## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Reuben Gilder VAS3706 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from rejected claims in the Library of Virginia in two files. One document is illegible.]

I Caleb P Bennett [S35779] late a Lieutenant in the Delaware Regiment of the Revolutionary War Do hereby certify that I was personally acquainted with Doctor Reuben Gilder that he was appointed surgeons mate in the Delaware Battallion in January 1776 – was promoted Surgeon to the said Regiment the ensueing year 1777, was at the Battle of Camden South Carolina in August 1780 [16 Aug 1780], where and when the aforesaid Regiment was reduced to two Companies by killed, wounded and prisoners. Soon after General Green took command of the southern Army [sic: Nathanael Greene, 3 Dec 1780] he issued a general order that the two Companies of Delaware should be attached to Collonel Wm Washingtons Regiment of Cavalry [William Washington, 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Continental Light Dragoons] and form a Legionary Corps Doct. Gilder was included in the Gen'l Order and performed the requisite duties accordingly untill the Evacuation of Charleston by the Brittish Army [14 Dec 1782] when the remains of the Delaware Regiment with the Doct'r. still attached returned to the state and were disbanded in Oct 1783. And I do hereby also certify that I have, with several Officers of the afs'd Regiment obtained bounty lands from the State of Virginia for services performed as above stated and it is my belief that the heirs of Doctor Reuben Gilder are equally entitled to receive the land bounty as those with the same claims and pretnetions who have received. [see endnote] Population

C P. Bennett Wilmington Jul 7<sup>th</sup> 1835 The original of the following table has two other columns on the right, written vertically. The first column reads, "Two Ensigns wanting to compleat the Establishment" The second reads as follows:

"Reuben Gilder Surgeon } Appointed April 5, 1777

Mate }" John Platt

In the following transcription abbreviated names are spelled out and the numbers of pension or bounty-

land applications are added.]

Arrangement of the Delaware Regiment January 27th 1780

| Names                                | Rank       | dates of appointments | Remarks         |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| David Hall                           | Colonel    | Jan'y 4 1777          |                 |
| Joseph Vaughan                       | Lt Colonel | Dec'r 14 1779         |                 |
| John Patten                          | Major      | Dec'r `4 1779         |                 |
| Robert Kirkwood [BLWt1102-300]       | Captain    | Dec'r 1 1776          |                 |
| James Moore                          | d'o        | Dec'r 2 1776          |                 |
| John Learmonth                       | d'o        | Jan'y 4 1777          | Prisoner of War |
| Peter Jaquett [S46500]               | d'o        | Jan'y 4 1777          |                 |
| John Wilson                          | d'o        | Oct'r 15 1777         |                 |
| John Corse [S35864]                  | d'o        | Jan'y 26 1778         |                 |
| John Rhodes                          | Capt Lieut | March 1 1779          |                 |
| Wm McKennan [William McKennan W3104] | 1 Lieut't  | Jan'y 4 1777          |                 |
| Daniel Powell Cox                    | d'o        | Jan'y 4 1777          |                 |
| George Purvis                        | d'o        | Oct'r 15 1777         | Adjutant        |
| Paul Quenouault [BLWt287-300]        | d'o        | Jan'y 26 1778         |                 |
| Henry Duff                           | d'o        | Sept'r 7 1778         |                 |
| Caleb Brown                          | d'o        | Sept'r 7 1778         |                 |
| John Hyatt [John Vance Hyatt]        | d'o        | Sept'r 7 1778         | Prisoner of War |
| James Campbell                       | d'o        | March 1 1779          |                 |
| Caleb P. Bennett [S35779]            | 2 Lieut't  | August 14 1778        |                 |
| Joseph Hosman                        | d'o        | August 14 1778        |                 |
| Elijah Skillington                   | d'o        | Sept'r 7 1778         |                 |
| Charles Kidd                         | d'o        | Sept'r 7 1778         |                 |
| Edward Roche [S36257]                | d'o        | Sept'r 10 1778        | Pay Master      |
| Thomas Anderson [S39941]             | d'o        | Sept'r 10 1778        | Quarter Master  |
| Stephen McWilliam                    | Ensign     | Oct'r 27 1779         |                 |

We do hereby Certify that the above is a true State of the Rank & dates of Commissions to which we are J Patten major

entitled & that we are satisfied Herewith.

wmcKennan Lieut. James Campbell Lieut Joseph Hosman Lt.

Caleb P. Bennett Lieut Elijah Skillington Lut.

Geo Purvis Lieut & Adj't

Edward Roche Lt & paymaster

State of Maryland }
City of Baltimore } S.S.

Personally appeared before us the subscribers Justices of the peace for the City aforesaid Washington M. Stansbury and made oath in due form of law, that he is the grandson and one of the heirs at law of Doctor Reuben Gilder, who was a surgeon of the Delaware Regiment, which was cut up at Camden, and then by order of General Green, as he has understood and verily believes, was there after attached and belonged to the Virginia line, until the army was discharged under the proclamation of the 18<sup>th</sup> October 1783 and that he died on or about 15 day of March 1794 at Baltimore, having an only child, a daughter his mother Ellen K. Stansbury the wife of Col'm. Wm Stansbury [William Stansbury] and the said Washington further declares upon his oath, as aforesaid, that his brothers Reuben Gilder Stansbury – William F Stansbury and his sisters, Mary A Griffith wife of Allen Griffith and Ellen K. Stansbury are the children of Ellen K Stansbury deceased, and the only heirs of Doctor Reuben Gilder of the revolutionary army

Sworn and subscribed to before us Justices of the peace for the City aforesaid this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July A.D. 1835.

W. M. Stansbury

To His Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virg'a. [31 Oct 1837]

Your memorialists Washington W. Stansbury – Reuben G. Stansbury – William Y. Stansbury – Mary A. Griffith wife of Allen Griffith and Ellen K. Stansbury who are grandchildren & the only heirs at law of the late Doctor Reuben Gilder, residing in the City of Baltimore in the State of Maryland, most respectfully represent that their said grandfather Reuben Gilder as they have always understood and do believe was a Surgeon in the Delaware Regiment or Battallion of Troops from an early period of the War of the Revolution. That whilst said Regiment was in the Southern service it was much reduced by the casualties of War, and was in consequence transferred & attached to the Regular Troops in the Virginia Line on Continental Establishment then under the Command of Colo. William Washington. That their said grandfather was one of the Officers thus transferred, and he continued thenceforward to serve in the Capacity of Surgeon to the final close of the War and disbanding of the Army in Oct'r 1783. They now respectfully ask that Virg'a land bounty for the grade of Surgeon may be allowed to them, the same never having been heretofore granted. They would also respectfully represent that, several, if not all the Officers of the same Reg't have received their Virg'a land bounty by virtue of the transfer aforsaid & their said services – and they would mention as part of said Officers who have thus rec'd the names of Capt. Robt. Kirkwood – Lieut. Col'l P. Bennett – Lt. Peter Jacquett – your petitioners further state that their claim was once presented to the Executive of Va. for land bounty now claimed. That in addition to the proof then exhibited they now shew the statement of Wm. Gordon of the Bounty land Office whereby it appears that the s'd Reuben Gilder did receive his United States Land bounty as a Surgeon in [undeciphered] Virg'a and leaving no doubt of his continued service to the end of the War – and they further exhibit a Diploma of the Cincinnati [undeciphered word] granted to s'd Reuben Gilder, and they believe that no officer was entitled to that distinction except those who were in service at the close of the War. They pray that the Register of the Land office may be authorised to issue Warrants &c

Mary A Griffith/ Ellen K. Stansbury

Heirs of Dr. Gilder

Dr. Gilder appears to have been surgeon to the Delaware Reg't of the Revolutionary Army. The Reg't was very much cut up at the battle of Camden – and was afterwards by Gen'l Green attached to Col Wm Washingtons Va. Reg of Cav'y. This could give no claim to bounty land from Va.

This claim was rejected Aug't 1835[?] 1838 Mar 10 Rejected

NOTE: It is true that the Delaware Regiment usually served as infantry with Lt. Col. William

Washington's dragoons attached to Virginia, but they mustered with the Maryland Continentals. In spite of not being Virginia soldiers, the Delaware officers named above, but not Dr. Gilder, were granted bounty land by Virginia.