

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Francis Gilley R4035

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[some punctuation added for clarity]

State of Alabama, County of Walker

On this 13th day of December A. D. 1840 personally appeared before John E. Clancey Judge of the County Court of said County (it being a court of record) Francis Gilley a resident of the County of Jefferson and State of Alabama aged one hundred and five 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1776 with _____ [blank in original] and served as a private in the ____ [blank in original] Regiment of the North Carolina line under the following named officers, viz: Colonel William Campbell in the company commanded by Captain William Hall, Lieutenant ____ [blank in original]; was under Colonel Benjamin Cleveland at the battle of King's Mountain (being very old my memory has almost entirely failed me) that I cannot state with precision the names of the officers I served under at each particular engagement or term of service but these are some of the officers I did serve under in the period of my tours of service for I was out several times, four times as a private and served but a short period each time – at length after these four tours had expired, on my return home enlisted men were being called out and I then enlisted for the term of three years but peace was concluded before this enlisted term had expired, suffice it to say, to be as nigh correct that I served in the last tour as I have mentioned, for five years in all. I in listed on the__ [blank in original] day of ____ [blank in original] 1776 and quit the service on the ____ [blank in original] day of ____ [blank in original] 1782 as nearly as I can now recollect. I never got that I know of a written discharge for this or either of the former terms of voluntary service that I have mentioned. At the time when I first went out in the service I lived in _____ [blank in original] County Virginia. I was engaged in the battles of King's Mountain, Eutaw Springs, at Ramsour's Mills (if I recollect the pronunciation of this last name) beside was the greater part of the time engaged in what was called scouring or scouting parties annoying & whipping the Tories where we had innumerable engagements of this character, the country through which I marched was mostly in the State of North Carolina; we did scour a part of South Carolina and Virginia adjoining the State of North Carolina, the following are some of the noted places we were at war through which we passed, _____ [blank in original]

Questions propounded agreeable to orders from the War Department, viz.:

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

Answer 1st – does not exactly know he thinks in the year 1735

Questions 2nd – Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it

Answer 2nd – There was a record of my age in my Bible but it is lost

Question 3rd – Where were you living when you were called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live

Answer 3rd-- on the New River in the State of Virginia; I have since lived in the states of North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia; I now live in Jefferson County Alabama

Question 4th – How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a Substitute and if a substitute for whom

Answer 4th – I was drafted and then volunteered

Question 5th – State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of the your Service

Answer 5th – General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter], Colonel Cleveland, Colonel Campbell, Captain Edmundson. I do not recollect any material facts that occurred more than what is before stated

Additional question, viz.: Why do you make your Declaration & proof before the Judge of Walker County Alabama, you residing in Jefferson County

Answer – Because I live nearest to Walker Court house near the line & can get the Judge of Walker County to come in the neighborhood to where I can meet him for I am unable to either walk or [word obliterated] Jefferson County [words obliterated] the Judge

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid the for me.

S/ John E. Clancey, Judge

S/ Francis Gilly [sic], X his mark