

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Joseph Gilmore: W355

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State of Tennessee} SS.
Fayette County}

On this the fifth day of July in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and forty two personally appeared before the Worshipful County Court of the County of Fayette in the State of Tennessee the same being a court of record Elizabeth Gilmore a resident of the County of Fayette & State aforesaid aged about seventy nine years who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress, passed July seventh in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and thirty eight, entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows." That she is the widow of Joseph Gilmore who was a soldier in the revolutionary war and was to the best of her recollection a private in the militia of the State of South Carolina and served about five years. She cannot state the year when the said Joseph entered the service but recollects that he was in the service at the time of the battle at Savannah in the State [of Ge]orgia [on 9 Oct during the Siege of Savannah GA, 24 Sep - 19 Oct 1779] was wounded in that engagement and that he was in the service at the time of the capture of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781]. He served generally in the division of the army under the command of General Sumpter [sic: Thomas Sumter] but whether all the time she cannot recollect. That the s'd Joseph at the time he entered the army resided in that part of the State of South Carolina which afterwards and at this time bears the name of Spartinsburg [sic: Spartanburg] District. He was a volunteer in every instance except the trip which he took when at the battle of Savannah on which occasion he was drafted. He was in the following engagements which she can now call to her recollection to wit at Savannah as before stated in which he was wounded in the right hand. At the defeat of General Gates [Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780]. at the battle at Blackstocks Mill [Blackstock's Plantation, 20 Nov 1780]. at the battle at Hill's Iron works in the State of South Carolina [18 June 1780]. at the battle at King's Mountain [7 Oct 1780]. and also at the battle at the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781]. She does not recollect any country through which he marched. She further states that the said Joseph during a few of the latter years of his life was a Pensioner she cannot state when he became such but that he died on the 23^d day of Febuary in the year 1825. a pensioner and had been such for a period of some seven or ten years previous to his death and drew his pension at Nashville in the State of Tennessee. He died in Blunt [sic: Blount] County in the State of Alabama. She further declares that she was married to the said Joseph Gilmore on the ninth day of March in the year seventeen hundred & Eighty two or Eighty three but which of the above named years she is unable to state That she remained the wife of the said Joseph Gilmore up to the period of his death which took place on the 23^d day of Febuary Eighteen hundred and twenty five as before stated; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service; but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four viz, at the time above stated.

Elizabeth herXmark Gilmore

NOTE: On 19 July 1842 in Henry County TN, Elender Alexander, sister of Elizabeth Gilmore, stated that the marriage to Joseph Gilmore occurred in March 1782.