

Hall County history

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Revolutionary War vet came from North Carolina

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The 1820 Federal Census of Hall County enumerates several heads of families by the name GILMORE, viz: Alice Gilmore, David Gilmore, James Gilmore Sr., James Gilmore, Jane Gilmore and John Gilmore. In some court records the name is sometimes spelled GILMER.

James Gilmore (Sr.) was listed on pension roll, Hall County, as a private having served in North Carolina Militia. He was placed a pension Oct. 16, 1833, at the age of 73 years.

"State of Georgia, Hall County. On the third day of September, 1832 personally appeared in open court before Thomas L. Tate, Joseph Dunagan and Ezekiel Buffington, judges of the Inferior Court of said county now setting in Court of Ordinary...

"James Gilmore of Hall County, Ga. aged 71 years and eight months whose being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the

following named officers — Capt. Robert Alexander and Lieut. Charles Mattox... and marched to Macklenburgh Town and there joined head Quarters under the command of Gen. Reathford and Colonel Lock... the month I cannot recollect but to the best of my knowledge it was in the latter part of the year 1778 or 1779..."

There were character witnesses: "We Josiah Roberts, a Clergyman residing in the county of Hall and State of Georgia, and David H. McCleskey, residing in the same, hereby certify that we are well acquainted with James Gilmore who as subscribed and sworn to the above Declaration, that we believe him to be 71 or 72 years of age that he is reputed and believed in the neighbourhood where he resides to have bin a soldier of the Revolution, and that we concur in that opinion..."

The following questions and answers were recorded:

"1. Where and in what year was you Born? I was born in the Year 1760. 2. Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it? I have no record of my age. My Father told me the last time I ever saw him that I was Born in the month of

January in the Year 1760. 3. Where was you living when Caule into Servis? Where have you resided since the Revolution War? Where do you now live? To the Third question he answers: I was living in North Carolina, Lincoln County and from there I Moved to the State of South Carolina, and from there I moved to the State of Georgia where I now live in Hall County in said State. 4. How were you cauled into Servis? Were you drafted, did you Volunteer, or were you a substitute and if a substitute, for whom? I was drafted and the 5th tower (tour) of duty I Volunteered, and the ballance of duty I allways Volunteer my Servises — when nessity Required it."

James Gilmore left a will recorded in "Book A Wills", Hall County courthouse. "In the name of God Amen. I James Gilmore Serr. of the County and State aforesaid do this day of my own free will being weak in body but of sound mind do make this my last Will and Testament, to Wit: that at my death my Soul I give to God, and my body I wish to be buried in a Christian like manner, and after all my funeral expenses

and just debts are paid, the balance of my property being personal property only, I give to my beloved wife should she survive me and at her death after all the funeral expenses is paid the balance of all my property I will to Elizabeth Seehorne, my granddaughter, to do with as she may think proper, Excepting my ROAD WAGGON that I give to my son James Gilmore Junr... I do hereby appoint Moses Brian my Executor... this 21st of February, 1841. James Gilmore. Wittnesses: David K. King and Elijay Taylor"

The widow, Easter Gilmore, makes a declaration for the widow's pension: "On this 23rd March, 1844... the widow of James Gilmore declares that her husband died the 15th April, 1841... that she married to the aforesaid James Gilmore May, 1783 by a Justice of Peace in York District South Carolina where they resided for 30 years or more and removed to Georgia, Jackson County formerly, now Hall County... That she has no Documentary evidence of their having been married as their family Register haveing been destroyed whilst moving to Tennessee crossing a Creek where their family Bible was lost... (signed) Easter Gilmore"

According to a declaration of John and Hannah Denton of Cherokee County, Georgia, James and Easter Gilmore had a large family of children. The eldest sone was named William. Court records show names of two more sons: James Jr. and Dan. It is believed that there were daughters Nancy and Elizabeth. Nancy Gilmore was married to Ezekiel Buffington, April 5, 1820, and Elizabeth Gilmore was married to Thomas Buffington, Nov. 27, 1882.

William Gilmore, according to family tradition, was "killed in a war." He had died by 1820 and his wife Jane is enumerated in 1820 census of Hall. Children of William and Jane (Doudy?) were: James D., Mary, Elizabeth and William.