

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Gillingwater S39570  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

I William Daniel one of the Judges of the General Court of the Commonwealth of Virginia, do certify that James Gillenwaters at present resident in the County of Campbell aged about fifty four years this day [3 Nov 1818] came before me and made the following declaration after being first duly sworn, that is to say, That sometime in the year 1780 in the County of Amherst in Virginia he enlisted as a common soldier in the service of the United States for the term of Eighteen months in the Revolutionary War that he joined the Army at Hillsborough in North Carolina, and was under the immediate Command of Captain Wm. Newell (or Ewel) subject to the command of Lt. Colo [Samuel] Hawes – he believes of the second Virginia Regiment – that he served his term of Eighteen months and was discharged at Salsbury [sic: Salisbury NC], which discharge he has lost – that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said service except the affidavits of James Peters, and James Evans which are certified by John Harris & W. J. Freeland Justices of the Peace of this Commonwealth, by which affidavits now also exhibited to my view and appear to have been made in common form & solemnity, the above statement & declaration of the said James Gillenwaters appear to be supported, – That he the said James Gillenwaters was in the Battle at Guilford Courthouse [15 Mar 1781] where he was wounded in the Heel and Ankle leg which said wound he has ever since been lamed, and that he is now in reduced circumstances and needs the assistance of his Country for support – and on this same day came before me Elisha Gillinwaters brother of the said James and being duly sworn saith, that he well knows that the aforesaid James Gillinwaters is a man without any Estate or other means of support except his own personal labour and that he is infirm & lame by consequence of the wound in his heel and ankle, and needs the aid of his Country for support –

James Gillingwater of the County of Campbell and state of Virginia, personally appeared in open Court for said County, it being a Court of record, and made oath to the following Declaration, to wit, that he is aged about sixty five years, that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, he inlisted as a private soldier for eighteen months in the service of the united states & served his first term under the command of Col Haw, and General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene], from the laps of time and infirmity of age he cannot now particularly remember the member [number?] of his regiment, that he was at the battle of Gilford N.C. where he was wounded in his left leg, as will more fully appear by his former declaration bearing date on the [blank] day of [blank] that he has drawn a pension by vertue of a certificate issued from the war department bearing date the fifteenth day of May 1819 – of eight dollars per month, commencing from the third day of Dec'r. 1818.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 following scedule subscribed by me.

That his family consist of himself only, and from infirmity he has resided with his Brother for many years past  
James hisXmark Gillingwater  
Campbell County Court November 16th 1820

Schedule

A small debt due from D. Stratton suppose	\$5.00
a small debt due from Cobbs – [one or two illegible words] & insolvent say	<u>15.00</u>

I have in [illegible word] 5 or 6 [five illegible words]

20.00

10.

30.00

James hisXmark Gillingwater

NOTE: On 31 Mar 1855 the guardian of James Gillingwater of Cabell County VA (now WV) applied for bounty land on his behalf.