

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Gillison (Gilleson) W10061 Jane Gillison f56SC  
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The State of South Carolina, Pickens District

On this the 8th day of April 1845 personally appeared before the Court of Ordinary (a court of record) for Pickens District in the State aforesaid Jane Gillison a resident of the State and District aforesaid aged ninety-two years, who being first duly sworn doth on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain a Pension. That she is the widow of James Gillison who was a private Soldier in the war of the Revolution, in the Patriot Army, but according to the best of her knowledge and belief the said James Gillison served more than three years in the said war, that he was at the Battle of Kettle Creek<sup>1</sup> in the State of Georgia in the Battle of the Cowpens<sup>2</sup> in the State of South Carolina under the command of Colonel Andrew Pickens, That he was also in the Battle of Long-Cain [sic, Long Canes]<sup>3</sup>, detached from Colonel Pickens command under Captain Liddle [George Liddell] that she has no documentary evidence to support her claim, that her said husband James Gillison departed this life absent from home according to the best of her recollection in the year 1813, that she was informed by letter that he died in the State of Maryland near of Annapolis she further declares that she was married to the said James Gillison in the latter part of the year 1779. That the said James Gillison did most of his service in the upper part of South Carolina under the command of Colonel Pickens & Major Noble [Alexander Noble] in the Company of Captain Baskins [William Baskins], she further declares that her Husband is the identical James Gillison who services has been proved by David Verner<sup>4</sup> and that in consequence of her husband's devotion to Liberty while the British had possession of Ninety Six a Tory Captain by the name of John Sloan ordered her from home and said if she did not go the Troops would be sent to make her go, the order was obeyed, and the consequence was the House was plundered, and that she is still a widow of the said James Johnson.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before  
S/ William D. Steele, Judge of the court of Ordinary

S/ Jane Gillison, X her mark

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<sup>1</sup> Kettle Creek February 14, 1779 <https://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790214-kettle-creek/>

<sup>2</sup> January 17, 1781 [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_cowpens.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_cowpens.html)

<sup>3</sup> December 12, 1780 [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_long\\_canes.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_long_canes.html)

<sup>4</sup> [David Verner S21550](#)

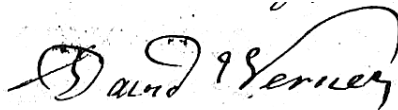
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The State of South Carolina, Anderson District

Personally appeared David Verner (a revolutionary Soldier) before me the Subscribing Magistrate of in and for the said District, and made oath, that in the time of the revolutionary War, he was well acquainted with James Gillison a revolutionary Soldier in the time of the revolutionary War, that he Served with him, that he was a true friend to his country, that he knew him to be in the Battle at Kettle Creek, in the State of Georgia, that he was attached to and was a private in Captain Baskins Company, under command of Major Captain Noble & Colonel Pickens, that he was at the wedding, when the said James Gillison was married to a Miss Jane Haynie, before the close of the revolutionary War, that they were married in what was then called Ninety Six District in South Carolina.

Sworn and Subscribed to this 13th day of September A.D. 1845 Before me  
S/ James Gilmer, Magistrate

S/ David Verner



State of South Carolina, District of Pickens: SS

On this Second day of June 1847 appeared personally before W D Steele, O & Ex Off a Magistrate in and for the District aforesaid, Israel Gillison, Jonathan Gillison, Elijah Gillison Esther Gillison, the only surviving children of Jane Gillison deceased who made application for a Pension under the act of Congress of 4th of July 1836 (3rd Section) and made the following Declaration for the purpose of relinquishing the claim of their deceased mother to a Pension under the aforesaid I am declaring it under the act of 1838.

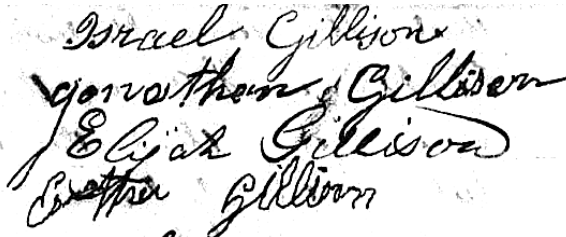
That Jane Gillison the applicant aforesaid did depart this life on the 15th day of March 1847 of the present year, and that they are her only living children, and as it now devolved upon them to represent her in this matter, they do hereby relinquish all claim to a Pension in her behalf under the act of 1836, and claim the same under the act of 1838, as is intimated by the Commissioner of Pensions in his letter of 25 July 1846 may be allowed.

S/ Israel Gillison

S/ Jonathan Gillison

S/ Elijah Gillison

S/ Esther Gillison



Sworn to and subscribed the day and year last above written before me.

S/ William D. Steele, Ordy & Ex. Off. M. P. D.

[p 26: On September 7, 1846, Mrs. Rachel Lawrence of Pickens District SC gave testimony that James and Jane Gillison were married she thinks before the battle of Cowpens.]

[p 4: Family Bible Record:

Archibald Gillison of James Gillison & Jean his Wife was born August ye 22<sup>nd</sup> 1783

Samuel Gillison was born January 28<sup>th</sup> 1784

Israel Gillison was born March ye 9<sup>th</sup> 1786

Jonathan Gillison was born February he 9<sup>th</sup> 1788

A photograph of a rectangular stone tablet with handwritten text in cursive. The text records the births of four Gillison children: Archibald (Aug 22, 1783), Samuel (Jan 28, 1784), Israel (Mar 9, 1786), and Jonathan (Feb 9, 1788). The tablet is weathered and the ink is dark.

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Gillison & Jean his Wife was born  
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[p 40 & p 51: There is correspondence in the file relating to the circumstances of the death of James Gillison while on a trip to sell cattle and purchase Negroes in Maryland in partnership with General Pickens and son.]

[p 58: SC Comptroller's certificate of payments made to James Gillison :

A handwritten document on aged paper, likely a certificate of payments. It is dated May 14, 1846, from the Comptroller General's office in Columbia, SC. It details payments made to James Gillison for militia duty in 1785 and for horseman services in 1779 and 1780. The total amount is £15:0:0. The document is signed by J. Aug. Black.

Comptroller Genl's office  
Columbia S.C. May 14<sup>th</sup> 1846

Book O  
Indnt 439 } Paid 21<sup>st</sup> April 1785 to Mr. James Gillison  
for fifteen Pounds sterling duty done in  
the militia as pr account audited  
Paid £15:0:0. Am. int. £1:1:0

Book O  
Account 439 } James Gillison's account of militia duty  
done pr Capt. Andrew Miller's pay 13<sup>th</sup> Decr  
20 days as horseman, also for militia duty  
pr Col. Anderson's returns in 1779 & 1780  
Amounting to sterling £15:0:0

I certify the above to be a true copy from the Records  
in this office  
For Comptroller Genl.  
J. Aug. Black

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1843 4 her husband service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts <sup>5</sup> relating to James Gillison	pp18
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[Note: In 1846 the above named children of the veteran plus Jane Gillison applied to the South Carolina Legislature for the pension due to their father. The petition was denied on the basis of there being no applicable state pension act that would have allowed a pension to a veteran who died in 1813.]

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<sup>5</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.