

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Gilbert Tearney W9850

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of North Carolina } This 10th day of September 1818 before me the Subscriber
Surry County } one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of Law and Courts of
Equity for the State, personally appeared Gilbert Tearney aged eighty three years, resident in the
County of Surry State of North Carolina, who being by me first duly Sworn according to law,
doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the
late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain Persons engaged in the land and naval
services of the united states in the revolutionary war,
That he the said Gilbert Tearney enlisted in the County of Pittsylvania and state of Virginia on
the 17th day of march in the year 1777 or 1778 in the company commanded by Capt. John
Dooley of the Georgia line as he verily believes and continued in the service for the term of one
year and ten months on the Continental establishment when he was discharged by Maj'r.
Roberts in the Town of Savannah State of Georgia. That he was in the Battle of Bryar Creek [Briar
Creek GA, 3 Mar 1779]. That he is now in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the
assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his
services except the affidavit of Stephen Payne which accompanies this Declaration.

Gilbert hisXmark Tearney

State of N. Carolina

Surry County

On this second day of March 1819, before me, the subscriber, one of the Judges of the
Superior Courts of Law for the state, personally appeared Gilbert Tearney aged eighty six years,
resident in Surry County in the said state, who, being by me first duly sworn, according to law,
doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the
late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and
naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he, the said Gilbert Tearney
enlisted for the term of Eighteen Months on or about the first day of March in the year 1777 or
1778, in Pittsylvania in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Colonel James
Screaven [sic: James Screven] in the line of the State of Georgia on the Continental
Establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States,
until the the term of his enlistment expired, when he was discharged from service in the state of
Georgia - that he was in the battle of Bryer Creek. and that he is in reduced circumstances, and
stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence
now in his power of his said services.

Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid. Gilbert hisXmark Tearney

State of NCarolina } August Term AD 1820

Surry County }

On this 16th day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court it being created and
established a Court of Record by the laws of the State, and held as such this day for the County
of Surry Gilbert Tearney — who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare
that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows that he enlisted under Capt John Dulee of the
3rd Georgia Reg't commanded by Col James [blank] in the County of Pittsylvania Virginia that his
inlistment was for 18 Months, but he served two years and was discharged after the battle at
Briar Creek in Georgia. These facts have been made known to the Secretary of War as the said
Gilbert Terney has obtained a certificate of pension dated 26th day of March 1819 Numbered
8671 his first declaration as appears from the certificate was dated the 10th day of September
one thousand eight hundred and [blank]

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 within the

provisions of an act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons 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 anexed and by me subscribed.

And the said Gilbert Tearney further states that he has 260 acres of Land valued by the assessors \$150 one axe and one hoe worth \$1.50 cents one pot, one oven worth one dollar. That his family consists of himself and his wife that he will be eighty seven years old next Christmas that from his age and decrepitude he is not able to work so as to procure subsistance.

Gilbert hisXmark Terney

Schedule of the property belonging to Gilbert Terney of the County of Surry and State of North Carolina

260 acres of Land valued by the assessors	\$150
One axe and one hoe	\$1.50
One pot one oven	\$1
Total	\$152 50
Debts due by said Terney was }	
28 dollars for corn purchased }	\$28
18 dollars to Mr Slade	<u>18</u>
	\$46

Gilbert hisXmark Terney

NOTES:

Teresa Stuart de Rios informs me that Gilbert Tearney is the same soldier as Gilbert Turney on the 1779 payroll of Capt. Daniel Carlin's company of Henry County VA Militia. According to the pension application of According to the pension application of Hall Hudson (R5331) that company was engaged against Tories along the border between Wilkes and Surry counties of NC and western Henry County [now Patrick] in VA. Tearney may not have mentioned this militia service because it was not covered under the pension acts of 1818 and 1820.

On 19 Aug 1839 Elizabeth Tearney, 89, applied for a pension stating that she was married to Gilbert Tearney in Pittsylvania County in 1771 by Edward Hunter, that they raised a large family of children, the oldest of whom was then 68, and that Gilbert Tearney died on 25 July 1834.