

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Isaac Gillham S32270

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State of Illinois, Madison County} SS

On this 4th day of September in the year 1832, personally appeared in open Court before their Honors the Judges of the County Commissioners Court for Madison County now sitting Isaac Gillham a resident of Madison County and State of Illinois, aged 74 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 the 7th 1832.

That the said Isaac Gillham entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That he volunteered in the fall of 1777, in Camden district South Carolina and was in the company commanded by Captain Robert Macupfee [Robert McCuffee] (in the Company of Horse) in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Neale [Thomas Neel] and marched into Georgia and was stationed at Phillip's Fort for fifty days, he was then dismissed and returned home.

That he was drafted in the month of March 1778 and was commanded by Lieutenant Thomas Gillham in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Neel and marched to Charleston and had been there but a few days when the British laid siege to it and were repulsed, and he then marched to Stono where he was stationed till the battle at that place [June 20, 1779]¹, after the battle he was dismissed and returned home. He further declares that he was drafted in the spring of 1780, soon after the surrender of Charleston [Charleston fell to the British on May 12, 1780] and belonged to the company commanded by Captain Barnett [Jacob Barnett] and Regiment by Colonel Andrew Neale [Andrew Neel] General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] and marched to Clem's branch where they were stationed for some time, from there they went and attacked a British garrisons at Rocky Mount [July 30, 1780]² when the Colonel was killed and the Lieutenant Colonel and Captain both wounded, the next week they had of another battle with the Tories and British defeated the Tories, but the British drove them from the field.³ Soon after this General Gates [Horatio Gates] sent them some reinforcements and they then marched to Camden where they took some baggage wagons. Soon after this Colonel Tarleton [Banastre

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_rocky_mount.html

³ He appears to be referring to the Battle of Hanging Rock, August 6, 1780.

http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hanging_rock.html

Tarleton] surprised them and defeated them.⁴ He declares that he received in the battle with Colonel Tarleton several wounds and narrowly escaped with life and was disabled for a long time or to the succeeding winter.

He declares that he volunteered again as soon as his wounds would permit in the winter of 1781 and was commanded by Captain Barnett and Major Hartshorn [?⁵], that they embodied at the Cross Roads in Camden district in marched to Friday's Fort [February 24, 1781]⁶ on the West side of the Congaree River and laid siege to it and continued for 3 or 4 days when a band of the British from Camden came and compelled them to retire. That they then went down to a Fort 25 miles below at Colonel Thomson's [William Thomson's Plantation, February 22, 1781]⁷ and laid siege to it in were compelled to retreat from it. They then went down the River to Colonel Floods plantation where they crossed the River and went to a Fort at Wrights Bluff⁸ on the East side of the Santee River and were defeated there then went to the Big Savannah to General Sumter's plantation and took his wife and son and some of his slaves which were left and took them far into the country where he was disbanded.

He further declares that he was in several scouting parties in the year 1782 but short tours.

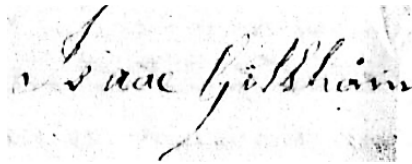
He declares that he was in the service of the United States more than two years during the war of the Revolution, and served. He has no documents by which to prove his services never received any discharges, and knows of but two persons by whom he can prove his services they are John Gillham and William Gillham both living in Madison County and State of Illinois one of them was with him in the service the other knowing of it and have known him ever since.

He was born in Augusta County, Virginia, on the 10th day of November 1757, and his parents moved to Carolina in 1763, and he lived there till 1800 when he came to Madison County and State of Illinois where he has lived ever since. He has no record of his birth, nor knows of none.

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 and year aforesaid.

S/ Isaac Gillham



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John Gillham⁹ a resident of the County of Madison hereby certifies that he is well acquainted with Isaac Gillham, who has sworn to and subscribed the above declaration and knows that he served as therein stated as he was with him most of the time, and had the care of him while he was confined with his wounds and believes that he served more than two years in

⁴ Reference is the Battle of Fishing Creek on August 18, 1780.

http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_fishing_creek.html

⁵ Dr. Bobby G. Moss interprets this name as "Hartshorn" but has no information on him other than this reference to him by this applicant. I think it more likely an erroneous attempt by the to identify him Henry Hampton.

⁶ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fridays_ferry.html

⁷ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_thomsons_plantation.html

⁸ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_watson_1.html

⁹ [John Gillham S32269](#)

the war of the revolution.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Gillham

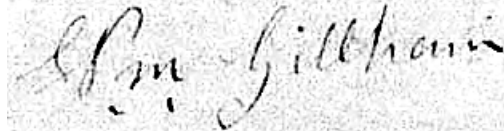
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William Gillham a resident of the County of Madison, hereby certifies that he is well acquainted with Isaac Gillham, who has sworn to and subscribed the above declaration, and knows that he was in the service as stated in his declaration, and that he was at his house while he was confined with his wounds and believes that he was in the service more than two years.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Wm Gillham

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wm Gillham".

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State of Illinois, Madison County

On this tenth day of June personally appeared before me the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace within and for the County of Madison and State aforesaid Isaac Gillham who being duly sworn according to law makes the following amended Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress &c passed June the 7th 1832. That he volunteered in the month of December about the 15th in the year 1777 at the place mentioned in his declaration of the 4th of September 1832, and served as a private soldier as stated in said declaration for fifty days and returned. He was drafted on the 29th of March 1778 and served as a private soldier and was commanded as stated in the said Declaration and served till August following when he returned home.

He was again drafted about the first of May 1780 and was commanded as stated in his declaration aforesaid and served as a private soldier till the 18th of August when he was wounded and completely disabled and remained so till about the first or 15th of February 1781. He then volunteered and was commanded as stated in his former declaration and served as a private soldier till about the first of May 1781, when he was disbanded.

He declares that he was out in many scouting parties during the fall of 1781 the winter and spring of 1782 and had many skirmishes with the Tories & British and was under Colonel Bratton [William Bratton] and Captain Barnett and served as a private soldier and served till sometime in the summer of 1782, and was completely employed so that he could not perform any private business during more than six months while he was employed in the scouting parties. But from old age and his consequent loss of memory he cannot recollect 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, to wit:

for two years and twenty days I served as a private soldier, and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of June 1833.

S/ Isaac Gillham



S/ William E. Starr, JP

[Facts in file: In 1786 or 1787, the veteran married the daughter of Thomas Kirkpatrick of York County, SC [her name not given in the file]]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹⁰ relating to Isaac Gillham pp7

Audited Account No. 2849

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[Book] I [No.] 250

Mr. Isaac Gillam [sic] his account of 260 days Militia Duty Amounting to
£37.2.10 ¼ Stg [Sterling]

Ex^d. W. G. [Examined by William Galvan]

J. M^c. A. G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

Received 15 September 84 from the Commissioners of the Treasury an Indent No. 250 Book I
for £37.2.10 ¼ Sterling in full Satisfaction for this account by virtue of an order

S/ J Barnett



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State of South Carolina Debtor to Isaac Gillham for Services done
under Captain Barnet [Jacob Barnett] 260 days at 2S 11d [Stg.] per day £30.9.0
under Lieut. Smith 50 days at 2S 11d 7.5.10

£210

50

£260

Sterling £37.2.10 ¼

N: B: the above Charges are included in Pay Bills which are Attested

¹⁰ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

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Please Deliver the Indent due to me from the Public to Captain Jacob Barnett with what Interest
May be on it and You will Greatly Oblige Gentlemen

Your humble Servant
S/ Isaac Gillham

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Isaac Gillham", enclosed in a rectangular border.

To the Commissioners
of the Treasury
Edward Blake &
Peter Baquit Esquire's

11th of February 1785
Signed in the presence of
S/ Frame Woods, JP

[p 5: Printed form of Indent No. 250 Book I]

[pp 6-7: Image and retake of the reverse of the above Indent bearing, among others, the
following endorsement:

I Assign Over the within Indent to Jacob Barnett Given Under my hand this 17th May 1785

S/ Isaac Gilham

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