

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of David Gamble S32264

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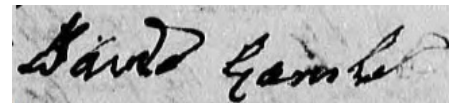
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On this 10th day of September in the year 1833 personally appeared before the Honourable the Judges of the Posey Circuit Court at the Court House in Mount Vernon in Posey County in said State of Indiana David Gamble a resident of Posey County in the State of Indiana aged Eighty 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 provisions made by 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 hereinafter stated

That whilst living at Pittsburg Pennsylvania [then claimed by Virginia] in the year 1774 he volunteered at Red Stone Old Fort [now Brownsville PA] some time in June 1744 under Captain Michael Cresap to fight against the Indians his brother Daniel Cresap was Lieutenant one McDaniel [sic: Angus McDonald] was Major Commandant crossed the Ohio above the mouth of yellow creek [in present Ohio] had a skirmish & destroyed a village then to Hochocking [Coshocton?] where we destroyed another village from thence marched to Captena [Captina] and destroyed a third village returned to Pittsburg about the beginning of September the Main Army rendezvoused at Pittsburg under Governour Dunmore The Army went by water to wheeling from whence this Declarant with two others were sent as an express to Colonel Andrew Lewis went down in a Canoe to the mouth of the Great Kenhawa [sic: Kanawha River at Point Pleasant] where this Declarant joined Captain Evan Shelbys company was in the Battle fought on the 10th October 1774 recollect the time well from it being 2 days after my birthday fought all day and just before sun set the Indians retreated & crossed the Kenhawa way above the Battle ground was left there by Lewis who marched across the ohio up the Sciota [sic: Scioto] for the purpose of erecting a Blockhouse was there under the command of Isaac Shelby untill January 1775 when we went into his fathers [Evan Shelby] on Holstein [sic: Holston River] got there Feby 1775 having been 8 months in service in June 1775 volunteered under Captain Russell, James Knox & Joseph Crocket [sic: Joseph Crockett] Lieutenant for the purpose of guarding the frontier volunteered for three months or untill discharged was stationed at Ramsays station near the long island of Holstein [now Kingsport TN] where he was discharged as soon as a Treaty was formed and a peace with the indians made was there three months and received no discharge Captain Russell was Commandant remained about Holstein untill the last of May 1776 when this Declarant went to Williamsburg where there were two Regiments of the Virginia Continental line the 2nd and the 7th and this Declarant about the first of June 1776 enlisted for three years in the 7th Regiment under Captain Thomas Posey John L[?]bley Lieutenant (& as this deponent thinks) Robert McNeely ensign Joseph Crocket was Colonel neither of said Regiments were filled was marched from Williamsburg to Gwinns Island [sic: Gwynn Island] on the Chesapeake Bay to drive off Lord Dunmore was under the immediate command of Cap. Thos. Posey & Col. Crocket he there through up intrenchments & was generally on the scout watching the crafts of the Roebuck to prevent the carrying away of Tories and runaway Negroes after cannonading the Roebuck two or 3 days Dunmore fell down the Bay [11 Jul 1776] was marched back to Williamsburg on his way back from the exposure he endured got the Ague and fever and was put into the hospital at Williamsburg applied for a discharge but was refused Captain Posey agreed if this Declarant would get a substitute to enlist in this Declarants place he should be discharged got Michael MaHone as a substitute in January 1777 and gave said Michael a horse worth about forty Dollars & three months pay to become his substitute was in the service seven months received a discharge from Thomas Posey which he has since lost This Declarant after his discharge returned to Lancaster C'y Pennsylvania where he was still effected in the latter part of August in the same year he volunteered for twelve months in a Minute Company under Captain James Smith at Lancaster about the 20th September under the said Captain marched from Lancaster and joined the forces under Washington early in the day was wounded in the Calf of the leg and carried off the field towards the valley forge this was in the edge of German Town [Germantown] in the Battle of the 4th

October 1777 The Ball lodged between the leaders and the bone and was extracted shortly after the Battle was laid up by the wound not less than six months was in the service at this time two weeks the company under Smith were discharged after the Battle & returned home he still so far as he could felt anxious to do all he could to render the service he engaged to perform by his enlistment for the said 12 months in April 1778 when assisting in putting on the new bed of a waggon in the continental service to be sent to Ediston [Edenton?] North Carolina for salt for the public service he produced a rupture which rendered him unfit for active duty he however continued to serve as a minute man until his time was out. He is to this day afflicted by the rupture then produced and now uses a Truss to remedy the evils arising from it – returning from Roan [sic: Rowan] County in the State of North Carolina where he had been on business he joined in the spring of the year 1781 a company of Militia from the south branch of Potomac under the command of Captain Lewis as a volunteer was marched towards Guilford Courthouse [NC] before they joined the forces who had been posted in order of Battle on the field and after the Battle was commenced [15 Mar 1781] Captain Lewis's Company was attacked by a Company of Cavalry and all but 17 of the company was killed or mortally wounded This Declarant was wounded in the left shoulder which prevented his travelling for three weeks he was discharged without writing. This Declarant was born in Lancaster County Pennsylvania on the 8th day of October 1752 had a record of his age in his family bible until about 3 years ago it was burnt in the house of his daughter Sally Gamble in this county has no record at this time lived in Lancaster county until 1772 when he removed to the Western part of Pennsylvania after the Revolutionary War lived in Albemarle County on James River in Virginia where he lived nine years when he removed to Bourbon County Kentucky where he lived about eight or ten years when he removed into this country and settled in what is now called Gibson county and has most of his time been living there and the neighbourhood since this county of Posey joining the said county of Gibson

he never received but the one discharge in writing given him by Captain Thos. Posey which he believes was washed up in his jacket pocket many years ago He volunteered in all his engagements except in the 7th Regiment of Virginia Continentals when he voluntarily enlisted He recollects the names of a number of Regular officers who served at German Town and at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse there was none in or with Captain Russells men the most of those he recollects whilst under Cap Posey he has already stated as also the general circumstances of his service are set forth He is well acquainted with Thomas Montgomery and William McCormack both living in his neighbourhood though in Gibson County in the said state his acquaintance with them has been of twenty six years standing they he says will testify as to his character for veracity and as to their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution that there is no clergyman who lives in his immediate neighbourhood. He has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any person by whom he can prove his services. 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 & year aforesaid

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David Gamble". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured surface.

NOTE: Gamble's pension was for \$35 per year for serving 10 months and 15 days. His service prior to 19 April 1775 was not part of the Revolutionary War. The Pension Office appears not to have counted his service after the Battle of Germantown. A letter to the Pension Commissioner dated 16 Nov 1836 inquires about an increase in pension for David Gamble "for his comfortable, nay, necessary sustenance – and he is entirely destitute of other resources."