

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Gillaspie (Gillaspie) W7531 Margaret Gillaspie VA
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Virginia Bath County to wit

On this the 26 day of September 1832 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid William Gillaspie a resident of the said County of Bath & State of Virginia aged seventy seven years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1777 with & served in the regiment not recollected of the line under the following named officers he first was drafted in a three months tour as an Indian Spy under the Command of Col Abraham Smith, Capt Samuel Vance first Lieutenant John Cartmill [of the Augusta County Militia] at Cloverick in the County of Greenbrier and State of Virginia [probably Clover Lick now in Pocahontas County WV] – He was again drafted in a three months tower in the year 1777 [sic] the number of the regiment not recollected nor the name of his Cornl. His Captain's name was David Gwinn [David Gwin] the Lieutenant's name he does not recollect. during said term of service he fought in the Battle of Guilford in North Carolina [Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781]. the battle commenced about the dawn of day and lasted until some time in the evening Robert Sittington Esq [pension application S7517] now a resident of the County of Bath was in the battle with him. He entered in the year 1781 and in the same year he was drafted again for a three months tour & served at the seige of York and was present at the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781]. and he was one of the guard who conducted the prisoners to Winchester. He does not recollect who was Colonel at York. his Captain was Thomas Hicklin but after he got to York he was put under the command of other officers but he does not know who they were. He resided in Bath County Virginia [formed in 1790] when he entered the service & he has since always resided there & still continues to reside there. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state or if on any only on the agency of the State of Virginia. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year first above written

William hisXmark Gillaspie

The following questions were propounded by me to the said Wm Gillaspie which with their answers are intended to accompany said declaration.

1st Question. Where and in what year were you born.

Answer. I was born in the town of Staunton Virginia in the year 1755.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it.

Answer. I have no record of my age but Aunt Rees of the State of Ohio had a child born in the same year with me and she has a record of his age and that is the way I know mine

3rd State the name of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such continental & militia Regiment as you can recollect & the Genl circumstances of your service

Answer My memory is bad but as well as I can recollect Stewart and Clanahan [probably Col. Alexander Stuart and Col. William McClenahan] was officers at Gilford battle but I do not know what commision they had but they commanded six hundred riflemen that I was attached to Capt Tate was sente out to bring on the battle the Carolina malisha retreated of the ground with out firing a gun as I was told one thing I do recollect that I was struck with a dead ball that hurt me verry much in the battle

4th Question Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given & what has become of it

Answer I do not recollect that I ever receed a Discharge from the survice if I did I doe not know what has become of it

State the names of the persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood who can testify as to your character for veracity & their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Answer. Robert Sittington Esq'r knows the fact that I serve as a Soldier of the Revolution & will be able to testify as to my character for veracity.

NOTE: On 8 June 1841 Margaret Gillaspie, 74, applied for a pension stating that she married William Gillaspie on 21 Feb 1792, and he died on 11 Oct 1837. The file contains a copy of a bond signed on 17 Feb 1792 by William Gillespy and George Chapman for the marriage of Gillaspy to Margaret Eddy, and also a copy of the record of the marriage performed on 21 Feb 1792 by John Montgomery.