

GILBERT/GETTREL EVANS

SERVICE	Evans, Gilbert or Gettrel Polly	NUMBER	W. 7.122
		B.L.M. 26857-160-55	
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13524  
 Lonsborough Agency  
 East Tennessee  
 alias ~~Gettrel~~  
 Gilbert, Evans  
 member in the State of Tennessee  
 who was a private in the company commanded  
 by Captain Moody of the ~~company~~  
 in the Penns<sup>a</sup>  
 for 10 months & 12 days

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Inscribed on the Roll of ~~Lonsborough Agency~~  
 at the rate of 36 Dollars 66 Cents per annum  
 to commence on the 4th day of March, 1831.

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Certificate of Pension issued the 14th day of May  
 1833 and sent to  
 Blair Lonsborough

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Amount to the 1st of March	73.52
Comant. allowance ending Sept	18.35
	<u>\$91.65</u>



Revolutionary Claim,  
 Act June 7, 1832.

Recorded by Daniel Boyd Clerk  
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67  
 Polly Grand  
 daughter of Gilbert, Evans  
 served in the Revolutionary  
 war, as a Private


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Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of  
 36 Dollars 66  
 Cents per annum, to commence on  
 the 4th day of March, 1831.  
 3<sup>d</sup> February 1853

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Certificate of Pension issued the  
 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 1853  
 and sent to

O. M. Daniel  
 Greenville  
 Tenn.



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Recorded on Roll of Pensioners under  
 Act of 1832, Page 181 Vol. A

1832



State of Tennessee 3  
Green County 3  
Guthrie Evans  
Declarant for pension



On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 1833 personally appeared Guthrie Evans in open Court before the Justice of the Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions for said County, (who is aged twenty five years a resident of said County & in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832 made sworn to & subscribed the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions of the act of Congress of 1832. That he was born in Newcastle County Delaware 19<sup>th</sup> March 1758, but has no record of his age, and continued to reside in said State Delaware until his sixteenth year when he became bound to perform military duty, and was in 1776 drafted into the military service at the time the British army was on the march through New Jersey to Philadelphia, but was repulsed and returned to New York & took up winter quarters that he was enrolled under Capt. Moody for a three months term of duty, and was in September marched from Newcastle Delaware to Burlington in New Jersey where the Maryland militia joined the main army under Genl. Geo. Washington, and after the British had been intercepted in their march and returned to New York, this declaration was



and charged by his said Captain Moody  
invally and returned home being for  
- three months tour which he served out.

That in the summer of 1776. he volunteered to  
guard a Merchant ship & Brig, taken  
by the two Gallies, and brought into the wharf  
two miles below Fort Mifflin and when in this  
act of guarding & unloading them two  
forty Gun British ships fired upon them  
and attempted to rescue said prize vessels  
so under guard, and finally drove off said  
ships of war & retained said prizes, and continued  
untill the same was in safety and continued  
for the space of six weeks. and returned  
home.

Again in August 1777. a large body of  
Hopkins & his troops landed in Delaware  
within two miles of the residence of declarant  
& the whole militia was drafted to go  
against said Army, & this declarant in  
the month of general, was put under Capt  
McKensley part of the militia in the vicinity  
guarded Wilmington, whilst the remainder  
joined Washingtons army at the head of  
Celt. - that the British army marched  
with the Hopkins on to Brandywine where  
was the celebrated battle of Brandywine, this declarant  
was of the number who guarded Wilmington  
under Capt McKensley, and continued  
in said service for the space of three  
months. never obtained a written discharge  
that on several occasions whilst the British



was in the Bay and in the vicinity the Tories  
had embodied themselves in great numbers  
in the swamps, one occasion he another,  
of having turned out under Capt. Moody  
for a volunteer expedition against  
the said Tories, and marched into the  
cedar swamps where were embodied  
five hundred Tories, under one Chang  
Clow, of the whole five hundred Tories  
were taken & Clow hung. & the  
remainder set loose in parcel of them  
that he served in that service three  
months. that he served in the war  
of the Revolution in the whole or a greater  
two months and half. that he has no  
documentary evidence nor does  
he know of any person by whom  
he can establish his said service  
as a soldier at this late period  
that his name is not on the pension  
roll of any State, and he hereby re-  
inquishes every claim whatever  
to a pension or annuity since  
the present that Michael Wright

and Jibe Kirby - are persons well  
known to him & by whom he can  
establish his said service from reputation  
there being no ministers of the Gospel  
in his vicinity whom he can obtain  
to establish the same, and as before  
stated he has no record of his age  
sworn to & subscribed  
in open court this 29<sup>th</sup> of  
Apr 1835. W. S. S. & C. Gilbert Grant



The Michael Bright and Jesse Kerby Esqrs  
 resident citizens of Green County State of N.Y. do  
 declare on oath that we are well acquainted  
 with Gilbert Evans who has made sworn  
 to & subscribed the above declaration that  
 he resides in the County with in, is as well known  
 seventy five years of age, & is reputed and  
 believed in the neighbourhood of his said  
 residence to have been a soldier of the  
 Revolution & that we concur in that  
 opinion.

Sworn to & subscribed  
 in presence of this 25<sup>th</sup>  
 April 1803.  
 Michael Bright  
 Jesse Kerby



And the said Court do declare their opinion  
 after the investigation of the matter and after  
 propounding the interrogatories presented  
 by the Secretary of war, that the said  
 Gilbert Evans was a soldier of the Revolution  
 and served as stated by him, that Michael Bright  
 & Jesse Kerby who have signed the above aff  
 and citizens of said County and are reputed  
 true to their statements within & without

In testimony whereof we have hereunto  
 set our hands & seals this 25<sup>th</sup> April 1803

Stat of Tennessee  
 Green County

John H. ...  
 Joseph ...  
 Geo. Smith

Justly that the foregoing containing the original  
 proceedings in the matter of the application  
 of Gilbert Evans for a pension.

April 25<sup>th</sup> 1803  
 Given under my hand & seal  
 in office this 25<sup>th</sup> April 1803.  
 Jas. Patterson, Clerk  
 By C. Swain, S.C.



Declaration



In order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the Act of Congress, passed 3d February 1853, granting pensions to widows of officers and soldiers of the revolutionary war, who were married after the year

Eighteen hundred

State of Tennessee

Greene County, 3<sup>rd</sup> On this third day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty three, before me Jonathan Carterly, a Justice of the peace in and for said county, and one of the Judges of the County Court of the county aforesaid, duly authorized by law to administer oaths, personally appeared Polly Evans, aged about sixty years, a resident of Greene county in the state of Tennessee, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the 2d section of the Act of Congress of 3d February 1853 to wit:

This Affiant declares that she is the widow of Gilbert Evans, alias Gettrel, who was a Private of the Pennsylvania Line in the war of the Revolution, and who was also a Pensioner of the United States, and received his pension at the Agency of the United States in Jonesboro in the state of Tennessee, at the rate of Thirty six dollars and sixty six cents per annum under the act of Congress of 7th June 1852 - that her ~~husband~~ the said Gilbert Evans was a resident of said county of Greene for the space of Seventeen or Eighteen years, to her own knowledge, before his death; and that the last payment made to him at the agency aforesaid, was for the six months ending on the 4th September



Eighteen hundred and thirty four, as she has every reason to believe.

That she was married to the said Gilbert Evans in the county of Greene and state of Tennessee on or about the twenty second day of June A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighteen by one Philip Hinkle a Tutor - an Minister, and that her name before her said marriage was Polly Smith.

That her husband the aforesaid Gilbert Evans, died in Greene county in the state of Tennessee on the fifteenth day of October A. D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty five - that she was not married to him prior to the year 1800, but the marriage took place at the time stated.

She further swears that she was a widow at the passage of the Act of Congress of 3d February 1853, and is still a widow; and that she has never before made application for a pension - nor has she ever made application for the amount of arrearage due at the death of her said husband.

She further states that the reason why her said husband did not apply for said arrearage in his lifetime, was because he was seriously afflicted for some time before his death; and that the reason why she has not made application for said arrearage, was because she could get no person to attend to it; and that she has this day made out her Declaration, asking the Third Auditor of the Treasury for the same. (The last paragraph is merely for explanation)

In proof of the Revolutionary service of her said husband, and his identity as a Pensioner, she refers the Department to his original declaration and papers made under the Act of Congress of 7th June 1832, and to the papers, showing the semi annual payments made to him, sent up by the Agent for paying pensions



at Lonesboro: and in proof of her marriage and identity as the widow, she refers to such proofs as she may be able to obtain: and she knows nothing of his Certificate of Pension.

Witness  
Rufus Easterly  
Richard Gammon

her  
Polly X Evans  
mark



Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first written before me:  
And I certify that the said Polly Evans is well known to me, as was also her husband the said Gilbert Evans deceased, who was a revolutionary pensioner - that she was a widow at the passage of the Act of Congress of 3d February 1853 and is still a widow - I further certify that from bodily infirmity, the said Polly Evans is unable to attend court, she being unable to walk without the aid of a crutch - that I am not concerned in the prosecution of this case, nor am I interested in the result.

Jonathan Easterly  
Justice of the peace

State of Tennessee  
Greene County 7th. Monday 7th 1853  
County Court, March term

The Declaration of Polly Evans, widow of Gilbert Evans decd. in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of 3d February 1853, sworn to on the 3d day of March 1853, before Jonathan Easterly a Justice of the peace, and one of the Judges of the County Court, for said county, and certified by him, being submitted, with proofs, to the Court; the said Court doth approve all his acts and proceedings in the case, and direct that the Clerk endorse the approval of the Court on the papers, and certify the facts in relation to the same. Given under my hand as presiding

Justice and Chairman of said Court,  
holden at Greenville, the day and date above  
mentioned.  
John Davis  
Chairman



"State of Tennessee)

"Greene County } To any authorized Minister, or  
" Justice of the peace, Greeting;

"Either of you are hereby authorized and empowered  
"to solemnize the rites of Matrimony between Gilbert Evans  
"and Polly Smith, according to the rites and ceremonies  
"of your respective churches, and the Act of Assembly in  
"such cases, made and provided.

" Given at Office in Greenville the 20th day of  
"June 1818. A. Patterson clk.

" (Endorsed)

" June the 22<sup>d</sup> 1818 - There I cele=  
"brated the Rights of Matrimony of the within named  
" Witness my hand

" Philip Hinkle M. G. "



"State of Tennessee)

"Greene County } 3<sup>rd</sup> of Elijah W. Headrick, clerk  
" of the County Court of said County,

do certify that the Declaration of Polly Evans, hereto  
attached, widow of Gilbert Evans dec<sup>d</sup> in order to  
obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of 3<sup>d</sup> Feb'y  
1853, relative to revolutionary pensions, and the  
original proceedings had and approved by said  
court at its March term, Monday the seventh, one  
thousand eight hundred and fifty three: That  
John Davis Esq. whose genuine official signa-  
ture appears to the approval of said Court, an-  
nexed thereto, was presiding Justice, and  
Chairman of said Court at the date thereof,  
duly qualified as such according to law;  
- That Jonathan Easterly Esq. whose



genuine official signature appears to said Declaration, was, at the date thereof a Justice of the peace, and one of the Judges of the County Court of said County, duly elected, commissioned and qualified according to law, and that the official acts of the said John Davis and Jonathan Earterly Esq. are entitled to full faith and credit.

I further certify that satisfactory evidence was exhibited to said Court, at its term aforesaid, that the said Gilbert Evans, decd. was a revolutionary pensioner of the United States at the Agency in Jonesboro Tennessee, at the rate of thirty six dollars and sixty six cents per annum, was a resident of Greene County in the State of Tennessee, and died therein, on the fifteenth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and thirty five, and that he left a widow named Polly Evans, a resident of said county of Greene, whose name before her marriage was Polly Smith, and that she is still the widow of the said Gilbert Evans decd.

I further certify, that the foregoing transcript of the Marriage License of the said Gilbert Evans, and Polly Smith is a true copy of the original, with the endorsement thereon, now on file in my office, and that I am disinterested in this case.

In testimony whereof  
I have hereunto set  
my hand and seal



Pension Office,  
June 7, 1853

Sir,

Gilbert (alias Gettrul) Evans was a  
revolutionary pensioner under the act of June  
1832, and inscribed on the Tennessee rolls  
at \$36.66 per annum, payable at the Jones-  
boro' agency. Please state to what time he  
was last paid, and if his widow, Polly  
Evans, has been allowed arrearages due him  
at the time of his death, and if so to what  
amount.

Died 15<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1835; Dues to  
his death - arrearages \$20.87  
remitted to Polly Evans his  
Widow.

F. Burt  
Auditor.

Francis Burt Esq  
Third Auditor,  
Treasury Department.



Very respectfully,  
Wm. C. C. Smith

W. C. C.  
For the Commission