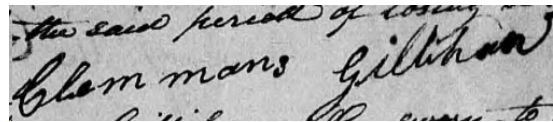


Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Clammans Gillihan W8850 Nancy Gillihan VA
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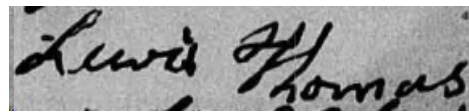
This day [4 Nov 1818] Clemmans Gillihan of the County afores'd. personally appeared before me the undersigned, one of the Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, and made oath, that about the month of January in the year 1786 he the said Gillihand lost his discharge (together with other papers) which he received from Colonel John Gibson at Pittsburg about the year 1784 after the close of the American revolution, for his the said Gillihans having served as a private soldier during the revolutionary war between the United States and Great Britain. And he has never seen, nor been able to find or obtain the said discharge from the said period of losing it.



The said period of losing
Clemmans Gillihan

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On this day [4 Nov 1818] personally appeared before me the undersigned, a Justice of the peace in and for the said County of Washington Lewis Thomas [pension application S37489] now a resident of Washington County aforesaid and formerly a Lieutenant of the ninth Regiment in the service of the United States in the revolutionary War between said united States and Great Britain, and made oath that Clemmans Gillihan now also a resident of said County of Washington, did inlist as a private soldier in the service of the United States in or about the month of January 1777 and that the said Gillihan did serve as such in the company of infantry Commanded by Capt'n. David Steel [sic: David Steele, company raised in Yohogania County] in the thirteenth Regiment, and in other companies or Regiments as as transferred by the various changes of the Army during said revolutionary war, for and during the full term of the said war, untill he was discharged at Pittsburg after the close of the same, and that he the said Lewis Thomas is well acquainted with said Clemmans Gillihan & has known him ever since the said year of 1777.



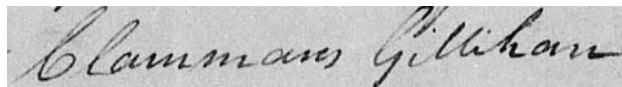
Lewis Thomas

[John Harrison (VAS1417) of Jefferson County, "formerly a Lieutenant of the 13th 9th & 7th Regiments," made a statement similar to the preceding.]

Dear Sir

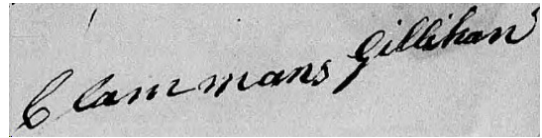
I wish you to examine in the land office at Washington City and see whether Mr Thos. Joice ever got from that office a Warrant for two hundred Acres of Land in my name dated in the year of 1784. I got such a warrant for my Military services and lost it Mr. Joice got a warrant for 100 Acres which I sold to his Father. I employed him to get the other for me and he wrote to me that the warrant had been found and an assignment on it from me and I can learn nothing further from him I never did assign it to any person

Yours &c
17th Oct 1827



Clammans Gillihan

[7 Aug 1828] For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an act for the relief of the Surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved on the 15th day of May 1828 I Clammans Gillehan of the buck fork in the County of Washington and State of Kentucky do hereby declare that I entered on the Continental line of the Army of the revolution for and during the War and continued in service until the termination thereof at which period I was a private in Captain Benjamin Biggs [pension application W1366] Company in the 7th Regiment of the Virginia line and I declare that I was not on the 15th day of March 1826 on the pension list of the United States or of any State, that I enlisted in the month of February or January 1777 and Continued in servise until the Army was finally discharged at the close of the War

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Clammans Gillihan". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[The file also contains a power of attorney dated 19 Feb 1821 that is less detailed than the above.]

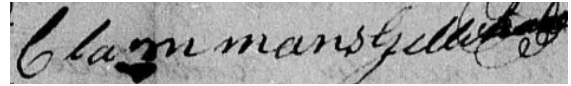
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On this first day of February 1840 personally appeared before John B. Smith senior and presiding Justice of the County Court for Washington County & State aforesaid Nancy Gillihan a resident of said county on the waters of the Buck fork aged seventy seven years who being first sworn according to law in due form doth make on her oath the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows That she is the widow of Clammans Gillihan deceased who was as she has always understood and verily believes a private regular soldier in the army of the United States during the War of the Revolution. She has no documentary evidence in her possession of his services or of the particular division of the army in which he served, the officers under whom he served or the battles in which he fought As well as she can recollect she has understood from him that he enlisted on Cheat River in the Monongahela [sic: Monongalia] County within or near the territory which was afterward in dispute between the States of Virginia & Pennsylvania, the year in which he enlisted she does not certainly recollect but he always told her that he enlisted at first for three years and after serving out that time he enlisted for & during the war and served in all upward of six years when he was discharged She does not now remember the officers under whom he served or the engagements he was in though she has heard him speak of them For all these particulars she refers to his own Declaration made out for him & under his own direction & sworn to by him in his life time in making his own application for a pension which Declaration she supposes is on file in the proper office in Washington City, as the said Clammans Gillihan was successful in his application and was on the pension roll for several years as a revolutionary soldier residing on the Buck fork Washington County Kentucky. She was lawfully married to said Clammans Gillihan on the 26th day of August 1790 at the house of Hardin Thomas then living on Hardins Creek in what is now Marion County Kentucky but then was Nelson County & before the separation of Kentucky from Virginia. She has no record evidence of her marriage and can find none either public or private. She knows of no living witness by whom she can prove it unless it may be Mrs Thomas widow of Hardin Thomas now in Hardin County Ky whose deposition she will endeavour to procure. From the time of her marriage she lived with her said Husband as his wife till his death which occurred on the 30th July 1830 and that she is now his widow having never married since his death. She knows of no witness by whom she can prove the services of her husband except Perry Tharp of Marion County Ky. whose affidavit is herewith forwarded [not found] He is also the same witness whose deposition she is informed was taken at the time her husband obtained his pension and his affidavit on that occasion is referred to. She states that from bodily infirmity she is unable to get to Court not being able to walk or to move from one place to another only as she is taken up & carried.

Nancy herXmark Gillihan

NOTES:

On 14 Jan 1822 Clammans Gillihan assigned power of attorney to obtain bounty land. He signed as shown:

A close-up photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The name "Clammans Gillihan" is clearly legible, with the first name "Clammans" starting with a large, decorative initial 'C' and the last name "Gillihan" following in a similar cursive style.

The file contains a copy of the consent for the marriage of "Claymans Galalian" and Ann (Nancy) Hardin, signed by her father, Mark Hardin, on 19 Aug 1790. Also in the file is a copy of a bond signed in Nelson County on 20 Aug 1790 by Clammans Gillihan and Mark Hardin for the marriage of Gillihan to Ann Hardin.

On 3 June 1841 Mordecai Hardin, 49, and Martin Hardin, 84, made statements supporting the claim of Nancy Gillihan.