

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joshua Gamblin <sup>1</sup> W11039 Mary Gamblin  
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State of Kentucky, County of McCracken

On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before Rezin Davidge [?] Judge of the Circuit Court of McCracken County now sitting Joshua Gamblin a resident of the County & state aforesaid aged about Seventy years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of an act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as a substitute in place of Benjamin Harris for six months and served the whole term in the fall of 1777 or 1778, under Captain Kendrick [James Kendrick] in Chatham County North Carolina, Lieutenant's name not recollected, Ensign's name he believes to be Hodge, he proceeded thence to Hillsboro and joined a Regiment belonging to a brigade under command of General Sanders thence to Salisbury, thence to a town called the Pine Tree, thence to Savannah and after remaining there a short time in view of the Enemy he marched to a place called the Two Sisters [ferry] on the Savannah River near that place he had a smart engagement with the enemy and was compelled to retreat across the River under General Clarke [Elijah Clark], he there remained in sight of the Enemy until his term of service expired.

He then immediately enlisted in the Continental Army under Colonel Skurlock and continued watching the enemy along the Savannah River from the Two Sisters to Savannah for the whole term of his service which was nine months. The Captain who commanded the company in which he served was named Ramsey, Lieutenant & Ensign's names not recollected, he had no engagement with the British during this term of service – when his term of service expired he received a discharge which has been since lost. He then returned to Chatham County North Carolina and remained there about twelve months and in consequence of some threats from the Tories of the neighborhood he deemed it safer to be fighting the Battles of his Country, than to remain at home, he then joined the Army again as a volunteer for six months and served the whole term in a company commanded by Captain Minter and joined the brigade commanded by General Davis [sic, William Richardson Davie?] at Salisbury – events marched to the Catawba River, where he had an engagement with the British under Generals Cornwallis & Tarleton, at a place a few miles below Beatties Ford – on said River – He thence marched towards the Yadkin River and joined General Greene's Army on that River. Thence he marched to Guilford Court House, where he had a severe engagement [March 15, 1781] with the British – From Guilford he marched through Chatham County in pursuit of the enemy under Lord Cornwallis, who was overtaken at York town in Virginia, he was there during the whole of that Siege, and had the great pleasure of seeing his Lordship surrender [October 19, 1781] his Army to the Americans under Generals Washington & Lafayette at that place he was in the Army twenty-one months in all. In returning home from Yorktown he did not march with his company – and at a subsequent period (the

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exact time not recollected) he was directed to go to Hillsboro for the purpose of receiving his pay and getting his discharge, but was prevented by a severe spell of sickness from going. He further states he never received anything for his services except the bounty of \$25 when he entered the service as a Substitute.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Joshua Gamblin

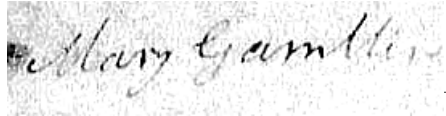
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joshua Gamblin". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the 16<sup>th</sup> of October 1832

Attest: S/ Braxton Small, CMCC

[Samuel M. Johnson, a clergyman, and Benjamin Bourland gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 15: On April 27, 1854 and Graves County Kentucky, Mary Gamblin, 70, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married Joshua Gamblin in 1817 in Hopkins County Kentucky by Jesse Ford a minister of the gospel; that her name prior to her marriage was Mary OBrian; that her husband died in Graves County Kentucky December 17, 1844.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Gamblin". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[p 11: On September 4, 1855, in Graves County, Ky., Mary Gamblin, 72, filed for bounty land as the widow of Joshua Gamblin; that she married (date not stated) Joshua in Hopkins County Kentucky by one Jesse Ford, a minister of the gospel; that her maiden name was Mary Obrian and that her husband died in Graves County in 1845.]

[p 19: Orlean Bishop, Clerk of Hopkins County, states that there is record of a marriage bond being issued for the marriage of Joshua Gamblin to Polly O'Bryant [spelled in the same document, "OBryan, Obryant, OBryant, Obriyant] on December 3, 1817 in that County; Reddick O'Bryant co-bondsman with Joshua Gamblin.]

[pp 42-45: Meredith Sisk and Pendleton Sisk gave testimony that they were present at the marriage of Joshua Gamblin and "Polly O'Bryan (sometimes called Mary O'Bryan)" in 1817.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$70 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 21 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]