

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Gillespie (Gillespy) S16827

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State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 Personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County & State aforesaid now sitting James Gillespie age 72 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. I entered the service of the United States a year not recollected under Matthew McClure Captain, Thomas McClure Lieutenant and marched into South Carolina and remained in the Army until marched back & was dismissed I then turned out volunteer under Samuel Givens Captain Thomas Givens Lieutenant Colonel Alexander, General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] and marched against the Cherokee Indians, & remained in the Army two or three months until marched back and discharged. I then entered the Army under the above named Captain McClure & the Lieutenant & Ensign before named and marched through Fayetteville to Wilmington & Remained in the service three months and was discharged I then entered the Army I believe under General Rutherford marched into South Carolina & remained in the service three months & was discharged I again enlisted under Captain Martin for 10 months & joined General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] was at the taking of Orangeburg South Carolina [May 11, 1781] we then reconnoitered the country & took a schooner – we then passed on and was at the Battle of Eutaw [sic, Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781] I was also an orderly Sergeant in this tour I was then discharged. I believe in all as near as I can recollect I remained in the Army at the least 19 months. I have no documentary Evidence believing it is not necessary to preserve my discharges so long – was born in this County & have lived here since the Revolution. But James Sloan & William Carrigan Esq. can testify some of the facts stated – I was also at the Battle of Ramsour's Mill [June 20, 1780] – under Captain Falls [Gilbreth Falls], who was there killed. I hereby relinquish Every Claim whatever to any pension or annuity Except the present, my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S James Gillespie, X his mark

William Carrigan<sup>1</sup> Esq. after being duly sworn saith the statement which James Gillespie have made in regard to his serving in the Cherokee Campaign is true & he also served in the same & knew the said Gillespie & saith he served three months.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Wm Carrigan

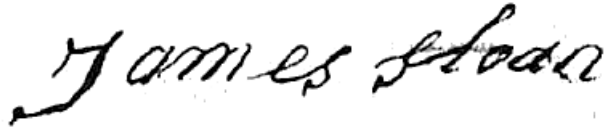


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1 [William Carrigan S8177](#)

James Sloan<sup>2</sup> after being duly sworn saith he also served with James Gillespie in a 10 months service was at the taking of Orangeburg South Carolina & Battle of Eutaw he also saith that he was in this last tour an orderly Sergeant. Sworn to & subscribed the day and year above written.

S/ James Sloan

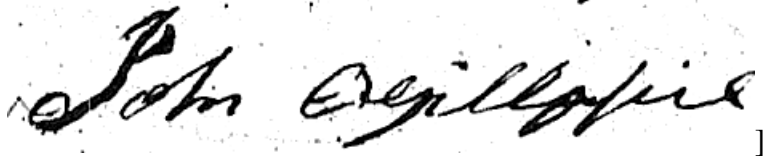


[James Doherty & Thomas Alexander gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 9: On April 27, 1836, Gillespie applied for a transfer of his pension payments to Greene County, Alabama—he identifies himself as having served under Capt. Nathaniel Martin, among other officers named above. He states that he moved in order to be near his children (none named) and that his land was worn out and he thought he could better his situation by removing to a new country.



The application for a transfer was supported by an affidavit dated April 27, 1836 given in Greene County Alabama by John Gillespie, relationship, if any, not shown.



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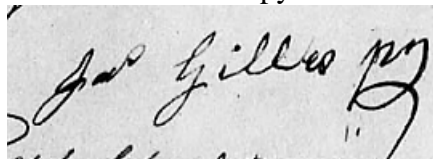
The State of Alabama Greene County

This day personally appeared before me Thomas Wolstenholme an acting Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid James Gillespie who being duly sworn deposed and saith that he is a United States pensioner and that his certificate bears date the 8<sup>th</sup> of December in the year of our Lord 1832, and that he was placed on the pension Roll at the Agency at Fayetteville North Carolina, and that when he signed the original application for a pension he made his mark and when he signed a recent application to be transferred to the Pension Agency at Mobile Alabama he signed his name in full, this deponent states that his reason for doing so, was that when he signed the original application the forefinger of his right hand was very much diseased and swollen, so much so that he was unable at that time to write – the deponent further states that from imperfect memory he does not now recollect the person through whom he secured his pension certificate.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this August 30<sup>th</sup>, 1836

S/ Thos. Wolstenholme, JP

S/ Jas Gillespy



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<sup>2</sup> [James Sloan R9662](#)

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Application for a transfer  
State of Alabama, Pickens County

On this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 1837 before me Reuben Gardner a Justice of the Peace duly commissioned in and for the said County of Pickens, personally appeared James Gillasp, who on his oath declares that he received a Pension Certificate signed by Lew Cass and dated the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 1832 as well as his memory serves him he received it through the hands of James Doherty or Samuel McCombs, as each of them were engaged in making out the declaration your affiant cannot say positively which period

Your affiant would further declare that he was in an engagement against the Tories at Ramsour's in Lincoln County North Carolina he was under the command of Captain Gilley Falls, he the said Captain Falls was slain in this engagement; the Tories was routed, about 20 was left dead on the ground.

Your affiant would further declare that he was in a skirmish that took place at Cowans Ford [February 1, 1781] on the Catawba River under the command of General Davis [sic, William Lee Davidson] in a company commanded by Lieutenant Thomas Davidson, and this skirmish General Davis [sic, William Lee Davidson] was Slain.

Your affiant will further declare that he was stationed three months at Wilmington North Carolina under the command of Captain Matthew McClure. That he served three months in the neighborhood of Rayborn's Creek South Carolina under the command of the said Captain McClure.

Your affiant would further declare that he served a three months tour at Stono, the most part of this time he was engaged in driving the Wagon, names of officers not recollected.

Your affiant would further declare that he enlisted for 10 months under Captain Samuel Martin and was attached to a horse company commanded by Nathaniel Martin in a Regiment commanded by Colonel William Poke [sic, William Polk] in the Army of General Sumter. That their head quarters was at Columbia SC. That he was at the Battle of the Eutaw S.C. That the said Nathaniel Martin's Company charged through a part of the enemy line, in the charge he the said Captain Nathaniel Martin was wounded of which wound he afterwards died. Major Rutherford & Major Poke [sic, Polk] brother of Colonel William Poke [sic, Polk] was slain.

Your affiant would further declare that it in the year 1832 he made out his declaration, and as well as his memory serves him it was in the month of September, it was made out at Mecklenburg in the County of Mecklenburg North Carolina.

Your affiant would further declare that he has received the Payments of his Pension up to the 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 1833, that he received his last payment in and through the hands of Mr. Beverly Rose, residing at Fayetteville North Carolina.

Your affiant would further declare, That the reasons why he has not drawn his Pension are these, that in December 1833 he removed to the State of Alabama, his children & Grandchildren having previously removed, that he removed for this purpose of enjoying their society, and being very old wished to be in their care. Your affiant was entirely ignorant of the steps to be taken to enable him to draw in the State of Alabama, and there is no communication with the State of North Carolina only such as by Post routes, and this your affiant did not feel disposed to trust to.

Sworn to & subscribed to 27<sup>th</sup> of October 1837 before  
S/ R. Gardner, JP

S/ Jas Gillespy

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State of Alabama, Pickens County

Personally appeared before me Reuben Gardiner a Justice of the Peace duly commissioned in

and for said County Charles P. Coleman<sup>3</sup> a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States who being first duly sworn deposes and saith that he became acquainted with James Gillespie at the battle of Cowans Ford, and knows that the statement made in the foregoing declaration of said battle is correct, he was also acquainted with him in the Army of General Sumter, knows that he served under the officers as stated in the foregoing declaration; your affiant was in the engagement at Eutaw and knows that the statement of the same is correct. After the termination of the Revolutionary War, your affiant was acquainted with the said James Gillespie in the State of North Carolina for at least seven or eight years; your affiant has seen and been acquainted with the said James Gillespie since his removal to Alabama, and that James Gillespie whose name appears in the foregoing declaration is the identical James Gillespie.

Sworn & Subscribed this fourth day of January 1838 before me.

S/ R. Gardner, JP

S/ C. P. Coleman

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. P. Coleman". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private & Sergeant in the North Carolina militia.]

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3 [Charles P. Coleman W25435](#)