

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Samuel Gill W8882 Ruth Gill VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Kentucky } Sct
Garrard County }

On this 8th day of April 1844, came in open Court, Erasmus Gill, resident of Boyle County and State of Kentucky, aged 50 years, who on his solemn oath, makes the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Acts of Congress, passed the [blank] of July 1836 and the 7th of July 1838 or whichever of said acts, that the proofs may justify

Affiant Erasmus Gill states: That he is one of the surviving children of Captain Samuel Gill deceased – that he is informed and has an indistinct recollection, (tho' he believes it to be true, that his father Samuel Gill, was a commissioned a Lieutenant of the Virginia Continental line during the Revolutionary War – that he continued to serve in that capacity from the commencement of the War until early in 1777 and was attached to the 4th Va Regt. – that he is not certain as to the No. of the Reg't. but thinks he has heard the 4th spoken of, as the one in which his dead father served – that some time early in 1777 his father was Commissioned a Captain in said line and served two years as Captain; whether in the 4th Regt affiant is not informed from any conversations, he remembers to have heard detailed by old persons – that at the beginning of 1779 he is informed, his said father retired as a supernumerary officer [with insufficient troops for a command], but was again mustered into service as a Captain of Malitia at the time of the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown [19 Oct 1781]; that of all the services of his deceased father, he only speaks from the information of his father and a soldier who said he served under affiants father and from other sources. He states, that he has no documents, nor does he know any one by whom he could prove or establish said services, but begs leave to refer to the documents and vouchers, that may be found in Richmond Va or at Washington City.

He states, that he is informed and believes that his father entered the army of the Rev'y War, while a citizen of Berkley [sic: Berkeley] County Va that about the time of the siege of Little York his deceased father intermarried with Ruth Vanmeter of Berkley County Va. but whether before the last term of his dec'd fathers servises expired, affiant does not know from his present sources or means of information. He therefore prays the benefit of the Act of 1836 if the proof will shew his marriage to have taken place before the last term of service and if it shall turn out that the marriage took place after the close of the last term of service and before 1794 he prays the benefit of the Act of 7th of July 1838

Affiant would state, that his father resided in Berkly County Va where he married [blank] years after the War – that in the year [blank] said Samuel Gill removed to Fincastle Va and resided there [blank] years, then removed to Garrard County Kentucky where he lived until the year 1822, when said Samuel Gill departed this life, leaving the said Ruth Gill his widow, that she continued to live said Gill's widow until the [blank] day of [blank] 1840, when she departed this life, leaving the affiant, Patsy, wife of John Gill, Elizabeth wife of William Owsley and Cassandria Aldridge widow of James Aldridge dec'd. as his living children. That this affiant and Elizabeth Owsley resided in Boyle County Kentucky and Patsy Gill and Cassandria Aldridge in Garrard where this affiants father and mother died

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court [signed] Erasmus Gill

I John Fleece [pension application 35945] of Lincoln county Ky know that Samuel Gill now of Garrard County Ky enlisted in the Regular Army of the United States on continental establishment in Capt. Isaac Bell's [sic: Isaac Beall's] company in the 4th Va. Reg't. commanded by Col. Stephens [sic: Adam Stephen] and in Gen'l. [Charles] Scott's Brigade shortly after which he was appointed an Ensign and continued in the Army as an Officer at least four years. [no date] John Fleece

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

The Honorable the Governor & Council of Virginia

Your petitioners the undersigned heirs at law of Samuel Gill late a captain of the Va Con'l Line would most respectfully represent unto your Excellency & The Honorable Council, that on the 6th day of Nov 1775 said Captain Samuel Gill entered the service of the Virginia Continental Army, as an officer and was promoted to a Captaincy, and continued to serve as such untill the 14th of Sep'r 1778 when he was arranged out as a supernumerary officer at the consolidation at White Plains [see revwarapps.org/b138.pdf, that your Petitions [sic] ask that bounty land may [illegible word] adjudged due his heirs from the 6th day of Nov 1775 untill the 3rd of Nov 1783, deducting the amount of 4000 acres heretofore received, and they will ever pray &c

Erasmus Gill/ E Patsy Owsley/ Cassandra Aldridge/ Betsy Gill &/ Wm Owsley

By Wm H Todd Atty in fact

I do certify that capt. Sam'l. Gill servd in the Virg'a. continental line from the 6th of Nov'r. 1775 untill the 6th Jan'y. 1779

Given under my hand at Cum[berlan]d courthouse 27th of April 1784

[Charles Scott, Major General]

Chs. Scott. M. G[the rest torn off]

[Copy certified 28 Dec 1844]

“A List of the Captains and Subaltern Officers in General Scott's Brigade, who were left out of the late arrangement as Supernumeraries, Prisoners of War, and for other causes. 14th September 1778.

4th Regiment

Captains Wm. Cherry [William Cherry R13143]

Sam'l. Gill

Wm. Rogers [William Rogers]

Nat. Lucas [Nathaniel Lucas W442]

Lieuts. Wm. Boyce [William Boyce VAS417]

Henry Whiting [BLWt2412-200]

Wm. Davenport [William Davenport]

Wm. Callis [William Callis]

James Holloway

NOTES:

Only the most informative of the 76 pages in the federal pension file are transcribed here.

[Bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) include the original certificate of Samuel Gill's service as a Captain, signed by General Charles Scott, but the online image is illegible.

The federal pension file contains a copy of a bond signed on 15 June 1779 by Samuel Gill and Isaac Vanmetre for the marriage of Gill to Ruth Vanmetre. The federal file also includes the family record transcribed below.

A court document dated 7 Feb 1844 states that Ruth Gill died on 8 Aug 1840, and it lists the following deceased children of Samuel and Ruth Gill:

Emily George, whose surviving children were Theresa wife of John Williams, Will George, and James G. George

Joseph Gill whose surviving children were John B. Gill, Samuel Gill, Joseph W. Gill, Henry T. Gill, and Maria T. Gill

Polly Aldridge, whose surviving children were Maria Tillett, Elizabeth wife of S. G. Tillett, Emily wife of W. H. Pettus, Venira wife of C. N. Warren, Robert Aldridge, Will Aldridge, and Alexander Aldridge. Sam'l. Gill and Ruth Vanmeter was married the Twenty Ninth of June 1778

Cassandra Gill Was Born Fryday the 24th Dec'r 1780 [24 Dec 1780 not a Friday]

Mary Gill was Born Satteday the 30th day of March 1782

Era's Gill was Born Sunday the 30th Nov'r. 1783

William Gill Was Born on Tueasday De'r. 1st day 1789

Eras' Gill the Second Was Born on Winsday 27th June 1792

Joseph Gill Was Born on Munday 30th day of March 1795