

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Reece (Reese) Gullet R4383

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Of the State of Alabama County of Franklin: SS

On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 1836 personally appeared in open Court before the Circuit Court of the County of Franklin aforesaid now sitting Reece Gullet Senior a resident of said County of Franklin and State of Alabama aged as well as he can ascertain Seventy-four 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 Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated – About a year or something more before the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] in North Carolina this Declarant resided in what was then called Montgomery County in the State of Virginia but since called Wythe County. A Draft was called for from that neighborhood which was supplied by volunteers and this declarant became one of said volunteers for the Term of service of eighteen months. Declarant thinks he volunteered in the spring of the year but cannot remember on what day or of what month nor in what year but recollects that the Battle of Guilford was in the last six months of his service at which Battle he was present engaged therein & received two wounds one upon his head by a sword & the other in the thigh by a ball but has no written record by which to refresh his memory. At the time of volunteering a Captain by the name of Jesse Evans a regular officer was in the neighborhood at Chissels old lead works [Chiswell's Lead Mines] with a few men enlisted by him in South Carolina as declarant believes. This declarant & the other volunteers of his neighborhood probably twenty in number were attached to & annexed to said Captain Evans' Company, don't recollect any Lieutenant or other Commissioned officer of the Company and don't believe there was any Declarant with the other volunteers remained at said Lead Works about the year when Captain Evans left with his regulars declarant thinks for the Falls of the Ohio. Captain Isaac Taylor arrived and took the command of the volunteers or Militia in place of Captain Evans. Shortly after which this declarant with several of the other volunteers by leave of Captain Taylor proceeded under a volunteer Captain by the name of William Montgomery to Guilford Court House in North Carolina where declarant arrived the evening before the Battle at that place and went into Battle next morning and was badly wounded and recollects very little of what took place. General Green [Nathanael Greene] commanded declarant, lay there some time disabled does not know the name of the Physician or Surgeon who attended on him and was after a few days carried home to Virginia and served no more in the Revolutionary War. Declarant has no documentary evidence of the time he volunteered, the duration of his service and knows of no

one whose Testimony he can procure who can Testify to his services and never had any discharge and never saw Captain Taylor or Evans after declarant was wounded – thinks Captain Taylor was from Botetourt County but he was a stranger to this declarant who was under him but a short time – is not certain where he was from and if he ever heard does not recollect – what became of him he had left the Lead Works before this Applicant was removed home from Guilford. Captain Montgomery continued to reside in the neighborhood of Declarant's residence in Virginia but never gave any discharges to his men that declarant ever heard of – This declarant never applied for a pension from the United [States] for wounds or disabilities incurred or for services rendered during the revolutionary war except under the Law of the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832. If any prior Law entitle him to a pension he never saw it and was never that he recollects advised of it though he had believed that he was previously entitled to a pension on account of his wounds but made no application for that purpose. This declarant further states that during the time for which he served in the Revolutionary War as aforesaid he was not employed in any Civil pursuit. 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.

S/ Reese Gullet, X his mark

[Samuel B White, a clergyman, and Willis Bonner gave the standard supporting affidavit.]  
Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department and put to Reese Gullet Senior by the court in open Court

Interrogatory 1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born

Ans. 1<sup>st</sup> I believe I was born in the year 1762 but have & know of no record that of my father's house containing such record in a Bible as I have understood was burned by the Tories in the Revolutionary War.

Interrogatory 2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age if so where is it?

Ans. 2<sup>nd</sup> I have none

Interrogatory 3<sup>rd</sup>. Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. 3<sup>rd</sup> When called into service I lived in the State of Virginia then Montgomery now Wythe County. I moved from Virginia to Tennessee then a Territory and about 15 years after the Revolutionary War and resided in Tennessee until 1817 as I believe but my memory is so imperfect that I recollect but very imperfectly. I removed to Alabama in 1817 I believe and am so informed where I have since & do now reside.

Interrogatory 4<sup>th</sup>. How were you called into service, were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom [?]

Ans. 4<sup>th</sup> I was a volunteer upon a requisition as I understood for Drafts and in Lou of Drafts.

Interrogatory 5<sup>th</sup>. State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served and Continental and militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general Circumstances of your Service

Ans. 5<sup>th</sup> I can state nothing more than is contained in my Declaration which is referred as all the answer of that I can give to this Interrogatory.

Interrogatory 6. Did you receive a discharge from the service if so by whom was it given & what has become of it [?]

Ans. 5<sup>th</sup> [sic] I never received my discharge from any person whatever for service.

Interrogatory 7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons in your present neighborhood to whom you are known – who can Testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a Soldier of the Revolution

Ans. 7<sup>th</sup> Samuel D White, Colonel Willis Bonner, G. D. Stone, Robert P Bates, Westley Bates, Christopher Tompkins, Gillington Chishum, Eli Siliman, Alex Somerville, Brice Graham, Reese Hamilton, Joseph Wofford, Thomas Moorman, Richard S Jones & Achillis L. Moorman.