Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Gilman S39574

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District of Virginia, S.S.

On this 27th day of February 1822 personally appeared in open Court, (being a court of record because it proceeds according to the course of the common Law, with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount and keeping a record of its proceeding) for the County of Hanover, John Gilman aged sixty two years, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of March the 18th 1818 and 1st of May 1820 That he the said John Gilman enlisted for the term of eighteen months on the [blank] day of April 1780 in the state of Virginia in the Company Commanded by Capt Benjamin Timberlake in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Francis Taylor in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the [blank] day of September in the year 1781 when he was discharged from the said service in Winchester in the state of Virginia. That he was in no battles – That he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services. And in pursuance of the act of the 1st May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed; Viz: a little household furniture, that he has a wife between thirty and forty years of age & two children, one about three & the other about one year old that he is a farmer by Occupation, but unable to do hard labour and that he stands in need of support from his Country. John Gilman

[The following are from <u>rejected claims in the Library of Virginia</u>.] To the Executive of Virginia

The petition of John Gilman a soldier of the Revolutionary war respectfully represents that he enlisted during the war of the Revolution for a term of three years under one Capt Benjamin Timberlake and was under his command for about two years and in his Company was attatched to Col Francis Taylor's Regiment but does not recollect the number of the Regiment. after that time Lieut. Richard White [Richard P. White] our Lieut took the command of the Company and I think White was made Capt but whether or not cant say) I served out my enlistment under him. Major Roberts [John Roberts, pension application W2347] was attached to our Regiment but I misremember the other Majr's name not having received my land I pray that it may be allowed me. I now receive my pension semiannually of ninety six dollars per annum which I hope will be sufficient testimony, in addition to Com'r Smith's report for it is almost impossible at this late date to get living testamony, and I am too old to look out for such testimony. I therefore pray that I may be allowed my land bounty which I am justly entitled to. [28 Feb 1838]

Reg'd 28th March 1838.

This claim is not supported by sufficient evidence as to length of service 1838 May 2 Rejected/ DC [Governor David Campbell]