

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Robert Gill SC3120
Audited Account No. 2832

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To the President & members of the Senate of South Carolina

The petition of Elizabeth Gill humbly Sheweth

That she is the widow of Robert Gill Deceased a Soldier in the Service of the United States & that her husband the Aforesaid Robert in the year 1780 was under the command of General Sumter [Thomas Sumter] in Captain Alexander Pagan's Company and at the Battle of Fishing Creek [August 18, 1780] Otherwise Sumter's Defeat the said Robert in his Retreat or flight therefrom had a mare, Saddle & Bridle taken from him the British under the Command of Colonel Tarleton [Bannister Tarleton] Reference being had to the Annexed Affidavits respecting Value thereof. Your Petitioner further Sheweth that sometime in the year 1781 the said Robert Gill was employed by General Sumter to make some Swords for the troops under his command & that said Robert had completed twelve of said swords & on his way to Sumter's Army he said Robert was taken prisoner by a party of Tories & said Swords taken from him Reference being had to the annexed affidavits respecting Value thereof. Your petitioner furthermore saith that Shortly after the war her husband the said Robert died leaving her with five small Children to raise by her own industry her husband having Spent his youth & early part of near [word obliterated] life in the Service of his Country & by loss in the war She was low in Circumstances but through the Assistance of Providence She raised her family & now near thirty-five years has passed Since the Death of said Robert she now presents this petition with an aged hand & broken constitution occasioned in part by her hardships. She now in the name of her Deceased partner invokes Your Honorable Body as her Countrymen & representatives to Give her some Assistance in her old Age as she has asked nothing till she is in need & the State able to pay.

And petitioner as in duty Bound will ever pray etc.

S/ Elizabeth Gill, X her mark

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November 29, 1819

[paper damaged and part of text missing] of the Committee on Claims on the Petition of Elizabeth Gill

December 9th, 1819

Resolved that the House agreed to the Report

petition & vouchers delivered to Mr. Woody by order of House

December 4th, 1826

S/ RA CHR [Chairman]

[p 16: Substantially the same petition as above but this one address to the South Carolina House of Representatives except in this petition she says her husband left her with 4 children at the time of his death.]

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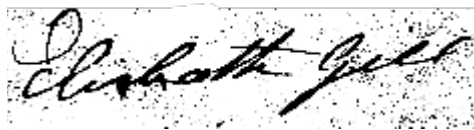
To the Honorable the President & members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina
The petition of Elizabeth Gill Humbly Sheweth

That her late husband Robert Gill Deceased served through the Revolutionary war in the service of this State under General Sumter that at Sumter's defeat he lost a valuable mare Saddle & Bridle at that time worth about one hundred & thirty dollars & that in the year 1781 the said Robert being a Smith [blacksmith] & Cutler was employed by General Sumter to make a number of Swords for the Cavalry then under his Command and was also Swords for Some of the officers that he did therefore under the said order & on the Credit of the State make twelve Swords & found the materials said Swords being worth __

Add on his way to the Army with the said Swords for the purpose of delivering them he was attacked by the enemy & beat by them & all the Swords were taken from him that the said Robert soon afterwards in the year 1786 died without ever having received any compensation or remuneration whatever for the said Mare Saddle Bridle & Swords. Your petitioner further Sheweth that she is still a widow & very poor & dependent on the Charity of her friends for her support. She therefore prays that your Honorable Body may take her case into your Consideration & Grant her the value of the aforesaid property or such other relief as may seem meet² & Proper

And your petitioner will ever pray &c

S/ Elizabeth Gill

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Elizabeth Gill", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[p 20: Report of the committee recommending that the prayer of the petition not be granted because it is unsupported by vouchers]

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To the Honorable the Speaker & members of the House of Representatives of South Carolina

² In Samuel Johnson's Dictionary of 1755, the first definition of the word "meet" he gives is "Fit; proper...." Johnson noted that even at that time the word "meet" was rarely so used. It must have become fairly popular in South Carolina in the early 1800's, however, as it appears in many petitions submitted to the SC Legislature.

The memorial of Elizabeth Gill Widow of Robert Gill a Soldier in the Revolutionary War humbly Sheweth that your Memorialist was of a family who were all true friends to their Country in that great Struggle. She further Sheweth that though a woman She Suffered many privations in those trying times in consequence of her husband & his Brothers & her own Brothers' friendship to the cause of their country the United States. She further Sheweth that her husband Robert Gill was a Blacksmith was Sent by Sumter home to make a quantity of Swords for the use of the Army & when he had made Twelve Swords worth eight dollars each \$96 – and was on his way with them to Sumter's Army he was made prisoner of by a party of the enemy on Black River the Swords Taken, also a Mare Saddle & Bridle worth one hundred & thirty dollars taken at Sumter's defeat for which he nor his representatives never received anything. Your memorialist further Sheweth that Soon after the close of the war her husband died leaving her with five Small children to raise which she done with much hardship. She still remains his widow and is now old & infirm in her seventy-fifth year.

She therefore hopes your Honorable body will take her case into consideration & Grant her Relief Either by Paying Her the Value of the Lost Property or by Placing Her on the Pension List as she is in possession of no property & not able to Labor for a support & Your Memorialist as in duty bound will ever pray.

S/ Elizabeth Gill, X her mark

[Acknowledged in Chester District South Carolina on November 28, 1828]

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South Carolina Chester District } Margret Morrow came before me & made oath that she believes all the facts stated in the within petition be True She further Saith that as men were scarce at the time the Swords was made She helped to Strike to draw the blades of some of the Swords.

Sworn to & signed this 28 November 1828 before me

S/ P. Wylie, JP

S/ Margret Morrow, X her mark

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South Carolina Chester District } Mrs. Mary Mills came before me & made oath that She is well acquainted with Elizabeth Gill who is now petitioning the Legislature of South Carolina for a remuneration for property law by her husband Robert Gill during the Revolutionary War (or to be placed on the pension list of this State). This deponent furthers Saith that she knows that Robert Gill above named made a quantity of Swords for Sumter's Army & started to go to the Army with them & the common report was that the Enemy of the Country fell in with him & took the Swords from him as also a Mare that he Rode & this deponent further Saith that She verily believes that the said Robert Gill lost the above property while in the service of his Country & this deponent further Saith that the widow Elizabeth above named above said Robert is now old & infirm & in Great need of Assistance.

Sworn to and signed this 17th 1829 before

S/ Peter Wylie, JP

S/ Mary Mills



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South Carolina Chester District } William McGarity a Whig of the Revolution came before me & made oath that he was well acquainted with Robert Gill the deceased husband of Elizabeth Gill who is now applying for a Remuneration for property lost in the Revolutionary War as also with her the petitioner & he further Saith that he saw said Robert Gill at Work making Swords during the Said War & that said Gill told this deponent that they were for Sumter & this deponent further saith that it was the common Report that said Robert Gill when taking said Swords to Sumter's Army the enemy of the Country attacked him & took said Swords from him & this deponent further Saith that he verily believes said Gill Lost said Swords whilst in the Service of his Country as he this deponent well knew said Gill was a true friend to his Country. Sworn to & signed this 20th of November 1829 before me

S/ Peter Wylie, JP

S/ William McGarity, X his mark

South Carolina Chester District } crawl George Gill³ a Whig of the Revolution Came before me & made oath that he is now well acquainted with Elizabeth Gill who is applying for a remuneration for property lost in the Revolutionary War by her deceased Husband Robert Gill & further saith that he this deponent saw Robert Gill at work at making the Swords mentioned in the above affidavit & that he this deponent did assist to Collect Sythes [scythes] to make said Swords & further saith the common Report was that said Robert Gill lost said swords as set forth above & this deponent saith he believes he did lose them in the Service of his Country & knew said Gill be a true friend to his Country & further saith that Elizabeth Gill is old infirm & poor Sworn to & signed this 24 November 1829

S/ Peter Wylie, JP

S/ Geo. Gill

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Geo. Gill". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

[p 29: The committee to which the petition was referred again recommended that the petition be rejected without stating a reason for such decision.]

³ [George Gill S21229](#)