

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Hilliard W7748 Elizabeth Hilliard VA
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[The application said to have been made by Hilliard in 1818 was not found. The following deposition was apparently made in support of that application.]

Loudoun County to wit.

Sept'r. 9th 1818 this day came before me the Subscriber one of the Commonwealth's Justices of Peace for the said County William Speak [William Speake S40492] and made Oath that John Hillard was a Soldier during the Revolutionary war in the Sixteenth Virginia Redgment and did serve three years in the same service

Virginia Loudoun County Sc.

On this 16th day of June 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the County aforesaid, John Hilliard aged 74 years – resident in said state, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War in the 16th Va. Regiment, in the company commanded by Capt. Triplet [Thomas Triplett], under Colo. William Grayson [BLWt1366-500] in the Va. Line – Gen'l Scotts [Charles Scott BLWt2055-850] Brigade, The pension certificate is No. 4,801 bearing date the 8th December 1818. And I do solemnly swear; that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not since that time, by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself withing the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818. And that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. No real estate. Personal property as follows. 3 small iron potts – one tolerably new grid iron – Half dozen common three green edged and three blue plates – An iron skillett – small dutch oven – Pair tongs & shovel, old ones – one bed – pair blankets & sheets, & bedstead common kind & bed quilt. My employment is shoemaking. My family is four. My two grand children Sandy [possibly Lundy] & Mary Hurst, my wife Elizabeth & myself. Neither of my Grandchildren are old enough to earn their victuals. My wife is 67 next October – not healthy.

Jno. hisXmark Hilliard

[The following statement by John Hilliard's widow, Elizabeth Hilliard, in support of the application by the heirs of James and Richard Solomon (VAS4593) in [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#), provides more detail about the service of John Hilliard. Elizabeth Hilliard was one of many women who served as camp followers, but she is one of the few whose names are recorded.]

Virginia }
Loudoun County } Sect.

be it known that on the 25 day of July 1834 personally appeared before me, Francis W Luckett a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, Elizabeth Hilliard [sic], a resident of Leesburg, aged Eighty years and widow of John Hilliard [sic], dec'd formerly a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States; who made solemn Oath that her Husband enlisted in the service of the united states for 3 years in March 1777, under a person named Davis who was the Recruiting officer at Alexandria, then Fairfax Co'y Vg'a but he was attached to a Company Commanded by Capt Triplett in Col Graysons Reg't and it was in June 1777 when said Company was about to be march'd to the North that she saw in said Company two Brothers, who were Privates, named James and Richard Solomon, and she understood from both that they had enlisted

for 3 years She knew both of these men. Richard was of a sickly habit and she remembers he was removed for sometime to the Hospital at Lancaster. this was before the Battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] – after his recovery she remembers she saw him again but whether at Phil'a or the Valley forge she does not recollect. She always understood that some time after this Richard Died in the Service but she cannot recollect where he died. She further saith that after the Battle of Brandywine, Capt Triplett on account of ill health resigned his command & was succeeded by a Capt Smith. It was early in the year 1780 the Reg't then commanded by a Col Gist [Nathaniel Gist BLWt1874-500] & Major Ross came on from the north and James Solomon she then saw who march'd in Capt Smiths Company to the South. As her now Husband's 3 years would be up in March 1780 he remained behind & was discharged in that Mo. at Frederick Town, Mary'd. James Solomon marchd to the South. She thinks in Feb'y 1780 & she understood & believes he served out his three years and perhaps more. Deponant further saith that she followed the army with her Husband for the three years he was in it.

Sworn to before me, and subscribed by Deponent, and I certify that Deponent is a person known to me of good character and her statement is entitled to credit.

July 25 1834

Francis W. Luckett J.P.

Elizabeth herXmark Hilliard

witness to signing of Deponent/ Geo Richard

NOTES:

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates taken at Carter's Ferry at present Cartersville in Cumberland County lists the following: John Hilliar/ age 28/ height 5' 3¹/₂"/ light-brown hair/ blue eyes/ fair complexion/ "one white Eye brow"/ shoemaker/ born in London, England/ residing in Loudoun County where he entered service on 19 Apr 1781 for six months, having been "normanated." Previously served three years in Grayson's regiment.

On 3 Sep 1838 Elizabeth Hilliard, 84, applied for a pension stating that she married John Hilliard in 1774, and he died 3 May 1826. In the file is a document referring to Joseph Hilliard, son of Elizabeth Hilliard. On 21 Jan 1839 she gave her age as 85 and stated that she was married to John Hilliard in Leesburg (her present residence) by an Episcopal minister named Griffith, and that John Hilliard died on 25 May 1826. A Treasury-Department document in the file states that a child of Elizabeth Hilliard received her final pension payment up to the date of her death, 3 May 1839.