

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Alexander Gilmore W10056 Rebecca Gilmore VA
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Harrison county }

On this 13th day of August AD 1832 personally appeared before the probate court of Harrison county state of Indiana, a court of record so declared by the act of the legislature creating said court, Alexander Gilmore in the sixty ninth year of his age, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his solemn oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the act of congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served during the term of service herein stated, to wit; first; a term of three months in the state troops of Va beginning some time in December 1779 & ending in March 1780. He was drafted for the aforesaid term and served in a company commanded by captain George Baxter whose company was attached to a regiment commanded by colonel John Boyers [sic: John Bowyer]; that immediately after he entered on this term of service, he marched through Richmond Va and down the James river to Oldtown & from that to Long bridge fort [probably Fort Murray at Great Bridge] near the Dismal Swamp where the british then lay, and there remained until he was discharged

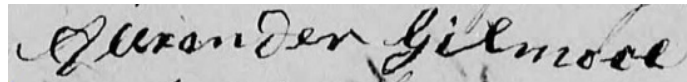
And second; a term of eighteen days in the month of June 1781; he served this term of service as a mounted volunteer in captain Alexander Herin's [possibly Alexander Herring's] company & under colonel Benjamin Harris, against a company of Tories who had formed themselves into a body and were committing depredations on the settlements on the south branch of the Potomac.

Third; a term of three months in the state troops of Virginia, that he was drafted for the aforesaid term and entered on its service on or about the 16th day of July 1781 and ended on the 16th day of October three days before the surrender of lord Cornwallis. He served in captain Richard Ragan's [Richard Reagan's] company, and the regiment to which his company was attached was commanded by colonel Knoll [sic: William Nall] until they reached head quarters at or near York Town and was then placed under the field officers who commanded during that siege.

Fourth; a term of thirty days which he served as a substitute for his brother James Gilmore who was drafted for the aforesaid length of time; that he served this term of service under the command of lieutenant Archibald McKinney who commanded a small company of men not attached to any other company or body of men, nor commanded by any higher officer, that he performed these services on the head waters of Green river principally in what is now called Lincoln county Kentucky, and that this company was drafted for the special purpose of scouring the country and watching the motions of the Indians and to prevent them from committing depredations on the settlements, then a frontier. He is not able to state positively the time at which he performed this term of service, but from the best of his recollection he thinks it was some time in the spring or summer of 1788

And lastly a term of about twenty eight days as a mounted volunteer in General Scott's campaign against the Indians on the Wabash in the months of May and June 1791. During this campaign he was in the company commanded by captain Brown and he states that he was well acquainted with all the principal officers in command, to wit, Gen Scott, colonels Wilkinson and Hardin and major Barbee. The troops, eight hundred and fifty in number, left Frankfort Ky about the 25th of May and crossed the Ohio river near the mouth of the Kentucky river and directed their course straight to the Wabash near the mouth of Eel river where they burned several of the principal Indian towns and villages, destroyed their crops, killed thirty two of their warriors and took about fifty eight prisoner some of whom, the weakest and most infirm were discharged and the rest brought back to Louisville Ky, where the troops were discharged on the 14th day of June. The aforesaid applicant further states that he is a native of Rockingham county Virginia where he resided when he performed the first three terms of service mentioned in this declaration. In the year 1788 he came out on a visit to see his friends and view the

country, at which time his brother James was drafted for thirty days, and he, by agreement with his brother, served for him the fourth term of service above mentioned. Some time in the year 1789 he removed from Virginia to Lincoln county Ky where he resided when he performed the last term of service aforementioned In the year 1814 he removed from Ky to Harrison county Indiana where he now resides. He states also that he served all the aforesaid terms of service as a private soldier and that he never received any compensation whatever for any of his services, except for the last under General Scott for which he received seventy five cents per day, nor does he now recollect to what compensation he was entitled by law for any of the other services. He was born in the month of June 1764 as appears by the record of ages kept by his father which is now in his possession. He never received any written discharges from his officers nor has he any documentary evidence whatever of his services, nor does he know of any person now living whose testimony he can procure to testify to any of them. He states here to the court the names of Benjamin Adams and Frederick Leslie two men of his immediate neighbourhood to whom he is known and who will testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alexander Gilmore". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some loops and flourishes characteristic of the late 18th or early 19th century.

NOTES:

The fourth and last terms of service occurred after the Revolutionary War. Gilmore was pensioned for six months and 18 days service.

On 5 Nov 1845 Rebecca Gilman, about 70, stating that she was married in Lincoln County on 20 Oct 1789 by David Rice, a Presbyterian minister, to Alexander Gilmore, who died on 8 Oct 1843. On 11 May 1846 John B. Smith of Shelby County KY stated that he had been present at the wedding of Alexander Gilmore and Rebecca Smith. On 12 Sep 1847 John McMahan stated that he became acquainted with Alexander and Rebecca Gilmore in Hardin County about 40 years previously, at which time they had a daughter at least 18 years old as well as younger children. On 5 May 1848 Rebecca Gilmore was said to be 74.