

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Gunison S35996

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Commonwealth of Kentucky County & Circuit of Madison: To wit

Before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the General and Circuit Courts for the State aforesaid this day personally appeared Samuel Gunison a resident & citizen of said County & Circuit of Madison, and being sworn according to law did depose and says that he was enlisted in the Army of the United States on the Continental establishment, during the Revolutionary War in the County of Albemarle and State of Virginia in the latter part of the year 1776 as near as he can recollect, to serve for the space or term of two years, by Lieutenant John Marks in the Company of Captain Thomas Walker, and was attached to the ninth Virginia Regiment, and that the Regiment aforesaid was commanded for some time by Colonel George Mathews, but whether he was the Colonel of that Regiment by regular assignment he cannot remember, and if he was not the Colonel, he cannot remember at this time who was the regular Colonel, owing to his frailty and age (being at this time aged from the best information in his possession about 65 or 66 years). That he was in the battles of Germantown [October 4, 1777 and Brandywine [September 11, 1777], and other smaller battles or skirmishes, and continued to serve the two years, and was discharged in the State of New Jersey by Captain Hudson Martin, who first gave him a furlough for a small fraction of his time not then expired, and that he has long since lost his furlough and discharge. That said discharge took place at or near Bethlehem. He further state now in such needy & indigent circumstances as to require the aid of his country for his support.

Captain William Briscoe also sworn according to law at the same time and place did depose and say that he is acquainted with the aforesaid Samuel Gunison – that he resides in the County of Madison and that he has a large family & holds no land and is in needy circumstances, and does require the aid of his Country & that the character of the said Gunnison is fair as to veracity & that the utmost reliance may be placed in his testimony on oath.

I Benjamin Mills Circuit Judge &c as aforesaid do certify that the foregoing examination of Samuel Gunison and William Briscoe was this day taken before me according to the Act of Congress in such cases provided. That the said Samuel Gunison the applicant, by inspection is frail and labors under a palsy – and that it appears to my satisfaction by the aforesaid examination that the said applicant Samuel Gunison was really in truth and in fact an enlisted soldier in the revolutionary war, and that he served and was discharged in the Continental Army as in his examination is stated, and that he is really in such needy and indigent circumstances as to require the aid of his Country now allowed by law. Given under my hand at the Circuit, County and State aforesaid this Heath day of June in the year 1818.

S/ B. Mills

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 8th, 1818, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]