

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Martin Gambill (Gambrill) ¹ W7504

Nancy Gambrill f130NC

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State of North Carolina, Ashe County

Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the third Section of the Act of Congress of the 4th of July 1836. On this 9th day of January 1850 personally appeared before James Sturgill an acting Justice of the peace in the County of Ashe and State of North Carolina Nancy Gambill a resident of the County of Ashe and State aforesaid aged 90 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th, 1836. That she is the widow of Martin Gambill deceased who was first a Sergeant then an Ensign and last a first Lieutenant in the Company of Captain William Hall under the Command of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], General Arthur Campbell and Colonel Benjamin Cleaveland [sic, Benjamin Cleveland] and was discharged after the battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] wherein he participated and was wounded in the left arm he was in many skirmishes against the Tories and was between four and five years in the service before his discharge that was during said time most Constantly in the service which he had entered as a volunteer and the wound received disabled him a great deal to follow his agricultural pursuits that she said Nancy Gambill was married to the aforesaid Martin Gambill on the 23rd day of September 1777 and that the mentioned Martin Gambill Deceased on the 20th day of February 1812 as marked on his tombstone that the family Record in the Bible has been destroyed or lost she said Nancy Gambill having been living about with her Children after her husband's said Martin Gambill Deceased and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year first above written.

S/ Jas. Sturgill, JP

S/ Nancy Gambill, X her mark

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State of North Carolina, Ashe County

On this 9th day of January 1850 personally appeared before the subscriber an acting Justice of the peace for and in the County aforesaid Thursa McMillan who after having been duly sworn agreeably to law says as follows That she has read the Discharge often to the Deceased and before the members of Martin Gambill family and said discharge was signed by General Arthur Campbell not recollection the year it was given and this affiant swears that his discharge was left at her house after said Martin Gambill[s] death and a great many of his receipts where he had discharged and paid off the soldiers in his own hand right [sic, hand writing] – I have some of his receipts in my possession at this time the discharge and some of the other papers have been destroyed by my School Children I have examined ever paper in my possession and cannot find the discharge nor the balance of the papers. The

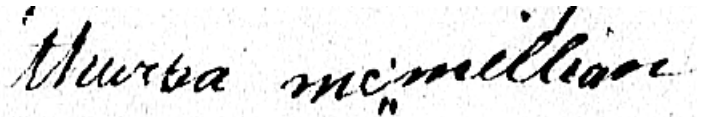
¹ BLWt24169-160-55

family Bible was left at my house after his death and it is entirely destroyed that contained their Children[']s ages and also the time they were married this affiant swears that she well recollect[s] the date of the record of their marriage which was in the hand writing of Martin Gambill Deceased which hand writing I was well acquainted with The family record of their marriage bore date the 23rd day of September 1777 being an old-fashioned Bible there was no care taken of it after his death and this affiant swears that she has seen the wound that said Martin Gambill received at the battle of King's Mountain and says that he got shot through the left arm that it hindered him the Deceased a great deal of following his agricultural pursuits This affiant swears that she has heard William Nall say often that Martin Gambill Deceased was the first lieutenant under him in the service of the revolutionary war and others that he was in service at the same time and this affiant swears that Nancy Gambill whose name Nall before she was married is the widow of the said Martin Gambill and that she has never been married since the death of her first husband I know that Martin Gambill & Nancy Gambill were called & considered a man & wife so long ago as can remember and they lived together as such and raised a family of very respectable children who now lives in Ashe and there about.

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

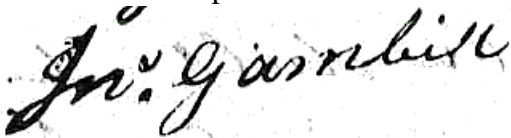
S/ Jas Sturgill, JP

S/ Thursa McMillian



[p 8: Samuel Phipps, 87, of Ashe County gave a supporting affidavit as to the reputation of Martin Gambill's having served under Captain William Nall during the revolution, and the marriage of Martin Gambill to Nancy Nall.]

[p 15: On Sept. 26, 1853, John Gambill, 82, of Wilkes County, NC gave a supporting affidavit stating that he was the nephew of Martin Gambill.



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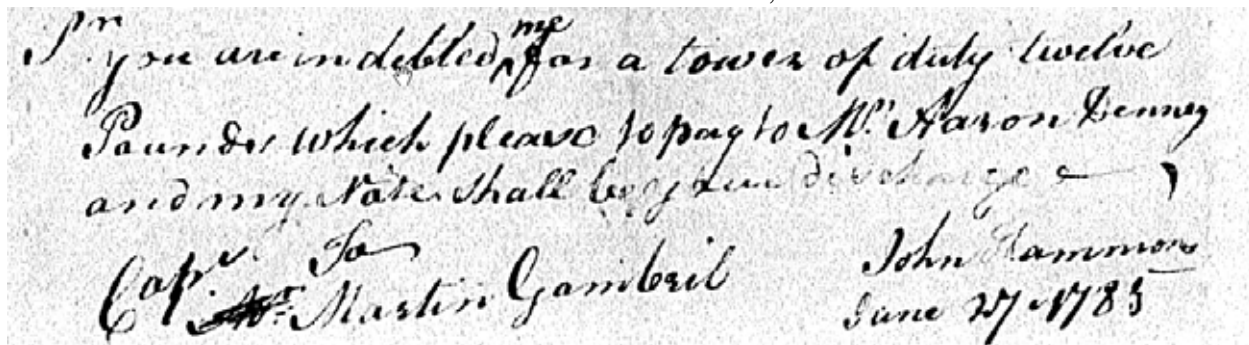
Sir

You are indebted me for a tower of duty twelve Pounds which please to pay to Mr. Aaron Denney and my Note shall be your discharge.

Capt. To Martin Gambill

S/ John Hammons

June 27, 1785



S^r you are indebted ^{me} for a tower of duty twelve Pounds which please to pay to M^r Aaron Denney and my Note shall be your discharge

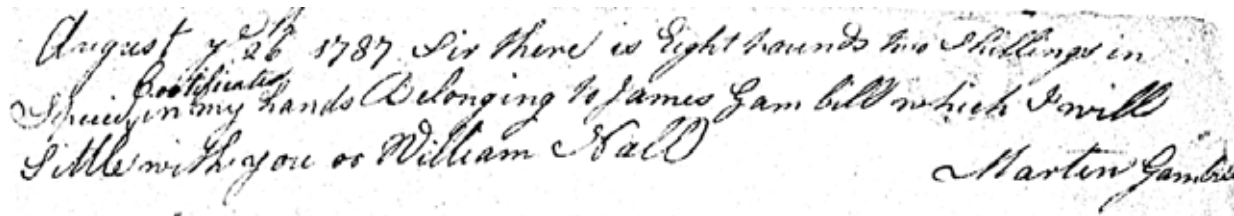
Capt. To Martin Gambill

John Hammons
June 27 1785

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August ye 26th 1787 Sir there is Eight pounds two Shillings in Specie Certificates in my hands Belonging to James Gambill which I will Settle with you or William Nall

S/ Martin Gambill



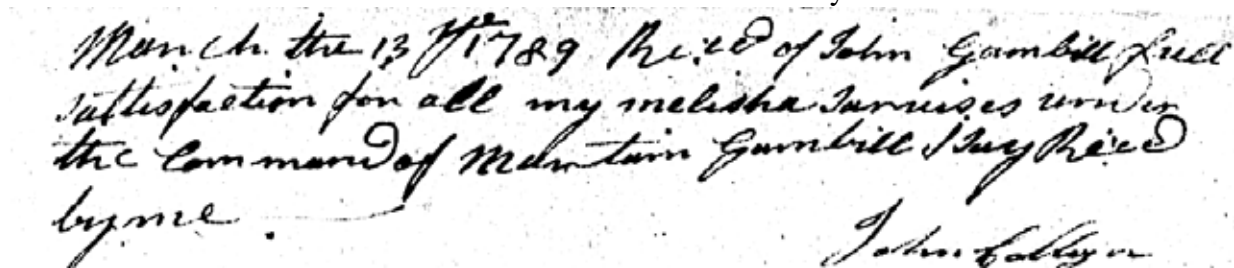
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Martin Gambill

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March the 13th 1789 Rec'd of John Gambill full satisfaction for all my militia Survises under the Command of Martin Gambill I say Rec'd by me.

S/ John Collyer



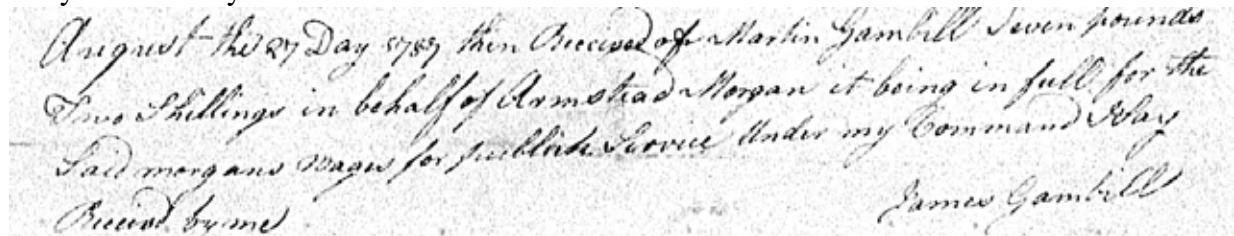
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John Collyer

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August the 27 Day 1789 then Received of Martin Gambill Seven pounds Two Shillings in behalf of Armstead Morgan it being in full for the Said Morgan's wages for publick Service Under my Command I Say Received by me

S/ James Gambill



August the 27 Day 1789 then Received of Martin Gambill Seven pounds Two Shillings in behalf of Armstead Morgan it being in full for the Said Morgans wages for publick Service Under my Command I say Received by me

James Gambill

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September 4th 1784

Sir Plese pay Isaac Morgan what Specie Sertificates Is Due me & Armstead Morgan & Alexander Richards and Joseph Pruet and this my not shall Be your Receipt for the same and in so doing you will very much oblig me.

S/ John Morgan

The above order is Executed for the same

August 13th 1795 Martin Gambill

Then Received of Martin Gambill the Full Amount of the above Orders Received pr me.

S/ Isaac Morgan

September 4th 1795

Sir please to pay Isaac Morgan what I have certifyed
to owe me to Amos Morgan to Alexander Richards
and Joseph Smart and thomy note what I do your
Receipt for the same and in so doing you will
very much oblig me - John Morgan



The above order is Executed for the same

August 1st 1795

Then Received of Martin Gambill the
Full Amount of the above Orders Received for the
Isaac Morgan

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Febry 5th 1794 Rec'd of Capt. Martin Gambill the Sum of twenty Shillings bury [?] in full of all Demands for my Services under him as a Soldier Durring my Service under him, last American War as Witness my hand this Day & Date as above. S/ Edward Roberts, X his mark

Witness

S/ Jos. Hubbard

S/ Jas Fletcher

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April the 5 day 1791 then Rec Said of Martin Gambill fool Satisfaction for Sarves to kings mountain I say received By me S/ George Whiby [Whitly? or Whitley?]

April the 5th 1791

Receive of Martin Gambill for the dutys that I have dun in the sarvis I say Received by me.

S/ Thos. Gambill

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December 31 day 1789 John Gambill Sir pleas to settel for Jonathan Stampar in specie ticket as much as he wonts as fur as sixteen pounds and i will sttel with you for as much as you do with him when you com to settel the rest this from your friend

S/ Martin Gambill

December 31 day 1789 John Gambill sur
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ticket as much as he wants as far as sixteen
pounds and i will settle with you for as much
as you do with him when you come to settle
the rest thus from your friend
Martin Gambill

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State of North Carolina, County of Ashe

On this __ day of October A.D. 1853 personally appeared before me James Gambill a Justice of the [peace] within and for the County and State aforesaid – John Toliver,² a resident of Ashe County State of North Carolina – who after being duly sworn according to law declares that he is ninety years old – That he lived in Wilkes County in the time of the Revolutionary War – he states that he was well acquainted with Captain Martin Gambill during the Revolutionary War – he states that he knows of his own knowledge that the said Captain Martin Gambill was in the War – of the Revolution – mostly if not all the said War – that he saw him frequently in the Service during the said War – he states that the said Gambill was a Captain in said War – That he believes that he so acted for the greater part of said War – and that he knows – That he was in the Battle of Kings Mountain – and that he there had the Command of a Captain – That he was Severely Wounded – in said Battle – being shot in the arm – which wound much disabled him ever afterwards – so much so that he could do but little with the wounded arm – And that he always complained of said arm – on account of the wound and injury therefrom – he further states that the said Captain Martin Gambill was married to one Nancy Nall – in Wilkes County State of North Carolina sometime during the War of the Revolution – That he so lived at the time – and he knows that they lived together as man and wife in the time of said war – and were afterwards up to the time of the death of said Gambill – and that the common repute and belief of the whole Country was that they had been lawfully married – and that no doubt ever was entertained to the contrary – he knows of his own knowledge and recollection – that they were living together as man and wife – for the Battle of Kings Mountain – and that they had one child if not more before said Battle – he further states that Mrs. Nancy Gambill of Ashe County State of North Carolina is the identical woman that she is the widow of the said Captain Martin Gambill – That he has been well acquainted with her all the time – to the present time – he states that she has remained a widow ever since the death of her said husband – and that she is now a widow and that her name before her said marriage was Nancy Nall.

S/ John Toliver



2 On June 17, 1856, at the age of 94, John Toliver applied in Ashe County, NC for bounty land stating that he is the identical John Toliver who was a private in the company commanded by Captain Martin Gambill and under the command of Colonel Benjamin Cleveland in the war of the revolution. [John Toliver BLWT67685-160-55](#).

[p 93: On May 29, 1850 in Ashe County North Carolina Cyntha Gambill [Cynthia Gambill?], 68, of said County gave testimony in support of the widow's application; the affiant states that she was well acquainted with the veteran and his widow; that the veteran died at the affiant's house on February 20, 1812 as his marked on his tombstone; that he died of the "side pleurisy" caused by the exposure he had while serving the United States as a Lieutenant on the American side. She signed her application with her mark.]

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State of North Carolina, County of Ashe

The Declaration of Mrs. Nancy Gambill – widow of Captain Martin Gambill Deceased, declarant on her oath after being duly sworn according to law – That she is the widow of the said Captain Martin Gambill Deceased – That the said Gambill died in the County and State aforesaid on the 20th day of February A.D. 1812 – as marked on his Tomb Stones – That the family record is lost – She further states that her said Husband – the said Martin Gambill – was a Soldier of the Revolutionary War – That they then lived in the County of Wilkes, and State of North Carolina – She states that her Father the late Captain William Nall, Deceased-- was a Captain in the War of the Revolution – and that her said Husband – first served under him – that he filled the rank & first of Sergeant, then of Ensign – then of First Lieutenant – in the Company of Captain William Nall. That whilst in the said Company that owing to the feeble and bad health of her Father Captain Nall, That her said Husband a great part of the time by request of his Captain – the said Captain Nall – took Command of the Company. Whilst in actual service – and that afterwards in the latter part of the said War – that her said Husband – was a Captain in full command – She thinks and believes for at least two years or upwards – She states that her said Husband was a Soldier in the expedition against the Cherokee Indians just before – or about the commencement of the War of the Revolution – That he went in said campaign a private – under Captain Benjamin Cleveland – (afterwards Colonel Cleveland) That she thinks said expedition lasted for six or eight weeks or upwards – That she thinks said expedition was under the Command of Colonel Sevier, and General Rutherford, she states that her said Husband – was in many skirmishes with the Tories – disaffected men – and robbers – during the war of the Revolution – That he was in the battle of Kings Mountain – in command of a Captain – that he was severely wounded in said battle – That he was wounded in the arm – by a Ball – and that said Ball – was lodged in his arm – and remained there – and which always very much disabled him from labor – she states that she was married to the said Martin Gambill in Wilkes County, North Carolina on the 23rd day of September 1777 by one Benjamin Hamlin [? Benjamin Hardin, Hamblin??] who was called at the time a Justice of the peace – That they were married without liens [? banns?] – by publishing, and that her name before her marriage was Nancy Nall – That she is now in her 94th year of age – and that she has remained a widow ever since the death of her said Husband, the said Captain Martin Gambill. She further states that she is now in the receipt of a pension – on account of the service of her said Husband – but she states – that she does not receive the full amount that she thinks and believes she is justly entitled to – on account of the rank – and services of her said Husband – She states that at the time she made application some three years ago for a pension – That she did not then know what proof she could make – as to the rank of her husband – although she knew – That he had been Captain in said service – and that she was at the time of making the said application – advised by one Noah Long [? could be Lang] of the County and State aforesaid – who then acted as her agent -- “That for fear that she might not be able to make out the claim of her said Husband to pay and rank of a Captain – That she had best not then claim a higher rank than first Lieutenant – That he thought – That could be got without much doubt [?] or trouble-- and that a little would be better than none” – and that she was very poor – and in great need-- and therefore followed his advice – although she knew at the time – and so told her said agent that her said Husband – had been a Captain – in said War – and she further states that at the time the said Long asked her— that “if hereafter she should be able to make of the necessary [?] proof to establish the rank and Service

of said Husband to that of Captain – That making the then declaration would be no bar to her – further claim – And application” – And that it was on that advice – and for these reasons – that she then consented – to make the then declaration as she did – She further states that she was married to her said Husband – previous to his quitting the Service-- to wit, on the day and date above stated – and that her first Child was born on the 12th day of June A.D. 1779 – to wit her son – the late William Gambill – and that her said Husband, was in much of the service subsequent to their marriage – and in the expedition and battle of Kings Mountain – in the fall of the year A.D. 1780. She also states that her said Husband volunteered – his services to go on an express – from the Camp near the Shallow Ford on the Yadkin – to the Holston in Virginia – to Col. Arthur Campbell to march to the defense of the Country – against the British – and Tories under Colonel Ferguson. That the distance was over 100 miles – through a then most dangerous region of Country – That he did go on said Service – and that Colonel Campbell with his Regiment – marched forthwith – and was in the Battle of Kings Mountain, several persons was requested to volunteer for said service – by Colonel Cleveland and General Rutherford, but refused to do so on account of the great danger – attending the Service. She states that her said Husband served the greater part of said war – she thinks at the least as much in all as four or five years – and the balance of the time That he was not actually – in active service that he was always standing ready – for the call to the field – That he served under Col. Benjamin Cleveland, Colonel Campbell, General Rutherford and Col. Sevier. She states that her said Husband served in the War of the revolution as a volunteer – That she is a resident of Ashe County State of North Carolina-- That the pension she now drawls is at the rates of \$320 per annum – That her claim to a pension was allowed about the 3rd of November 1851. -- This the 17th day of January 1855.

S/ Nancy Gambill, X her mark

[attested by James Gambill, JP, relationship, if any, to the claimant is not stated.]

[certified by Robert Gambill, Clerk of County Court, relationship, if any, not stated.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$320 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband service as a Lieutenant in the North Carolina militia.]