

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Gillon ¹ W7523

Jane Gillon

f74NC

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Steele Creek November 10, 1796

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S/ James McRee

Steele Creek Congregation

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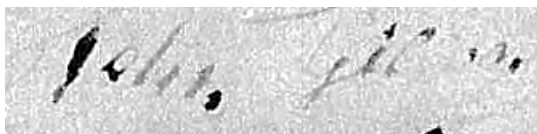
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State of North Carolina, Cabarrus County

This may certify that this day came John Gillon personally before me John Houston one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for said County and made Oath that he was lately in possession of a Certificate of Pension from the War Office Showing that he had Served in the Revolutionary War as a private Soldier in the Company of Cavalry commanded by Captain John Reed [John Reid] under Col. William R. Davie [William Richardson Davie] of the North Carolina Militia in which Service he was wounded whereby he became enrolled first on the Pension list of North Carolina and afterwards on that of the United States as set forth by said Certificate which Certificate is lost or misplaced and for the want of which he the said John Gillon is denied his Pension. Sworn to and Subscribed for me this 18th day of February 1822.

S/ John Houston, JP

S/ John Gillon²



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State of North Carolina Cabarrus County

On this the 2nd day of September in the year of our Lord 1845 personally appeared before the subscriber an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Jane Gillon, a resident of the County, and State aforesaid, aged Eighty-eight 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 act of Congress passed July 7th, 1838 entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows." That she is the widow of John Gillon who was a private in the war of the revolution in the North Carolina militia, that he entered the service according to the best of declarant's knowledge and belief, in the year 1780 and continued in service until the termination of the war, with the exception of an animal when disabled by wounds that he served part of the time under Captain John Reed who commanded a company of Cavalry, that he resided at the time he entered the service in Lancaster District South Carolina, that he was a volunteer, She further declares that her deceased husband John Gillon was an Invalid Pensioner and had at the time of his death a certificate issued from the war department the 10th day of March 1823 reciting that John Gillon a private in the United States is inscribed on the Pension List, Roll of the North Carolina Agency, and that said certificate is now in declarant's possession.

She further declares that she was married to the said John Gillon on the 26th day of August in the year 1783, and that her husband the aforesaid John Gillon died on the 6th day of September in the year 1833; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794, viz.: at the time above stated, and that she has never been married since.

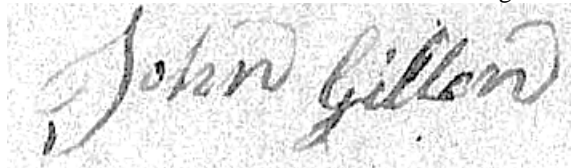
Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before

S/ P. Rumble, JP

S/ Jane Gillon, X her mark

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² other documents in the file contain a more legible version of the veteran's signature as follows:



Georgia Murray County

Personally appeared before me Kincher W. Hargrove a Justice of the Inferior Court of said County John Stevenson and after being duly sworn deposed and saith that he is about ninety-five years of age that he has or had a half-sister whose maiden name was Jane Young a native of the County Antrim in Ireland but now a resident as he believes of the County of Cabarrus North Carolina that the said Jane was married to a certain John Gillon who was a soldier of the Revolution that said marriage took place about two years after the taking of Charleston in South Carolina deponent from his extreme old age cannot recollect the date that the marriage ceremony was performed by Robert Montgomery an acting justice of the peace that said marriage was solemnized at the house of deponent's mother on the waters of Cane Creek South Carolina now Lancaster District in said State of South Carolina that said Jane if still living is about eighty-nine years of age according to deponent's recollection.

Sworn to before me April 29th 1845

S/ K. W. Hargrove JIC

S/ John Stevenson



[p 4: On September 2nd, 1845, in Cabarrus County North Carolina, Mary Gillon gave testimony that she knew John and Jane Gillon since 1800; that they lived together as man and wife; that she heard them speak of their marriage as having taken place on August 26, 1783 in Lancaster District at the home of Mary Young, the rites of matrimony having been performed by a magistrate in conformity to the law of the state; that John Gillon died September 6, 1833 and that Jane Gillon remains his widow.



. The relationship, if any, of the affiant to the veteran and/or his widow is not stated.]

[p 63: In the July Term 1848 of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Cabarrus County North Carolina, A. C. McRee gave testimony that he was an acting justice of the peace for said County at the time John Gillon applied for and obtained a pension as an invalid soldier of the revolution; that said documents were prepared before the affiant; that there was a variance in the spelling of the name of the veteran sometimes spelled "John Gillilin" and spoken and spelled indifferently Gillon, Gillean and Gillilin.]

[p 9: On April 25, 1855 in Cabarrus County North Carolina, Jane Gillon, 97, made application for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner; that her name prior to her marriage was Jane Young; that she remains a widow. She signed this document with her mark. Her execution of the document was attested by William N Gillon and William Fleming whose relationship, if any, to the widow is not stated.



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North Carolina John Gillon Private Army of the Revolution

Inscribed on the roll of the North Carolina Agency at \$3 per month increased to \$4.80 by the law of the 24 April 1816 to take affect from the passage of the Act. Formal issued 16 March 1816 and sent to the Pensioner Spring Grove NC

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$44 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]