

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Huriah Gilmore S32266

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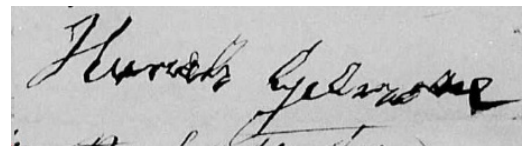
State of Illinois }

Morgan County } ss.

AD 1832 on this eleventh day of September personally appeared in open court before Samuel D Lockwood Judge of the Circuit Court of Morgan County now sitting Huriah Gilman of Pike County Illinois aged eighty three 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following officers and served as herein stated.

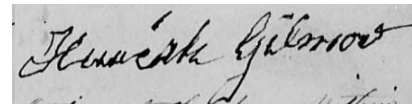
In July AD 1776 or 1777 which year I cannot distinctly recollect at this remote period I Huriah Gilmore then living in Bedford County State of Virginia on Flat creek near the waters of Otter River [now in Campbell County] volunteered as a Soldier and entered the service of the United States as a private in the company commanded by Captain Charles Watkins and James Adams Lieutenant which consisted of about fifty men. we ranged through the mountains of Virginia over Blue Ridge and Waldrons Ridge and to the Cumberland Gap so called engaged against the Shawnee and Kickapoo tribes of Indians until the month of October following from Cumberland Gap we were called to march to Boonsboro' fort on the Kentucky River [near present Boonesborough KY] to relieve the forces then there under the command of Colonel Lutterel and Captain Smith. Colonel Daniel Boon [sic: Daniel Boone] remained still in the fort. I remained in the fort until the middle of the winter following. while there Daniel Boon was taken prisoner, with about twenty privates, by the Shawnee Indians [8 Feb 1778]. In going to Boonboro fort we met Major Henderson and Colonel Richard Caloway [Richard Callaway]. I returned in the middle of the same winter from the campaign about five months in length. I recollect not distinctly whether I received any discharges from Captain Watkins – if I did I considered it of no value at that time and have lost it. for this Service I received my full pay. I know of no person who can testify to my service in the campaign. In February AD 1780 [sic: 1781] Col Charles Lynch raised 500 rifleman I then volunteered and entered the Service of the United States as a private. William Jones commanded my company Captain Moore and Captain Helms [probably Helm] two of the other companies in Col Lynch regiment. we marched direct to Guilford County in North Carolina and joined the Southern Army under the command of General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] and was there at the time of the battle between Lord Cornwallis' army and General Greens when the American army give ground to the English [Battle of Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781]. three days before the battle I was taken sick and was confined to my bed. when I recovered I obtain a furlough and returned home to Bedford County which I think was some time in April same year making the time of my campaign about three months. I had no opportunity of becoming acquainted with any of the Field officers and their names have escaped my memory except those above named I know of no living person who can testify to my service in this campaign – In August AD 1781 while living in Bedford county Virginia I was drafted as a Soldier and entered the service of the United States as a private Soldier in company commanded by Charles Caloway first Lieutenant Cobus Yearly [sic: Jacobus Early] – Second Lieutenant Menus Hains [sic: Parmenas Haynes]. The colonel then with the militia in the county was James Caloway [sic: James Callaway]. companies from Bedford County from Henry County and Spotsylvania County met at the East part of Bedford County and from thence marched through a place called Petersburg [sic: Petersburg] to James River at Swans point [sic: Swanns Point] where we crossed and joined the main army at Little Yorktown under General Washington and Gen. La'Fayette [Lafayette] where I remained until the surrender of Lord Cornwallis and his army [19 Oct 1781] in constant service during this time. I recollect of no other officers at the time. neither did procure a discharge and have no documentary evidence whatsoever by which to substantiate my service. I know of no person whatsoever to certify my service in this campaign which continued during three months. I

have never received one cent of money for any of my services except the first named and asked not then how I should be paid before I consented to go on a campaign and ask now in my old age and in my circumstances of extreme poverty upon the munificence of Government who have at last consented to take upon the pension list those whome the unfortunate circumstances of the time and want of education prevented receiving and preserving the necessary documentary evidence to obtain their hard earned pittance – I was born in North Carolina, at Noose river [sic: Neuse River] in the year 1749, what month I do not reccollect. there was a record of my age made by my parents but was not preserved. a sister grown up or was an adult when I was born told me in later life she recollected my age by the circumstance of my father giving a deed of certain piece of land when I was at the breast. when very young my parents moved to Big Pedee [sic: Great Pee Dee River] in South Carolina and from there to after losing my parents I was taken and brought a raised by a cousin Mr. Gilman in Cumberland North Carolina where I remained until 1776 or 77 when I removed and settled in Bedford County Virginia. In the fall after Lord Cornwallis' Surrender I removed into Rowan county North Carolina for one year then I removed into Georgia into overton county and Warren County until 1828 when I removed to Morgan County Illinois and remained one year I then removed into Pike county Illinois where I now reside. am known by James V Heidenburgh [signed James V. Hedenberg] and Newton Cloud who have lived for some time near neighbors to me. I hereby relinquish every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare my name is not on the pension roll of any state whatsoever

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Huriiah Gilmore".

I Huriiah Gilmore depose and say that on the eleventh day of September AD 1832 I appeared before Hon Samuel D Lockwood Judge of Morgan County Circuit Court, presented, subscribed and made oath to a declaration prescribed for obtaining a pension, and I applied to the Morgan County Circuit because it was then in session, and I was then in Morgan County, for I live nearly as much in Morgan County as in Pike. I have children in both counties and I am much better acquainted in Morgan County than I am in Pike county, and my witness were in Morgan County and the court would not set in Pike CH until six months after the time I applied, and I was unable to bear the expense of procuring witnesses from a distance. And I Huriiah Gilmore further depose and say that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory I cannot swear positively as to the precise length of service but according to the best of my reccollection I served not less than the periods mentioned herein and in the following grade. For five months from the last of July 1777 until the last of December 1777 I served as a private soldier. also For two months and ten days from the first of February 1780 [sic] until the last of April 1781 I served as a private soldier. also For two months and fifteen days from the first of August 1781 until the last of october 1781 I served as a private which was the length of time I served as a soldier viz nine months and twenty five days and was the periods of the war in which I served. Samuel D Lockwood, Judge of Morgan County Circuit Court is now on his circuit duties in the northern part of this state. his circuit will not commence here until the last of May [illegible word] and it is impossible by reason of infirmities to attend before him.

[30 April 1833]

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