

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Gill W7520 Lettice Gill VA
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State of Virginia, County of Prince William

On this 6th day August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Prince William County now sitting John Gill Sr. a resident of said County and State aged 69 years and upwards, 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 Militia service of the United States in the Revolutionary War under the following named officer, and for the several following periods of time. 1st as a substitute for his father who was drafted in the year 1776 for a period of Three Months, under Captn Robert Overall & Col. [Armistead] Churchill of 1st Virginia Regiment [sic: Militia], and served out that time in the lower part of Virginia, about Williamsburg, York, Norfolk &c. this deponent was then very young for a soldier, say between 13 & 14 years of age, and does not recollect the precise time of the year or month of entry or discharge. Spencer Anderson's [pension application S37672] certificate proves his being in service at that time and accompanies this declaration. 2^d that he further served a period of 4 M'ths in 1781 under William Brent Captn in s'd 1st Virginia Reg't. as a volunteer, in the capacity of Sergeant in s'd Brent's company, that he entered on 1st January of s'd. year and was discharged on the 1st of May – during this period of service he was in a battle with the enemy at Williamsburg, but rec'd no wound Charles B. Attwell [Charles B. Atwell (Attwell) S10064] who was ensign in the same company proves this tour of service, as well as my being sergeant in s'd company – his Certificate accompanies this paper – 3^d that he also served in the said year 1781 and as a volunteer and the term of about 4 Months under Captn Robert Warren & Col. Churchill in s'd 1st Virginia Reg't turning out in a few days after he returned home from his second tour, and continuing in service till within about a Month of the surrender of Cornwallis at York [19 Oct 1781] – this term was also in the lower part of Virginia, as was all his service – he was not at York He does not recollect the precise date of entry on this last tour or exact period of discharge – he is not aware of any living witness to prove it – he resided in the County now called Prince William at each period of service, has since occasionally resided in the Neighboring Counties – he now resides in Prince Wm. – He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not on any pension roll of any agency in any State in the United States –

John hisXmark Gill Sr.

NOTES:

On 12 June 1854 Lettice Gill, 53, applied for a pension stating that she married John Gill on 2 July 1824, and he died on 29 Nov 1842. The file includes a copy of a bond signed on 21 July 1824 by John Gill and Walter Akers for the marriage of Gill to Laticia Lee.

On 3 Dec 1866 Lettice Gill, 67, applied for restoration of her pension, which had been suspended during the Civil War, during which she was sustained by “the labour of herself and daughter, by Nitting and Spinning.”

A letter in the file stated that Lettice Gill died on 11 Aug 1879, and that the funeral expenses were paid by her daughter, Mary C. Brady.