

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Joseph Gilbert S40059

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Virginia Fairfax County towit

On this 26th day of May 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Gen'l. Court presiding in the 3^d Jud'l. Circuit personally appeared Joseph Gilbert aged seventy years, resident in Fairfax County in the said district, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provission made by the late 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;" That he, the said Joseph Gilbert enlisted in Alexandria in Fairfax County in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Windsor Brown of the first Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel [George] Gibson on Continental establishment, that he the said Joseph Gilbert was marched to and was at the Seige of Ninety six [Ninety-Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781], and was there transferred to the Corps of Artificiers, commanded by Captain Pendleton; that he continued to serve in said corps until the end of the war, when he was discharged from the service in Richmond in the state of Virginia, that his discharge was burnt with his house, that he was in the battles of Bunkers hill [Bunker Hill, 17 Jun 1775], and at Guildford Court House [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], (at the latter place he was wounded in the leg) at the former he served as a militia man) and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support: And that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Loudoun County & State of Virginia to wit

On this 2nd of September 1830 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Joseph Gilbert Blacksmith and resident in said County aged Eighty years & upwards 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 the 18th March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820 That he the said Joseph Gilbert enlisted for the term during the war, the day not recollected in the year 1779 or 1780, remembers perfectly well it was in the year that Gen'l Green marched his army from the northern to the Southern States [see note below], that he enlisted in the company of Capt. Winser Brown in Alexandria Fairfax County in the regiment commanded by Colo Gibson General Mulengburgs [sic: Peter Muhlenberg's] division, that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the end of the War, when he was discharged from the service in Richmond in the State of Virginia, that he has been admitted on the pension list, and did draw two years pay at the rate of \$96 per year, but has been stoped for several years past, for what cause he knows not, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension except the present, the number of his pension certificate he does not not recollect, and that he never before exhibited a Schedule of his property [required to retain his pension], because it never was exacted of him as he recollects. The said Gilbert further states that his trade is that of a Blacksmith, which he was almost continually employed at in the Army, and have ever since untill he was disabled by disease and old age, and now being almost entirely destitute as will appear from his Schedule, and not able to work or even to make application to the Court agreeably to the act of Congress, The said Gilbert now lives with his son in Law, who is not able to maintain him. Given under my had the day above written & has several children scattered over the County & his wife dead

And in pursuance of the act of the first May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident 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 & 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,

That since the 18th March 1818 there has been no change in my property, the following is a Schedule of what property I have now in possession

1 Vice }
2 pr Tongs } Schedule valued to \$6.50
1 Hammer }

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NOTE: The Gen. Green referred to as having "marched his army from the northern to the Southern States" would appear to have been Gen. Nathanael Greene. The Southern Army was already in the South when he took command of it on 2 Dec 1780.