

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Giles S8558
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· State of Virginia

County of Pittsylvania: *Sct.*

On this 22nd day of August 1832 personally appeared before the County Court of Pittsylvania George Giles a resident of the County of Pittsylvania and State of Virginia aged 70 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832 that he was born in the County of Westmorland and the State of Virginia and that afterwards his father removed to the County of Surry and the State of North Carolina. That he was drafted as a Militia Man in the month of March in the year 1780 in the Company of Captain James Freeman in the County of Surry and the State of North Carolina. Lieutenant Joseph Byers and the name of Ensign not recollected that he first marched through the State of North Carolina and near the town of Charlotte in that state became attached to the Company of Gideon Falls under Major James Rutherford and Col. Locke [*Francis Locke*] the names of the subordinate officers not recollected. That he continued to march through North and South Carolina as far as Monk's corner [*Moncks Corner*] in the latter state where General Caswell [*Richard Caswell*] took command of the militia remaining at that place about two weeks from thence that company was ordered to march back, Charleston having been surrendered [*May 12, 1780*] to the British and his company being unable from want of time to arrive soon enough to render any service to the army in Charleston. After marching some distance the Company joined the army under Col. Buford [*Abraham Buford*] at Nelson's Ferry on Santee River from thence they marched up to Camden from thence they marched to Cross Creek and he was then discharged after having been in the Service for about four months. He afterwards moved in the year 1780 from the state of North Carolina to Loudon [*Loudoun*] County in the State of Virginia. In the latter part of August in the year 1781 he was drafted in the Militia of that county in the company of Captain Hardage Lane and Lieutenant John Wheley and marched to Yorktown in that state where he remained until the surrender of the British on the 19 of October 1781. Afterwards he was marched in the Regiment of Col. George West which with others was lent as a guard over the British prisoners to Noland's Ferry on the Potomac River where he received his final discharge about the last of November 1781. He further states that having been so unfortunate as to have his house consumed by fire. Both of his discharges were burnt. The time he served having been in North Carolina four months and in Virginia three months. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension rolls of the agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and the year aforesaid.

George Giles²

We Griffeth Dickenson a clergyman residing in the County of Pittsylvania and M. Hutchings residing in the same hereby certify that we are well acquainted with George Giles who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be

¹ *Italics indicate changes/additions made by Will Graves 8/20/15*

² *Not the actual signature of the veteran since the handwriting is identical to the body of the document*

70 years of age that he is reported and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution and that we concur in that opinion sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Griff Dickenson

M. Hutchings

And the said court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary soldier and served as he states. And the Court further certifies that it appears to them that Griffeth Dickerson who has signed the preceeding certificates is a clergyman in the County of Pittsylvania and that Moses Hutchings who has also signed the same is a credible person and that their statement is entitled to credit.

I, William Turnstall, Clerk of the County of Pittsylvania County Virginia do hereby certify that the forgoing contains the original proceedings of the said court in the matter of the application of George Giles for pension.

In testimony whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal of office this 20th day of August one thousand eight hundred and thirty two.

Will Turnstall

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the North Carolina and Virginia militia.]