

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Gilmore W355

Elizabeth Gilmore

f37SC

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State of Tennessee } SS.

Fayette County }

On this the fifth day of July in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and forty two personally appeared before the Worshipful County Court of the County of Fayette in the State of Tennessee the same being a court of record Elizabeth Gilmore a resident of the County of Fayette & State aforesaid aged about seventy nine years who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress, passed July seventh in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and thirty eight, entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows." That she is the widow of Joseph Gilmore who was a soldier in the revolutionary war and was to the best of her recollection a private in the militia of the State of South Carolina and served about five years. She cannot state the year when the said Joseph entered the service but recollects that he was in the service at the time of the battle at Savannah in the State Georgia<sup>1</sup> was wounded in that engagement and that he was in the service at the time of the capture of Lord Cornwallis [Yorktown, October 19, 1781]. He served generally in the division of the army under the command of General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] but whether all the time she cannot recollect. That the s'd Joseph at the time he entered the army resided in that part of the State of South Carolina which afterwards and at this time bears the name of Spartinsburg [sic, Spartanburg] District. He was a volunteer in every instance except the trip which he took when at the battle of Savannah on which occasion he was drafted. He was in the following engagements which she can now call to her recollection to wit at Savannah as before stated in which he was wounded in the right hand. At the defeat of General Gates,<sup>2</sup> at the battle at Blackstocks Mill,<sup>3</sup> at the battle at Hill's Iron works in the State of South Carolina,<sup>4</sup> at the battle at King's Mountain,<sup>5</sup> and also at the battle at the Cowpens.<sup>6</sup> She does not recollect any country through which he marched. She further states that the said Joseph during a few of the latter years of his life was a Pensioner she cannot state when he became such but that he died on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February in the year 1825 a pensioner and had been such for a period of some seven or ten years previous to his death and drew his pension at Nashville in the State of Tennessee. He died in Blunt [sic, Blount] County in the State of Alabama. She further declares that she was married to the said Joseph Gilmore on the ninth day of March in the year seventeen hundred & Eighty two or Eighty three but which of the above named years she is unable to state That she remained the wife of the said Joseph Gilmore up to the period of his death which took place

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790916-savannah/> September 16-October 9, 1779

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_camden.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_camden.html) August 15-16, 1780

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_blackstocks.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_blackstocks.html) November 20, 1780

<sup>4</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_hills\\_iron\\_works.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_hills_iron_works.html) Hill's Iron Works June 18, 1780

<sup>5</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_kings\\_mountain.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html) October 7, 1780

<sup>6</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_cowpens.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_cowpens.html) January 17, 1781

on the 23rd day of February 1825 as before stated; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service; but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four viz, at the time above stated.

S/ Elizabeth Gilmore, X her mark

[Facts in File: On 19 July 1842 in Henry County TN, Elender Alexander, sister of Elizabeth Gilmore, stated that the marriage to Joseph Gilmore occurred in March 1782. On 21 July 1842 in Maury County TN Mary Mathews certified that her brother, Joseph Gilmore, was married in Spartanburg District shortly after serving in the Revolutionary War and that he “drew a pension for several years before his Death for a wound he received in his hand at the Battle of Savannah in Georgia.”]

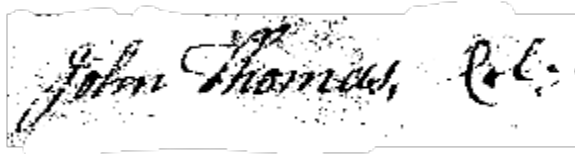
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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>7</sup> relating to Joseph Gilmore pp8  
Audited Account No. 2861  
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[p 2]  
No. 27:, 18 March 1784  
Mr. Joseph Gilmore his Account of a Gun lost in 1779 at Savannah  
Charged £3.2.5 [Sterling]  
NB: General Marion would never give a certificate for Guns lost  
Ex<sup>d</sup>. T. W. [Examined by T. W. [identity unknown]]  
J. M<sup>c</sup>. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]  
Rejected S/ ED

[p 3]  
State of South Carolina  
to Joseph Gilmore Dr.  
1779  
November  
21 Rifle Gun lost in Service and Said State  
appraised to £56.3.15 So. [South Carolina] Currency  
in Sterling money by Scale of Depreciation £3.2.5

Joseph Gillmore [sic] maketh oath before me that he being wounded at the Siege of Savannah there lost one [undeciphered word] gun valued at \$350, and I do Certify that he said Joseph Gillmore [sic] was wounded at the said Siege and that he lost his gun there, which gun he saith on oath, that he lost, in consequence of his being in the public service. –  
Sworn to before and certified by me the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 1780  
S/ John Thomas, Colonel



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<sup>7</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.

[p 5]

[No.] 3512

No. 114

[Book] X

9 August 86 [1786]

Joseph Gilmore, for Militia duty, before, & Since the fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] in Roebuck's [Benjamin Roebuck's] Regiment, per Anderson's [Col. Robert Anderson's] return [not extant] –

[old South Carolina] Currency £524.10

Stg. [Sterling] £74.18.6 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

Received 9 August 1786, full Satisfaction for the within, in an Indent No. 3512 – X, per Order

S/ C. C. Schutt



[p 6: Repeat of the above information]

[p 7]

Know all men by these presents that I Joseph Gilmore of the County of Spartanburg in the State of South Carolina for Divers good Causes and Considerations me hereunto moving I Do ordain Constitute and appoint trusty and good friend Captain John goen [sic, John Gowen] of the County and State aforesaid my true and lawful Attorney in my name and in my account and for use to ask Demand and Receive my Indent or Account with Lawful Intrust [sic, Interest] for the same as by the Legislative has provided in the same Due to me for my Services done in the upper Spartan Regiment in Captain Parsins [Captain Major Parsons] and I Do hereby Ratify and Confirm all that my attorney shall Lawfully do in Receiving of my Indent with Interest for my use as if I myself were personally present in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord 1786

Signed, sealed and delivered

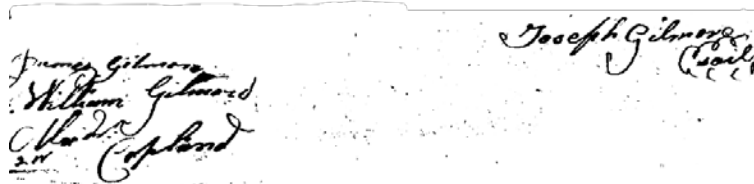
in the presence of

S/ James Gilmore

S/ William Gilmore

S/ Alexander Copland [?]

S/ Joseph Gilmore {Seal}



[p 8]

I over to give my Power to draw the mentioned And that out of the Treasury to Mr. C. C. Schutt

Charleston 10 January 1786

S/ Jno. Gowen

