

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Gulley (Gully) S38781

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Georgia, Elbert County: Richard Gulley of the State & County aforesaid came personally before me & being duly sworn saith that he enlisted in the service of the United States as a private on the Continental Establishment in the month of March seventeen hundred & seventy eight under Captain William Barrett commanding a troop of Cavalry attached to the Third Regiment of Dragoons of the Virginia line - that he served his country about two years during which time he was engaged in an action fought at Toppaun¹ in the State of New York & that he assisted in storming Stoney Point² & was in several other skirmishes & actions. & this deponent further sayeth that he was taken prisoner by the enemy commanded by Colonel Tarlton [sic, Banastre Tarleton] at Lewis's Ferry [sic, Leneud's Ferry?³] on the Santee River in the State of South Carolina near George Town [sic, Georgetown] - that he was carried to Charleston where he was detained as a prisoner about one year to the best of his recollection - that he this deponent with other prisoners took by stratagem a Brig lying in the Harbour of Charleston & effected their escape - that he reached his home in the State of Virginia in the month of July seventeen hundred & eighty one & he believes that in consequence of the capture of Lord Cornwallis & the British army in the month of October [October 19, 1781] following & not being able to join the detachment to which he belonged after his escape from the enemy he had not in his power to obtain a regular discharge. This deponent further states that he is now old infirm & poor & that he is induced by his reduced circumstances to apply to his County for relief & support of which he stands in need.

Richard Gulley, X his mark

Sworn to in open court October 19th 1819

S/ Gaines Thompson Clk

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Georgia Elbert County: John Carroll being duly sworn saith that he was acquainted with Richard Gulley in the War of the Revolution, that said Gulley enlisted as a private in the service of the

¹ This MAY be a reference to the engagement on September 27, 1780, known as the Battle of Overkill Road or Baylor's Massacre at Overkill Road in New Jersey near Tappan, New York.

² July 16, 1779. <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790716.htm>

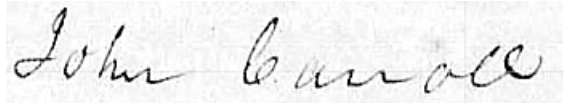
³ I think this is a mistaken reference and that the action mentioned is more likely the engagement at Leneud's or Lenud's Ferry on May 6, 1780 in which Tarleton's dragoons surprised Whig troops under the command of Col. Anthony Walton White and Lt. Col. William Washington. <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800506.htm>

United States on the Continental Establishment in a Troop of Horse commanded by Captain William Barratt in the third Regiment Colonel Bailey [sic, George Baylor] Regiment of Dragoons in the Virginia line. That while he this deponent was acquainted with the said Gulley in said war he was a faithful Gallant soldier -- And this deponent further saith that he is now acquainted with the said Gulley & that he is old infirm & necessitous & needs the aid of his country for support.

Sworn to and Open Court this 19th of October 1819

S/ Gaines Thompson, Clk

S/ John Carroll



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State of South Carolina Pendleton District: On the 27th day of March 1821, personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for said State and County Richard Gully aged Sixty-four years the 29th day of October last resident in the State and District aforesaid, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, to wit, as a private in a company commanded by Captain William Barrett attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel George Baylor of the Virginia line as appears by his Original declaration dated the 19th day of October 1819 in the County of Elbert and State of Georgia where this deponent formerly lived that he has received a pension Certificate shewing a Number 15925. 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 in any manner whatever 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

Viz.

1 Mare & Colt	\$40:
1 Sow & 8 Shoats	10:
1 Old plow & Geer	2:
2 Axes	2:
2 Old hoes	:50
1 Grubbing-hoe & two Iron wedges	2:
1 Old drawing knife	:50
1 Old pine table	1:
3 Chairs	1:
1 Old chest	1:
1 Old Cupboard	1:
1 Old Cotton Wheel & Cards	5:
1 Loom	2:
6 Pewters	:50
1 Do Dish	:50
1 Baisin	1:

5 Earthen Mugs	:25
2 Bowls (broken)	:25
1 Old Tin Coffee pot	1:
1 Set knives & forks	1:
1 looking Glass	:25
1 Razor	:50
1 Shovel & tongs Iron pot & Oven much injured	3:

Sworn to in open court date the Court of General Sessions of the Peace Oyer and terminer Assize & General Gaol delivery.

S/ Richard Gully, X his mark

By order of the court S/ Joseph Grisham, Dep. Clerk,

I do further solemnly swear that my Occupation is agriculture and that I am not able to pursue it so as to afford my support, that the number of my family residing with me is three a wife and three children, to wit, Thomas a son, about twenty-five years of age Labors exclusively for himself, Elizabeth, a Daughter about thirteen years of age not able by her labor to support herself my Wife Elizabeth about fifty-five years of age very infirm and unhealthy. And I do further solemnly swear that I am in debt about thirty Dollars necessarily for the support of my family and that I have no other means of extricating myself there from other than as exhibited above,

S/ Richard Gully, X his mark

State of South Carolina Pendleton District:

On this sixth day of July 1821 before me Joseph Grisham Notary Public and a Justice of Quorum for the District and State aforesaid, Personally came and appeared Richard Gulley, who on his oath declares that he is the same person to formerly belonged to the company commanded a Captain William Barrett in the Regiment commanded by Colonel George Baylor in the Service of the United States; That his name was placed on the pension roll of the State of Georgia from whence he has lately removed that he now resides in the District of Pendleton and State of South Carolina where he intends to remain and wishes his pension to be there payable in future.

S/ Richard Gulley, X his mark

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State of Georgia County of Elbert:

On this seventh day of March 1828 before me, the subscriber a justice of the Peace, for the County of Elbert personally appeared Richard Gulley who, on his oath, declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the Company commanded by Captain William Barratt in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Washington in the service of the United States; that his name was placed on the Pension Roll of the State of Georgia, and transferred to the pension roll of the State of South Carolina from whence he has lately removed; that he now resides in the State of Georgia, where he intends to remain, and wishes his Pension to be there payable, in future, And that his reasons for removing to the State of Georgia, from the State of South Carolina were, that he owned no land in the State of South Carolina and was unable to procure any, that whilst he did lived there he lived upon a small farm belonging to David Stinson a relation by family marriage, who had agreed & promised to let me (the deponent) live on the same as long as I live without charge for rent, and the said promise & agreement not being in writing the said David Stinson refused to comply with the same, or to let me stay on his said

plantation, unless I should pay him by high rent, which I was unable to do in justice to myself & family; and had an opportunity of getting a situation in Georgia Elbert County upon reasonable terms, and therefore followed and considered it prudent in me to remove to the place where I now live in the State & County first aforesaid.

Sworn and subscribed to, before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Richard Gulley, X his mark

S/ David R. James, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 19, 1819, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]