

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Gilliam S6889

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State of North Carolina, Davidson County

On this 13th day of September 1832 personally appeared before Charles Hoover one of the Justices of the County of Davidson & State aforesaid John Gilliam a resident of the County of Davidson & State of North Carolina aged 78 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 7th, 1832.

That he entered the United States service under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He entered the Service as a volunteer in the year 1776 or '77 but in consequence of the paralyzing effect of disease upon his memory he does not distinctly recollect the time when he entered the service. Salisbury in Rowan County N. C. was the place of rendezvous. He was there put under the command of Captain Hedrick [Peter Hedrick] & commenced a campaign against the Indians who infested the Western part of North Carolina & the Eastern part of Tennessee. He marched through the Western part of North Carolina across the Allegheny mountains and marched into the State of Tennessee to an Indian village called Valley Town where they fought a battle¹ with the Indians in which engagement they were killed and took prisoners many of the Indians soon after the battle he returned to Rowan County (now Davidson) which was then his place of residence & he has resided there ever since the termination of the Revolution. He served four months and this tour.

In the year 17__ he again entered the service of the United States a substitute for Till Tilman. The North Carolina troops assembled at Salisbury from thence they marched to Charlotte from thence to Camden past Camden to Augusta from Augusta to Stono Creek² where they fought a severe battle with the British Army at which battle he was commanded by Captain David Cowan Colonel Lytle [Archibald Lytle] & General Ash [John Ashe]. Soon after the battle at Stono Creek he received a discharge from Colonel Lytle & a returned to Rowan County N. C. during this campaign he served four months & he states that he has lost his discharge & he further states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Chas. Hoover, JP

S/ John Gilliam, X his mark

[Isaiah Spurgin, a clergyman, and Randall Brummell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

1 Applicant appears to be describing the campaign undertaken in the summer and fall of 1776 by General Griffith Rutherford. http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_expedition_1776.html

2 The Battle of Stono Ferry occurred on June 20, 1779

[Facts in file: Veteran appears to have died about August 15, 1835 as there is a certificate in the file indicating that as the cutoff date for payments due his heirs.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the North Carolina militia.]