

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Gillihan (Gillehan) S38731

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District of State of Tennessee

On this 27th Day of September 1819 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Circuit Court for the said state personally appeared William Gillihan aged Seventy years Resident in Smith County in said State who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons Engaged in the land and naval Services of the United States in the revolutionary war that he the said William Gillihan enlisted for the term of one year in the State of Virginia on the ___ day of (in the spring in the year 1775) in the company commanded by Captain Knox [James Knox] in the 8th Regiment commanded by Colonel Millenburg [Peter Muhlenberg] in the line of the State of Virginia then called the provincial troops that he continued in said Service about nine months at which time he reenlisted for three years in the State of Georgia in a company commanded by Captain Jarvey [Thomas Jervey or Jarvay] in 5th Regiment Commanded by Colonel Huger [Isaac Huger] in the State of South Carolina in the South Carolina line of the Continental Establishment in the fall of the year 1776 as he believes that he continued to serve in said Corps or in the service of the United States until the end of his term of service and between one & two years after and was discharged in the State of South Carolina at Charleston some months before it was taken by the British [Charleston South Carolina filled to the British on May 12, 1780] that he was in the Battles at Savannah [Siege of Savannah, September 16-October 18, 1779] when Lincoln was Defeated & Haw [sic, Howe?] was Defeated and he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other Evidence now in his power of his said services.

He further states that he lost the discharge which he got at Charleston a few years after and on 10 June 1796 from Captain Jervoy who had given the first this certificate which he here produces.

And I the said William Gillihan do hereby release all claim to every other pension that may have been allowed me by any other act of Congress except the above referred to.

Sworn to and subscribed & declared.

S/ H. Isaacks, Judge &c.

S/ William Gillihan, X his mark

[Squire Wood gave a supporting affidavit as to the character and reputation of the applicant.]

[Col. Robert Allen also gave a supporting affidavit as to the character of the claimant but he states he has no personal knowledge of the claimants actual services during the revolution.]

Robert Allen

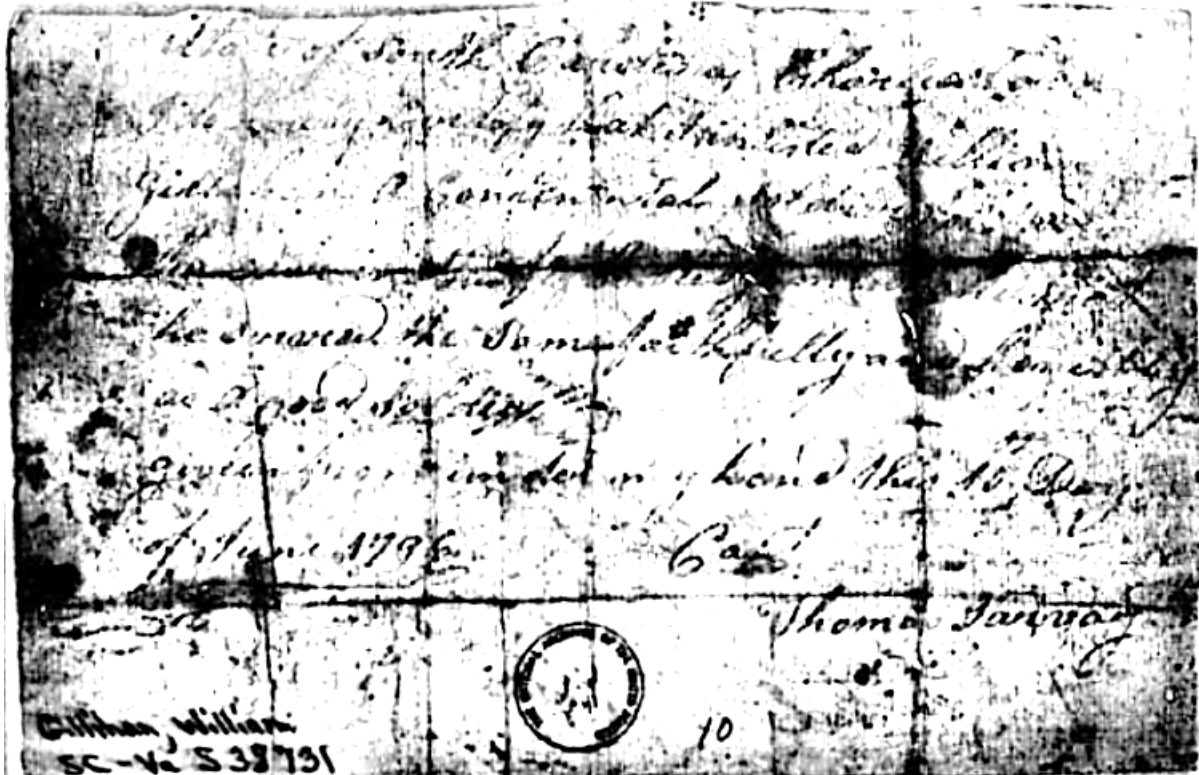
[p 14: The following document is extremely faint and difficult to decipher: use with care.]

State of South Carolina Charleston

I do hereby certify that I enlisted William Gillihan a Continental Soldier [rest of line and the entire following line are illegible] he served the Same faithfully and I do certify he was a good Soldier.

Given from under my hand this 10th Day of June 1796

S/ Capt. Thomas Jarvay



[reverse]

I Do in Dost [endorse] this With in Certifilat [certificate] unto James Tadlock it being for Vally [value] Ricd [received [Witness] hand this 8 Day of June 1800

S/ Willam Gilihan

S/ Elisha Tadlock

I do in Doth this truth on
Certificate unto James Tacklock
it being the 15th day of June
1800
Elisha Tacklock William Gillihan
Lewis Tacklock

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State of Tennessee, Smith County Court August Term 1820

On this 15th day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a court of record for the County aforesaid, William Gillihan aged Seventy years, a resident of said County, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: he enlisted in 1776, in the 5th South Carolina Regiment on the Continental establishment, served nearly five years, and was discharged in Battle at Savannah.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or other wise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, to wit, 1 cow and calf, 12 hogs, one mare of little value, and nothing else -- have a wife, 60 years of age, a daughter 18 years of age and a son 15 years of age.

S/ William Gillihan

Sworn to and declared in open Court 15 August 1820 before
S/ James Hibbits, Presiding Justice of Smith County Court

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 27, 1819 for service

as a private for 3 years in the South Carolina Continental line.]