

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Gill W3978
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[p 7]

State of South Carolina, York District

On this the eighteenth day of October in the year of our Lord 1832, personally appeared in open Court before William D. Martin Judge of the Court of General Sessions & Common Pleas, now sitting, Thomas Gill a resident of York District in the State of South Carolina, aged sixty-nine years, ten months 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 service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

The Petitioner states that he entered the service of the United States under Captain James Gill, under the command of Major Adair [John Adair], that he thinks it was in the month of June (day of the month not recollected) in the year 1779 or 1780 that he entered the service – in this tour he continued three months, he was stationed at the Four-Hole River about 40 miles above Charleston – that he was in no engagement with the enemy, -- that he was sent with others, from the Four-Hole station up to Orangeburg and thence to the Forks of the Edisto River in pursuit of the renegade & Tory Captain Cunningham [William "Bloody Bill" Cunningham]. The petitioner further states that in the ensuing fall he enrolled himself under Captain John Mills, who commanded a Troop or company of Rangers in Chester District, and that he continued in this service about six months – that although he was in no battle during this period yet the troops to which he was attached, were a great service, in awing & keeping in subjection the Tories of Chester & the adjoining districts and that they were constantly and always on the alert to put down the enemies of their country – that he cannot recollect particularly in what month he left the service – He was living in Chester District, South Carolina when he entered the service – that he lived there until about 30 years since when he removed to York District, where he has ever since resided – that he was drafted in the first tour and served as a volunteer in the second – he was engaged in no battle. He ranged the country in his first trip from about 40 miles above Charleston, to some distance above Orangeburg – In the second tour of his service, he scoured the country for 15 or 20 miles on each side of Sandy River in Chester District South Carolina.

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.

He answers, to

Interrogatory 1st He was born in State of Pennsylvania in the year 1762.

Answer 2. He has a record of his age, now in his possession.

Answer 3. He was living, in Chester District, South Carolina when called into service – and has resided there and in York District since the revolutionary war – he now resides in York District, South Carolina.

Answer 4. In his first service he was drafted, the second he went as a volunteer.

Answer 5. He names ~~Major Adair~~ & General Henderson he recollects no regiments – his service was of

one of much difficulty, hazard & inconvenience.

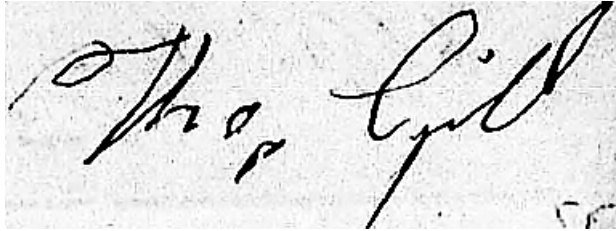
Answer 6. He never received a written discharge.

Answer 7. He refers to ___ as persons who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Sworn to & subscribed same day & year above written in open Court.

S/ A. McWhorter, Clerk

S/ Thos. Gill

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thos. Gill". The ink is dark and the paper appears aged and slightly textured.

[Robert Y. Russell, a clergyman and George Davis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of South Carolina, York District

On this the 24th day of July in the year of our Lord 1835, personally appeared in open Court before Benjamin Chambers Judge of the Court of Ordinary for York District State of South Carolina, now sitting, Thomas Gill a resident of said State & District, age seventy-one years & seven months, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following addition to his declaration heretofore made, to wit October 18th, 1832, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 & to remove the objections to his declaration – The petitioner states that he served under Captain James Gill, three months – under Captain John Mills, six months-- making in all nine months – Petitioner served as a private in both of the tours he made his under captains Gill & Mills as afore said – The Petitioner states, that he has no documentary evidence & nor can he produce a living witness to substantiate his claim – the proof cannot be had – The Petitioner states that the paper which he has in his possession relative to his age was copied from a record in his father's Bible, which is not in witness's possession, but is in the State of Alabama as Petitioner believes, but he has the copy in his possession & when in his former declaration he said he had a record in his possession, he meant the copy spoken of above. He has no other record in his possession.

Sworn to & subscribed same day & year above written in open Court.

S/ Thomas Gill

[p 12: On Dec. 31, 1843, in York District, SC, Rebecca Gill, 74, made application for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Thomas Gill, a pensioner of the US for services performed in the Revolution; that she married him on June 27, 1793; that he died December 16, 1839. She signed her application with her mark. Williamson Byers testifies that her maiden name was Rebecca Curry.]

[p 5: Family record:

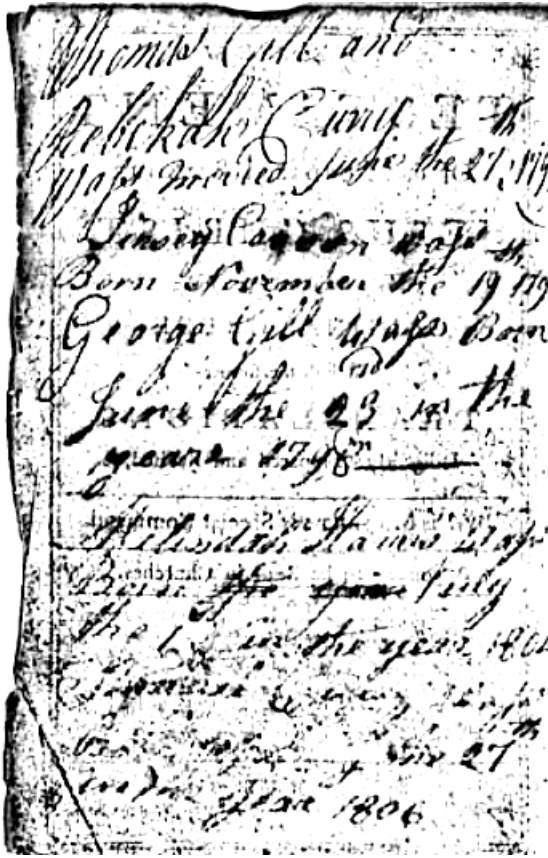
Thomas Gill and Rebekah Curry wass meried June the 27th 1793

Linsey Carson was Born November the 19th 1794

George Gill was Born June the 23rd in the yeare 1798

Melindah Starnes wass Born July the 1st in the yeare 1804

[illegibly faint entry]... the 27th in the year 1806



[Rebecca Gill removed to Buncombe County, NC]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the South Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Thomas Gill, Junior pp 7
Audited Account No. 2834

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[Book] I [No.] 263 21st September 84 [1784]

Mr. Thomas Gill Junior his Account of 28 days Militia Duty in 1782

Amounting to £2 Stg [Sterling]

Ex^d. W. G. [Examined by William Galvan]

J. M^c. A. G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

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State of South Carolina Dr. [Debtor] to Thomas Gill Junior
commenced

29 June 1782 To twenty Eight Days a Soldier under Captain James Gill £ S D

¹ 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.

at 10S [10 shillings old SC currency] per day

Stg. 14.00.0
£2

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Received the 21st September 1784 the full Amount of the within Account in a Treasury Indent No. 263,
I for Thomas Gill

S/ Phillip Walker

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Phillip Walker". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

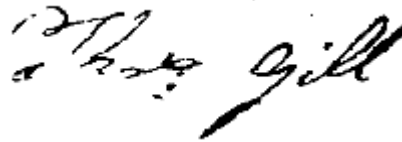
South Carolina Camden District } Personally appeared Before me Thomas Gill & made Oath as the law
Directs that the within Account is [paper cut off at this point]

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I do hereby empower Mr. Phillip Walker to receive an Indent to the Amount of my Account against the
Public of South Carolina whose Receipt Shall be a Sufficient Discharge from Gentlemen Your

Most Obedient Humble Servant

S/ Thos Gill

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thos Gill". The signature is written in a slightly slanted, upright position.

To the Commissioners of
the Treasury of the State
of South Carolina
Assigned & acknowledged before
S/ Edward Lacey, JP