

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Gilmore (Gilmor) W4680

Easter Gilmore f68NC

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State of Georgia, Hall County

On the third day of September 1832 Personally Appeared in open court before Thomas S. Tate, Joseph Dunagan and Ezekiel Buffington Judges of the Inferior Court of said County now sitting as a court of ordinary – James Gilmore of Hall County and State of Georgia aged seventy-one years – and eight 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers – Captain Robert Alexander and Lieutenant Charles Mattox Ensign Perrey Green Magnus, and marched to Mecklenburg town and there joined Head Quarters under the Command of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] and Colonel Lock [Francis Locke] Commanded the Regiment to which I was attached the month I cannot recollect but to the best of my knowledge it was in the latter part of the year 1778 or 1779 – That I resided in Lincoln County North Carolina when he entered the service that he was drafted into the service that he was not in any general engagement during that Tour of six months from head Quarters we marched to Purrysburg and stayed there something like three months in the State of South Carolina and at the Ten Mile house we joined the General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] previous to our March to Purrysburg from thence we marched up to the Two Sisters Ferry – on Savener River [sic, Savannah River] in South Carolina as it is required that I should state some of the Regular officers I was not acquainted with none of the field officers as I recollect at this time I was personally acquainted with one of the Lieutenants of the regular Army, whose name was William Adare [sic, William Adair?]. From the Sisters Ferry we marched to Briar Creek [March 3, 1779] to reinforce General Nash [sic, John Ashe] but before we reached that place, we met them in their retreat from thence we retreated back to headquarters at the Sisters Ferry – from thence we marched to Turkey Hill and there we remained until we received our discharges and there I received my discharge for my Tour of duty of six months Signed by Captain William McKenziey [William McKenzie] and the Discharge I have lost or mislaid it so that I am unable to procure it, and do not now [sic, know] of any person at this time that I am able to prove the Service by --

I then returned hoam [sic, home] to Lincoln County North Carolina I then substituted in one William Smith's place for one Tour of duty and entered the service under the command of Captain Jacob Collins – and from said County we marched to Charleston under the command of the following field officers – Viz. -- Major Harris [perhaps Benjamin Harris] Colonel Arrington [probably Henry William Harrington] we was then placed under the command of General Lincoln I served that Tour as first Sergeant of the Company – and we was there taken prisoner and received a parole for further particulars reference to the roll will more fully show as the dates -- &c.

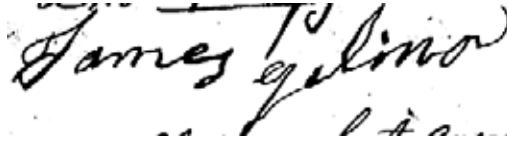
Then returned home to Lincoln County North Carolina I then was drafted and served two Tours of Duty in the Army for which I have the discharges here to show for further particulars reference to the

Discharge will more fully show.

I then returned home to Lincoln County North Carolina and remained there until the month of July 1783. I then entered the service under Captain Major Parsons – as a Ranger against the Indians and Tories – and I remained in that situation – something like six months we was then called to the aid of Colonel Kilgore to go out and burn and destroy the Indians Towns – we then had an attack by the Indians at a Town called Stocker Town from thence we returned to guard Colley's Station, on the head of Pacolet River I believe in South Carolina – And I was called out a great many times on scouting parties – that I cannot recollect – against the Indians and Tories.

S/ Ez Buffington, JIC

S/ James Gilmore

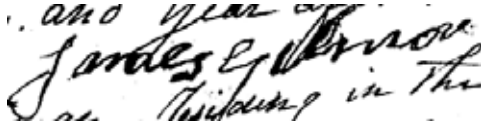


He hereby Relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State in the United States.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Ez Buffington, JIC

S/ James Gilmore



[Josiah Roberts, a clergyman, and David H. McCleskey gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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To the First Interrogatories the applicant answers

1<sup>st</sup> I was borned in the year 1760

To the Second, he answers --

I have now [sic, no] record of my age in my Father told me the last time ever saw him that I was Born'd in the month of January in the year 1760.

To the Third, he answers --

I was living in North Carolina Lincoln County and from there I moved to the State of South Carolina and from there I moved to the State of Georgia where I have lived in Hall County in said State

To the fourth he answers --

I was drafted first for one Tour of six months the Second Tour I dun [sic, done] I Substituted for one Tour of six months in the place of William Smith and the 3 and 4 Tour I was drafted and the 5 Tour of duty I volunteered and the balance of duty always – volunteered my services – when necessity required it

To the Fifth he answers --

I do not recollect none of the Regular officers – at this time except one Lieutenant by the name of William Adare I do not recollect any of the number of Regiments of the Continental or Militia Regiments: in my General Circumstances while I were in the Army – was marching from place to place and some time one thing and then another

6<sup>th</sup> for the first Tour of duty I received a discharge from Captain McKinzey and I have lost it. I have the discharge for a tour which is here annexed and my parole. Sworn to before us the day and date.

S/ Ez Buffington, JIC

S/ Thomas S. Tate, JIC

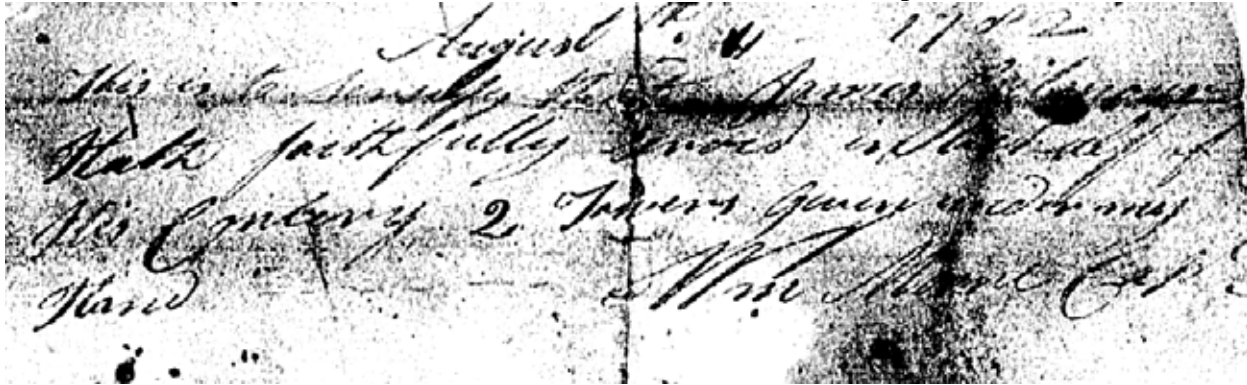
S/ Joseph Dunagan, JIC

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August 24 [?], 1782

This is to Seritfy [sic] that James Gilmore Hath faithfully served in Behalf of His Country 2 Towers Given under my Hand

S/ Wm Moore, Capt.



[p 26 printed form parole: fill-in in italics: Parole given to militia captured after the fall of Charleston, SC on May 12, 1780]

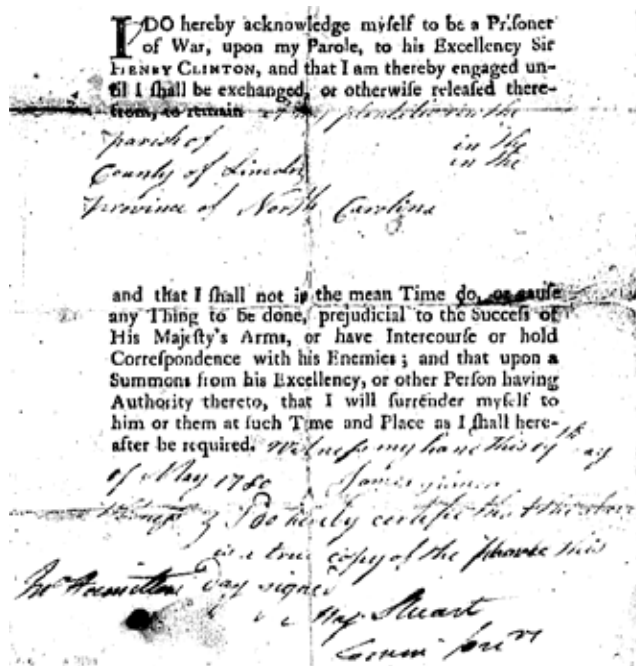
I Do hereby acknowledge myself to be a Prisoner of War, upon my Parole, to his Excellency Sir Henry Clinton, and that I am hereby engaged until I shall be exchanged, or otherwise released there from to remain *at my plantation in the parish of \_\_\_ in the County of Lincoln in the province of North Carolina* and that I shall not in the mean Time do, [text obliterated by an ink blot] any Thing to be done, prejudicial to the Success of His Majesty's Arms, or have Intercourse or hold Correspondence with his Enemies; and that upon a Summons from his Excellency, or other Person having Authority thereto, that I shall Surrender myself to him or them at such Time and Place as I shall hereafter be required. *Witness my hand this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 1780*

S/ James Gilmore

Witness: *I do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the paroled this day sign.*

S/ Maj. Stuart  
Comm Pri<sup>rs</sup>

Jno Hamilton



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State of Georgia, Hall County

Personally appeared before me an acting Justice of the Inferior Court, in and for Said County James Gilmore who being duly sworn saith that by reason [of] old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise lengths of his Services, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades.

In the year 1778 or 79 I was drafted into service for a six-month tour of duty under Capt. Robert Alexander as a private Militia man and marched to Charlotte the County Seat of Mecklenburg where I joined Col. Locke's Regiment under the Command of General Rutherford and marched to the Ten mile house near Charleston where we remained a few days and then joined Gen. Lincoln a few miles from this place we had as I was informed 7000 Regulars under his command from there we marched to a little town on the Savannah River called Purrysburg after remaining there about three months we marched to a place called the Two Sisters Ferry where we entrenched and remained skirmishing with the enemy who were only opposite side [of] the river for some weeks. We then were ordered to march and reinforce General Nash [sic, John Ashe] who lay just above us on the river but we met him retreating having been defeated we returned to headquarters and marched from there to a place called Turkey Hill where I remained until I was discharged. I returned home and sometime after I substituted in the place of a man by the name of William Smith who had been drafted into Captain Jacob Collins Company for a tour of six months I marched the last day of February or the first of March and went to Charleston and joined General Scott's Army at the Eutaw Springs I was attached to Colonel Harrington's Regiment in this Tour. I was taken prisoner after being at Charleston sometime more than two months and paroled & returned home about 1 June.

Sometime in the same year & towards the end of the year I was drafted as a private militia man into Captain William McKenzie's company for a three months tour and marched to the Black Swamp I belonged to Colonel Locke's Regiment this tour. We were then marched up the Country some distance and discharged and I returned home.

After remaining at home sometime Captain McKinzey's company was called out again. I was again drafted for three months and attached to Colonel Bell's Regiment and marched to the Edisto near Kill's Cowpens after marching in different direction is through the County for some time I was discharged & returned home.

And I further swear that the printed document or parole is now as I received it from the British and that my name was signed to it at the time I received it from them, that it has remained in my position ever since until it was sent to the War Department and has undergone no alteration whatever – I never received a Sergeant's warrant but merely an appointment by the captain.

1. I was born in the State of Maryland but do not know what the County sometime in the month of January in the year 1760 as I have been told by my father.
2. I have no record of my have [sic age] and for such service I claim a pension  
Sworn to and Subscribe before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1833.

S/ James Gilmore

S/ J. M. McAfee, JIC

[p 13: On March 23, 1844 in Hall County, Ga., Easter Gilmore, 83, filed for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of James Gilmore, a US pensioner at the rate of \$48.77 per annum; that she married said Gilmore in May 1783 in York District South Carolina; that they were married by a justice of the peace; that James Gilmore died April 15, 1841 in Hall County, Georgia; that she and her husband lived in York District South Carolina 430 years or more, then removed to Tennessee where they resided 3 months and then removed to Jackson County Georgia formerly now Hall County where her husband died; that their family record was destroyed while moving to Tennessee crossing a Creek at the foot of Cumberland Mountain where the wagon was upset in the Creek and the family Bible lost. She signed

her application with her mark.]

[Facts in file: James and Easter Gilmore are said to have had a large family but only sons William and Francis are mentioned in the file. William Gilmore married Jane [maiden name not stated] in 1809; in 1845, Jane stated she was William's widow; William and Jane had the following children:

James D. born Oct. 1810

Elizabeth born June 1, 1811

Mary born March 27, 1813

William born January 19, 1815]

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Raleigh N.C.  
Compt Office

I William H Collier Comptroller of Public Accounts  
in and for the State of North Carolina do hereby  
Certify that it appears of Record in my Office  
that James Gilmore as appears in Book E. No 15  
to have had issued in his favor of Certificates  
for Twenty pounds, Twentee Shillings & 20.14) see  
page 9 it also appears in Book No 9 page 20  
that one other Certificate was issued in his  
favor for Two pounds, Five Shillings & Four  
pence (& 2.5.4) which certificates were  
issued under the act of the Legislature in  
1782 for the purpose of paying the officers  
and Soldiers of the Revolutionary Army  
given under my hand and seal of  
Office this 12 day February A.D. 1845

Wm Collier Compt  
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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$48.77 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 14 months and 19 days in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]