

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Gill (Gills) W7521      Mary Gill      VA  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Virginia: Buckingham County to wit:

On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 1840, personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Mary Gill, a resident of said County and State, aged 80 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1838, entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows."

That she is the Widow of William Gill or Gills, (for the name is differently spelt) deceased, late of the said County and State, who was a private in the Continental and Militia service of Virginia, in the War of the Revolution. She declares that she knows nothing personally in regard to the services of her late husband having married him after the close of the Revolutionary War. All that she does know, is from his own statements during his life time, and from the statement of others. She always understood from him that in the year 1776, he enlisted under Capt [John] Brent, for the term of two years, in the Virginia Continental line. That he was also drafted in the Militia, and served at Guilford [Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], Yorktown [Siege, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], and various other places. She cannot state with any degree of precision how long he was in actual service altogether but would suppose he served at the least two years, for which length of time she claims a Pension. She refers to the Public Records and accompanying Certificates for proof of his services.

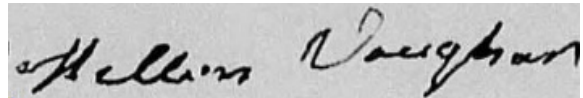
She further declares that she was married to the said William Gill, or Gills by old parson McCrae of the old Episcopal Church, according to the rites and ceremonies of that Church, on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of February 1784; that her husband the aforesaid William Gills died on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1816: That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the services, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety four: to wit, at the time above named.

[signed] Mary Gill

Virginia. Charlotte County to wit:

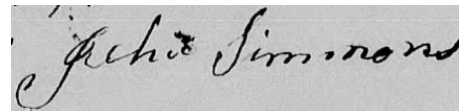
I do hereby certify, that William Gill or Gills late of Charlotte [County VA], was a soldier of the State line of Virginia on Continental establishment in the war of the Revolution, and attached to 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment, commanded by Col [Robert] Lawson & General Stephens [sic: Adam Stephen]. He enlisted in 1776, under Capt Brent, and served two years successively, as coming within my own personal knowledge, being in the same company with him, and was honorably discharged from the service. I am in the 80<sup>th</sup> year of my age, and was soldier of the Continental line.

[William Vaughan, pension application S14754]

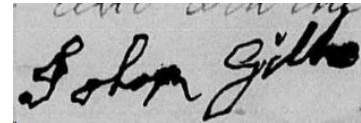


The affidavit of John Simmons of the county of Prince Edward Va. (taken in Buckingham County) aged 82 years) to establish the pension claim of Mary Gills the widow of William Gills Decd who states that in the year 1781 he and the said William Gills marched together to the eastern part of Virginia and were at the Seige of Little York upon a tour of three months, Williamson Bird Capt. Charles Allen Majr.

[25 Oct 1842]



The affidavit of John Gills [pension application S17976] of Bedford County Virginia (taken in the corporation of Lynchburg Campbell County Va) aged 81 years to establish the pension claim of Mrs Mary Gills widow of William Gills Decd. late of Buckingham County Va, who states that he and said William Gills entered the service early in the year 1781. this affiant marched from Amlia [sic: Amelia] County Va and his brother William Gills marched from Prince Edward county Va. marched to the South and were in the Battle of Guilford North Carolina and served a tour of three months Capt. Ambrose Nelson Commanded the company in which the said William Gills served. This affiant and his brother William Gills were discharged at the same time and place at Ramsay's Mills [Ramsey's Mill] and returned home together  
[9 March 1843; a similar statement was made on 12 Sep 1840]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Gills". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

NOTE: On 1 Sep 1840 Archibald Gills (as he signed) certified the claim of Mary Gill. The file contains a family register transcribed below from a blank page at the end of a New Testament.

Mr William Gills' Book My, 1 1815  
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William Gills Sn'r. was Born July 18<sup>th</sup> 1761 and Deceased Febuary the 4<sup>th</sup> 1816  
Mary Wright was Born September the 27<sup>th</sup> 1760  
Thomas Wright Gills was born January the 7<sup>th</sup> 1785  
Sarah Perkins Gills was born Apriel the 7<sup>th</sup> 1787  
George W. Gills was born March 27<sup>th</sup> 1789  
William Gills Jnr. was born October 10<sup>th</sup> 1792  
Polly Gills was born December 25<sup>th</sup> 1794  
Archibald Gills was born March the 4<sup>th</sup> 1797  
James Gills was born Febuary 12<sup>th</sup> 1800

Regester of Negroes

Jane sampson was born July 4<sup>th</sup> 1807  
Joseph morgan[?] was born Apriel 17<sup>th</sup> [??]10  
Lucy was born September 3<sup>rd</sup> 1811  
Ned was born March 8<sup>th</sup> 1813  
Ann, Jane was born July 28<sup>th</sup> 1821  
Virginia: Buckingham County to witt:

I do hereby certify that the above is a true Register of the Family of my late husband William Gill.  
[signed] Mary Gill  
sworn to and subscribed before me a Justice of the peace in the County aforesaid this 1<sup>st</sup> September, 1840  
R. J. Gillispie J. P.