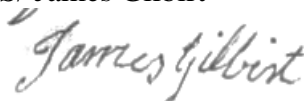
State of Georgia, Henry County

On this second day of January Personally appeared in open court before John T. Bentley, Henry N. Pope and Alexander Murray Judges of the Inferior Court of Henry County, now sitting, James Gilbirt a resident of Henry County and State of Georgia aged eighty-four 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. That he was drafted for a three months tour on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 1780. The company to which he was attached was commanded by Captain Brintley [sic, William Brinkley] in the Regiment by Colonel Jarvis [Samuel Jarvis] – and served (instead of three as he was drafted) five months and was discharged on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 1780 – he received for this tour no written discharge as he now recollects. That he was again drafted for three months in June 1781. His Captain's name was Green and the Battalion to which he was attached was commanded by Major Griffin, that he served out his time and was discharged in September 1781. This discharge has been lost. That he resided in Halifax County, North Carolina when he was drafted and during the Revolutionary War, was in no battle, but was marched to Cross Creek, now Fayetteville, N. C. served with no Continental Troops, knew no Continental officers, has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service. That 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 any State.

Sworn to and Subscribed, the day, & year aforesaid.

S/ James Gilbirt



S/ John T. Bentley, JIC

S/ Alexr Murray, JIC

S/ Henry N. Pope, JIC

[Allen Cleveland, a clergyman, and Robert H. Elliott gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

To the First Interrogatory<sup>1</sup> He answers that he was born in Halifax County North Carolina in

<sup>1</sup> The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

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

March 1753 --

To the Second Interrogatory He answers that he has no record of his age --

To the Third Interrogatory, he answers that he was living in Halifax County N. C. and that he has lived [in] Halifax N. C. for many years after the revolution, but is now living in Henry County Georgia.

To the fourth Interrogatory he answers that he was drafted --

To the fifth Interrogatory, he answers, that he served with or knew no Continental officers, as he now recollects and the general circumstances of his service are briefly stated in his declaration --

To the sixth Interrogatory he answers that he did receive a discharge for the last tour that he served and it was signed by Major Griffin, but that he has lost it.

To the Seventh Interrogatory, he gives the names of [here both the HeritageQuest version and Footnote.com versions end—there appears either to be page missing or the application simply never contained an answer to the 7<sup>th</sup> interrogatory.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

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

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

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

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

7<sup>th</sup> 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.