

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Gilmore S13151

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State of Alabama, Pike County: SS

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1834 personally came (in vacation being unable to attend court by reason of bodily infirmity) before me Abram Miles, judge of the County Court in & for said County George Gilmore now & for ten years last past a resident of said County of Pike in said State aged eighty-five 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832. That he was born A.D. 1749 in the State of Virginia near the mountains but in what County he cannot at this time call to mind. That he volunteered as a private soldier A.D. 1774 in the County of Cumberland North Carolina where he then lived with Elijah Lumsdale now of Autauga County in this State & many others of his neighbors whose names are not remembered under Captain Hugh Gilmore and Colonel McAlister [Alexander McAlister]. That sometime after he joined the Army under General Nathaniel Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] – that he was in the Battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] & the battle of Ninety Six [Siege of Ninety Six, May 21-June 19, 1781] – That on his first tour he served six months – that at other times he served under Major David Love and Colonel Thomas Matthews – that he served many times during the space of five or six years at different lengths of time at the several terms varying one to nine months – that during his services he was in Virginia, North Carolina & South Carolina – that he recollects the officers above mentioned & the fact of having served under them in the States aforesaid – but at what particular times he served under said officers or in said States, he (from loss of memory by reason of old age & great bodily infirmity) can by no means distinctly remember. But that he distinctly recollects that he was engaged in the revolutionary war during a space of five or six years at different times – that he always volunteered when called on or the presence of the English or Tories rendered necessary his assistance to repel them & that he remained under his respective officers as long at each respective time as his services were required – that he was in several other skirmishes (besides the battles before mentioned) with the Tories & English that his memory as to particulars has so entirely failed he can give no correct chronological account of them – that he served as a private soldier & a volunteer & that during the times of his said services he was not engaged in any civil pursuit. And that he knows of no person now living in his County or vicinity who can testify to the services before mentioned and the said George Gilmore further declares on oath as aforesaid that he hath no record of his age – that he was living as before stated when called into service in Cumberland County North Carolina – that he moved to Wilkes County Georgia shortly after the revolutionary war – that he resided in Georgia until removing to said County of Pike about 10 & 12 years ago where he now resides – that he never received any discharge in writing from the service thinking it would be of no benefit – that he held no commission – that he is known to Jesse T. Reeves, James Cadenhead, a clergyman, & the said Judge Miles all his neighbors, who can testify to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

The said George Gilmore also hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me.

S/ A. Miles, JPCC

S/ George Gilmore, X his mark

[James Cadenhead, a clergyman, and J. T. Reeves gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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The said George Gilmore on oath

Answers

1<sup>st</sup> that he was born in Virginia near the mountains in the year of Christ 1749

2<sup>nd</sup> that the record of his age was burnt

3<sup>rd</sup> that when called into service he was living in Cumberland County North Carolina – after peace he settled in Georgia & now lives in Pike County Alabama

4<sup>th</sup> was called into service A.D. 1774 as a volunteer & private soldier – he was not a substitute

5<sup>th</sup> Captain Hugh Gilmore, Colonel McAllister, General Nathaniel Greene, Major David Love, Colonel Thomas Matthews – don't recollect the regiments – served frequently at different times\* – was in battle at Cowpens & 96.

6<sup>th</sup> received no discharge

7<sup>th</sup> Abram Miles, Jesse B. Reese & James Cadenhead

Sworn to & signed up before me eighth of April 1834

S/ George Gilmore, X his mark

S/ A. Miles, JPCC

\*first tour served six months—See Statement

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Alabama Pike County: Before me Jefferson Buford a Justice of the Peace in & for said County personally came said George Gilmore who being duly sworn deposed & saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below & in the following grade,

For six months I served as a private volunteer soldier

For nine months I served as a private volunteer soldier

For three months I served as a private volunteer Soldier

For three weeks I served as a private volunteer soldier

For one month I served as a private soldier

and for which service I claim a pension & that he can give no more definite account than he has given.

Sworn to & signed before me 8<sup>th</sup> April 1834

S/ J. Buford, JP

S/ George Gilmore, X his mark

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Raleigh 4<sup>th</sup> January 1837

Dixon H Lewis Esquire

Sir

Your letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> ultimo is received, and I have carefully examined the rolls of the Revolutionary Officers and Soldiers of the Continental line of this State for the name of Geo. Gilmore, but do not find it there. I have no rolls of the Militia of this State who served in said war, and suppose Mr. Gilmore served in that capacity.

Very respectfully

Your Obedient Servant  
S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina and Virginia militia.]