

GEORGE GILLESPIE & SONS ALLEN AND THOMAS
[Washington and Greene Counties]
Tennessee Historical Marker 1 A 74
Gillespie Stone House

This was built 1792 for George Gillespie by Seth Smith a Quaker stone mason from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

An early fort originally stood on the site, and was the dividing line between Washington and Greene Counties in 1783. This house was purchased in 1842 by Jacob Klepper and has been preserved by his descendants.

U.S. 11E, Washington County, near Limestone Station.



George Gillespie obtained several Land Grants from North Carolina, making him a very wealthy man:

300 acres, North Side Nolachucky River
 211 acres, 'Sedar' Branch, Big Limestone
 394 acres, North Side Nolachucky River

He was married three times. First to Elizabeth Young and after her death to Elizabeth Allen. His surviving widow was Martha whose surname is not known. Martha's Will was probated on April 24, 1811. He is a documented Patriot by the D.A.R., whose records cite the names of his three wives.

George Gillespie is mentioned by J.G.M. Ramsey in his landmark book written in 1853, *The Annals of Tennessee to the End of the 18th Century*:

"Brown's settlement extended down Nollichucky [River] below the mouth of Big Limestone Creek and that neighborhood being the weakest & first exposed, a fort was built at George Gillespie's & a garrison stationed in it". [page 146]



1809 Greene County Tax List, Captain Stanfield District

Thomas Gillespie	160 acres	Mill Creek	"by Conveyance"
Allen Gillespie	800 acres	Cedar Branch	"by Will"
John Gillespie	144 acres	Chuckey	"by Will"
George Gillespie [Jr.]	440 acres	Chuckey	"by Will"

Roster of Soldiers and Patriots of the American Revolution buried in Tennessee,

by Lucy Womack Bates

[George's son, Allen appears on the preceding page of this list. Sgt. Allen Gillespie's Pension application appears at the conclusion of this article.]

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GILLESPIE, GEORGE (b 1735 Ireland/d pFeb 1794 Greene Co.) FS - Patriot. participated in border warfare. m 1st ELIZABETH YOUNG in 1753, m 2nd 1766 ELIZABETH ALLEN b 1746, m 3rd MARTHA _____. Ch: 1st m: Thomas b 7-12-1754 m Agnes Orr; Martha m Jeremiah Jack; Ch: 2nd m: George b 6-17-1769 m Anna Nielson; James m _____ Edmondson; Allen b 7-23-1769/d 8-24-1842 m Sarah Sims b 1-6-1793/d 4-18-1849; Elizabeth m Nathaniel Hays; Jane m William King; John m Barbara Hays McHinn. Ref: DAR # 464633; Ramsey: Annals of TN; Hale: Hist of TN, Vol 3.

GILLESPIE, GEORGE (b 7-22-1751 Rowan Co., NC/d 9-1-1818 Sumner Co.) Son of Thomas and Naomi Gillespie. Bur at Old Hopewell, Rock Springs Road, Castalian Springs, near Gallatin, Sumner Co., TN. Grave DAR marked 1972. Fought thru the entire war. Battle of Guilford Court House and King's Mt. under Gen Greene. m 5-15-1772 Rowan Co., NC to MARY GRAHAM b 5-31-1751 Rowan Co., NC/d 9-10-182___. Bur beside her husband. She was the dau of Richard Graham Jr. Ch: John b 3-11-1773; Thomas 12-24-1775; Jacob b 11-23-1777 m Nellie Graham; Mollie (or Polly) b 9-4-1779; Nancy b 5-21-1781 m _____ Bledsoe; Lydia b 8-9-1783; Richard Graham b 7-2-1785; George Jr b 7-21-1787 m 1st 6-19-1810 Martha Patey Morgan b 12-18-1791/d 2-20-1830 (9 children), m 2nd 6-16-1830 Mrs. Nancy Rogers Roberts (2 Ch.), m 3rd Eliza Cowles b 1803/d 1843 (1 child, died infant), m 4th Anna McClelland (5 children); Jane b 5-28-1789 m Peter Bryson. Ref: N.M.; SH; Fam. Records; NC Col. Records; Our Valiant Men by Lynch; Sumner Co., TN Will Bk 1, p 277; Family Records of Louise Lynch.

GILLESPIE, ISAAC (b 3-28-1750/d after 6-1-1827 Williamson Co.) Bur at Flat Creek area in unmarked grave. Son of Thomas and Naomi Gillespie. Lived in Rowan Co., NC during Rev. Served as Pvt under Capt Brevard in 10th Regt. Cont. Line. Came to Williamson Co., TN about 1812. m 4-12-1791 Rowan Co., NC to MARY ANN McGUIRE, dau of John and Mary Brandon McGuire. She was b 2-13-1770 NC/d 6-1-1827 Williamson Co., TN. Ch: Mary b 1-26-1794/d 3-13-1866 m 9-22-1816 Ruben Reynolds b 2-25-1791/d 3-25-1870; Lydia; Matilda; Sophia; Mary (Polly); Amelia; Naomi; Thomas T.; David A.; George M. Ref: Rev. Sol # 2303 NC Records; Our Valiant Men by Lynch; Williamson Co., TN Will Bk 4, p 349; Pen No. R.4031; Roster of Soldiers from NC.

GILLESPIE (GILLASPIE), JACOB (b c1751) Service in VA Line; age 81 in 1832 Pen list of Knox Co., TN; 1840 Census of Knox Co., TN. Ref: A 1.

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GILLESPIE, THOMAS (b 7-12-1754 Baltimore, MD/d 9-19-1828 Limestone, Washington Co.) Lived Washington Co., NC(TN). Served as Capt at King's Mt under Col John Sevier. m 11-11-1788 AGNES ORR b 12-26-1766/d 6-20-1829. Ch: George T. b 12-6-1789 m Mary Carter; William G. b 11-18-1791/d 1-11-1793; Amelia S. b 2-14-1794 m John Fain; Elizabeth b 4-19-1796/d 2-18-1802; Martha A. b 5-10-1798 m William Brazelton; Thomas II b 7-25-1800/d 10- -1800; Thomas III b 6-8-1802; James F. b 11-13-1804; John McAllister b 3-1-1807 m _____ Hall; Nancy (Agnes) b 8-30-1809 m William Moffett. Ref: DAR # 374550.

GILLESPIE, THOMAS (b c1755 Rowan Co., NC/d p Oct 1830 Williamson Co.) He is brother to George, Isaac and David and son of Thomas Gillespie Sr. m 9-5-1785 Rowan Co., NC to JANE LUCKY. He settled on land given by his father, Thomas, in the Flat Creek area, in Williamson Co., TN but when Maury County was formed his land was in Maury Co., TN. His Will probated Oct 1830 in Williamson Co., TN. Ch: Josiah; David; Naomi m John Allison; Samuel A. It is believed that Thomas and wife are bur in Old Steele Cem in unmarked graves. Ref: Family Records of Louise Lynch; Williamson Co., TN Will Bk 4, p 533; Rowan Co., NC Will Bk G, p 3; Roster of Soldiers from NC.

GILLESPIE, WILLIAM (b 1737 Ireland/d 1826 Blount Co.) Will probated 12-25-1826. Bur in Holston College Cem in a marked grave, with Govt. Marker placed by DAR 1976. Served as Pvt under Col John Gibson, 9th VA Regt (original designation 13th VA Regt.) Enlisted 1-7-1777 and his name appears on a Company Roll dated Fort Pitt 2-13-1780. Pension (Chalkley's Records of Augusta Co., VA, p 60 - orders a Pen. given to William Gillespie, 1783). m c1766 1st MRS. ISABELLA HOUSTON HENDERSON b 1737/d after 1782, buried Holston College Cem., m 2nd 1793 ANN HOUSTON. Ch: Ann m Ed Rutledge; Agnes (Nancy) d 1816 m 1792 Samuel Houston (son of Matthew Houston); Mary (Polly) m S. Byrd; Elizabeth (Betsy) m Abram Byrd; James (Capt) b 1-17-1771/d 11-17-1848 m 1st 1793 Peggy Houston (dau of Matthew Houston), m 2nd 1815 Jane Gallaheer, m 3rd 1823 Patsy W. Wallace; John b 1774/d 3-14-1842 m 1st Patsy Houston, m 2nd Nancy Gallaheer, m 3rd Jane Kilbourne; Robert d p 1922 m 1st Betsy Houston, m 2nd Patsy Houston, m 3rd Mary King. Ref: Chalkley: Augusta Co., VA Records; Farham Papers; Wills of Wa. and Ann. Note: Patsy and Betsy Houston were daus of Major John Houston and m brothers at same time. Patsie Houston who m Robert was dau of John of Pistol Creek. Mary King was dau of Rev. Richard H. King of Knox Co., TN (Will 1922:"widow of Robt.).

GILLESPIE, WILLIAM - Service in SC Line; age 75 in 1832 Pen list of Haywood Co., TN; 1834 P.L.W. Ref: A 1.

GILLESPIE, JAMES (b 1730 Ireland/d 1800 Blount Co., TN) Lived NC(TN) now Blount Co., TN during Rev. Served as Soldier during War. m 1760 VA to ELLEN FINLEY. Ch: James II b 1790 m Elenore Cowan; Jane m Sam Cowan; Elizabeth m Sam McWatt; Ann m Andrew Cowan; Sarah; Nancy m Samuel Houston; Polly m James Houston. Ref: DAR # 224549.

The Will of George Gillespie [Senior] was proven in the Washington County Court, February 1794 Session. Oaths were provided by George Galleher and Henry Earnest. The Executors of his Estate were wife, Martha, and sons George Junior and Allen.

George Senior's widow, Martha, signed her Will on May 28, 1810. Her Will was probated in Greene County on April 24, 1811. Bequests were made to daughter, Jane King; grand-daughter 'Marthew' King. Jane Hays, Marthew Gillespie, daughter of James Gillespie; Daughter, Elizabeth; Son, John; Sons George and Allen; Son, James; grand-daughter, Marthew Gillespie, daughter of Thomas Gillespie; Grandsons, Thomas and George King, sons of daughter Jane King. Executors: Son, James; Grandson, George Gillespie. Witnesses: Samuel Dunkin, Thomas McMackin.

WILL OF GEORGE GILLESPIE SENIOR [Washington County Will Book, Vol. 1 Pg 32]:

In the Name of God, Amen

This fourteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety three I George Gillispie, Sr., of the County of Greene and territory of the United States, South of the Ohio being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul unto the hands of God that gave it and for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the descretion of my executors nothing doubting but at the general resurection I shall receive the same again by the might power of God. And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form. Imprimis---It is my will and I do order that in the first place all my just debts and funeral charges be paid and satisfied.

Item---I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife Martha during her widowhood one hundred acres of land including the dwelling house wherein I now live and the large field before the barn doors and the orchard and the use of the stable known by the name of Stallions Stables also I bequeath to her during her widowhood my negro man Dick. I also bequeath to her my negro wench Else to be hers during the life of my said wife. And at her death to give her to any of my children she may see cause or think proper. I also give and bequeath to my said wife one bed, bedstead and furniture, one chest of drawers, my sorrel mare and my horse called Bob and her own saddle, two pots, three grown cows of her own choosing from my stock of cattle, one plough and tacking with horse gears for drawing for two horses, I also give her my said wife twenty pounds cash counting dollars at six shillings.

Item---I give and bequeath to my well beloved son Thomas one horse to be valued equal to twenty pounds Virginia count and to his son George if he should live to arrive at the age of twelve years one horse to the value of fifteen pounds Virginia count.

Item---I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter Martha Jack one horse to be valued to fifteen pounds Virginia count and also to her son George Jack if he should live to arrive at the age of fifteen years one horse to the value of fifteen pounds Virginia count.

Item---I also give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter Jane Gillispie her heirs and assigns forever the tract of land I bought of James and Charles McCartney lying in Green County and I likewise bequeath to her negroe girls, two, one named Rachell the other named Sue and four grown cows of her own choosing out of my stock of cattle after my wife has chosen her three cows herein bequeathed to her, also a large kettle and pot, two beds and furniture, two bedsteads also the pewter that is now in her possession. I also give and bequeath to her one bond upon Stephen Duncan for one hundred dollars.

Item---I also give and bequeath to my well beloved son John that part of this plantation on which he now lives running from the lower end on the river up as far as the mouth of big limestone including all that part of this survey that lies on the other side of big limestone which part I bequeath to him his heirs and assigns forever. I also give and bequeath to him his heirs and assigns forever five hundred acres of land that Thomas King owes to me. I also give and bequeath to him one negro girl now in his possession named Dinah. I also give and bequeath to my son John during his natural life a negro fellow now in his possession named Harry.

Item---I also give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter Elizabeth Hays two negro girls that are now in her possession the one named Darcus the other named Sally and one horse to the value of twenty pounds Virginia count. And I also give and bequeath to her son Charles Hays if he should live to arrive to the age of fifteen years one horse to the value of fifteen pounds Virginia count.

Item--I also give and bequeath to my grandson George Gillespie son of my son John Gillispie if he should live to arrive at the age of fifteen years one horse to the value of fifteen pounds Virginia count.

Item---I also give and bequeath to my three well beloved sons George Gillespie, Allen Gillispie, and James Gillispie their heirs and assigns forever all the remainder of my estate of every name and description whatsoever to be equally divided amongst them share and share alike including the use of the negro wench named Else and also the negro boy named Dick at the end of my wifes widowhood or at her decease and also the negro boy named Harry at the decease of my son John, It is my will that this includes to be given to my three sons aforesaid their heirs and assigns forever equally the land and other property given to my wife during her widowhood or life that it shall revert to them at the end of either, Also my will is that all bonds or other debts not herein otherwise given shall be equally divided to my three sons, George, Allen and James. I consider that the negro wench Jemima is the property of my son George and my will is that he have her exclusive of his equal division before mentioned.

Item--It is also my will that if a tract of land should be lost or any part thereof that my son Thomas sold that belongs to me upon Lick Creek that my sons Thomas, George, Allen and James shall bare the loss equally among them. I also constitute ordain and appoint my well beloved wife Martha Gillispie executrix and my sons George Gillispie and Allen Gillispie executors of this my last will and testament, and I do hereby utterly disallow, revolk and (disanull) all and every other former wills, testaments, legacies and executors by me made in any way before this time named. Willed and bequeathed ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed, sealed and declared by the said George Gillispie as his last will and testament in presence of us.

George Galleher George X Gillispie (Seal)

Henry Earnest mark

The foregoing will was proven in court by the oaths of George Galleher and Henry Earnest, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto at February sessions 1794 and ordered to be recorded. Martha Gillispie, George Gillispie and Allen Gillispie qualified as Executrix and executors of the foregoing will.

SGT. ALLEN GILLESPIE

SERVICE		NUMBER
766	Gillespie, Allen.	S. 21. 230
Born in Md.		
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West Jonesborough
 Tennessee 29,554
 Allen Gillespie
 of Washington Co. in the State of Tennessee
 who was a Pr. & Serg. in the company commanded
 by Captain Beadle of the Regt. commanded
 by Col. Sevier in the N. Carolina mil.
 line for 6 months Private — 20.00
 4 " Sergeant — 20.00
 \$40.00

Inscribed on the Roll of West Jonesborough
 at the rate of 40 Dollars — Cents per annum
 to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 17th day of Dec^r
 1834 and sent to Hon. J. Blair
 N. C.

Amount to the 1st of Sept. 1834 140.00
 Semi-ann. allowance ending 1st March '35 20.00
 \$160.00

{ Revolutionary Claim,
 Act June 7, 1832.

Recorded by D. Brown Clerk
 Book E-2 Vol. 7 Page 149.

Allen Gillespie
 Pension Act of 1832
 32,031

from 1780 per
 of Sept 10 months
 Pr 16 m. 20. —
 Sept 4 m 20. —
 \$40. —

For Jonesborough
 agency.
 H. R.

Mon J. Blair
 N. C.

Although a Pensioner under the Act of 1832, Allen Gillespie's name is not shown in the Greene County listing of Pensioners. The location of his farm and residence, may have been in Washington County.

PENSION APPLICATION

Be it remembered that on this 10th day of September 1834 before the Honorable Samuel Powel Judge of said Court, personally appeared Allen Gillespie a resident citizen of said County aged 69 years and being desirous of availing himself of the provisions of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 made and subscribed on oath the following declaration to wit, that he was born in the County of Hagerston [sic] Maryland, in the month of July 1765, and before the Indian hostilities in what is now East Tennessee then North Carolina removed to Washington County & settled there, where declarant was raised & continued to reside ever since and being subject to perform military duty in the year 1781 declarant volunteered to perform a tour of duty against the Cherokee Indians & Tories then in league with the British this was in the same year of the Kings Mountain battle & a little previous thereto, when a regular call was made for militia to repel the invasions of the enemy, he volunteered under Captain Thomas Biddle under the command of Colonel John Sevier to whom frequent orders had been given by the Government of North Carolina to call out the Militia, & after his enrollment under the aforesaid officers he was marched to the Nation, & after driving back the Indians, was kept in the vicinity of a fort on Big Limestone [Creek] called [indecipherable word, part obliterated by an ink blot] where he with the men under the command of the aforesaid officers, ranged spread [?] and scouted on the frontier until the expiration of his term of time which was for three months, verbally discharged by Captain Biddle.

2nd Tour After the expiration of his first term he again volunteered under the same officers, & continued to serve the Country being at the time annoyed with bodies of the Cherokee Indians & Tories breaking in upon the frontier, & the British under Cornwallis being in the march to the lead mines, & expected to pass through the very Country in which he resided & would have so done but for the signal defeat of the Army at King's Mountain and instead of going under Colonel Sevier to Kings Mountain Battle he was detailed with the Captain's company to which he belonged to guard the Fort on Limestone, & repel the Indians & Tories from taking the Country on the withdrawal of so great a body of the militia from the frontiers to intercept the march of Cornwallis and remained in service not only for the time engaged of three months but beyond it, and not for neighborhood Defense but under general defensive orders.

Again he was enrolled as a volunteer under Captain Handy [?] of Colonel Sevier's command for another tour of three months marched to the Tennessee River, & there being so large a body of Indians assembled on the opposite side of the River the Regiment retreated there being more than 3000 Indians assembled, & not more than 500 whites, said tour was for three months but was actually after retreating to the fort on the Limestone kept until a reinforcement came which was one month longer than his engagement. Declarant states on the last tour he was an orderly Sergeant & performed duty in that capacity & for which three tours amounting to nine months regular calls but 10 months actual service he claims a pension six thereof as a private & the residue as an orderly Sergeant that he has no record evidence of his services or written documents to establish his said servitude, nor is there any witness known to him by whom he can establish his actual service save that of Charles Graham herewith transmitted. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state, that he has no record of his age but the family record is in the possession of his brother James and he recollects the year of his birth & it is truly stated he states that Charles Graham & Nathan Gann are persons known to him & he remembers to them & by whom he can prove reputation of services.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court this 10th September 1834

An abstract of Allen's Will filed in Greene County gives the following information:

"To wife, Sarah, negro girl named Esther now in possession of Rev. Samuel W. Doak. Children: James W., William S., Polly, Elizabeth Crawford, Martha H. Tyler, George, Thomas, Robert, Sarah, Allen H., Jude [Julie?] Ann. To son, William S., \$120 I loaned him when he and his wife went to Nashville. Pay debt to William G. Crawford, husband of Elizabeth. Educate Thomas, Robert and Sarah. Land on Limestone Creek. I'm in dispute over land in Virginia.

Executors: E. L. Mathes, George Gillespie.

Will signed 9 June 1842.

Witnesses: Jacob Miller, John Falls."

The Will was probated on September 5, 1842.

Allen and his wife, Sarah, are buried in Providence Presbyterian Churchyard in Greene County. Although his tombstone is not fully readable, Find-A-Grave information gives his date of birth as July 26, 1765; and his date of death on August 19, 1842.

CAPTAIN THOMAS GILLESPIE

Few records exist for Thomas, and those that do are contradictory. From S.A.R. and D.A.R. documents, Thomas was born on July 12, 1754 in Maryland. He was married in North Carolina on November 11, 1788 to Agnes Orr. His exact date and place of death are uncertain; however, it is generally agreed he died in 1828, some say in Limestone in Washington County, while others say Limestone in Knox County. What is known is that he was a Captain of a company who saw service at the Battle of Kings Mountain.

Lineage Book: NSDAR Volume 115: 1915

MRS. MARTHA FAIN ROSS SMITH.

114036

Born in Jefferson City, Tenn.

Wife of Edwin De Lancy Smith.

Descendant of George Gillespie, Thomas Gillespie, Samuel Fain, Kilian Van Rensselaer, Leonard Gansevoort, Nicholas Fain and John McMahan, as follows:

1. John Fain Ross (b. 1848) m. 2nd 1876 Elizabeth Clark (b. 1848).
2. Leonard Gansevoort Ross (1813-66) m. 1846 Martha Gillespie Fain (1824-63).
3. Theodore Ross m. 1806 Elizabeth Richards Gansevoort (1784-1830); John Fain (1778-1864) m. 1812 Amelia Sample Gillespie (1794-1864).
4. Thomas Gillespie m. 1788 Agnes Orr (1766-1828); Samuel Fain m. 1777 Rosannah McMahan (b. 1751); Leonard Gansevoort, Jr. m. 1777 Maria Van Rensselaer (1760-1843).
5. George Gillespie m. Elizabeth Young; John McMahan m. 1750 Isabella Barnes (b. 1730); Nicholas Fain m. 1752 Elizabeth Taylor (b. 1734); Kilian Van Rensselaer m. 1st 1742 Ariantia Harriet Schuyler (1720-63).

George Gillespie (1735-1820) was a patriot for whom Fort Gillespie was named and where the Whigs found a refuge. He was born in Ireland; died in Washington County, Tenn.

Also No. 101820.

Thomas Gillespie (1754-1828) commanded a company at the Battle of King's Mountain. He was born and died in Washington County, Tenn.

Also No. 74708.

Samuel Fain (1753-94) served as private in Capt. Evan Shelby company at Point Pleasant. He was born in Ireland; died in Jefferson County, Tenn.

Kilian Van Rensselaer (1717-81) was colonel of New York militia and chairman of the Committee of Correspondence and served in the Legislature. He was born and died in Albany County, N. Y.

Also No. 49925.

Leonard Gansevoort (1754-1834) served as private, 1779, New York Line; also chairman of Committee for Detecting Conspiracies and member of the Provincial Congress. He was born and died in Albany, N. Y.

Nicholas Fain was a private, North Carolina Line. He was born, 1730, in Ireland; died in Washington County, Tenn.

John McMahan was registrar of Washington County, Tenn. He was born, 1728, in Ireland; died in Washington County, Tenn.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

National Number 42177 State Number 477

The Tennessee Society
OF THE
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION
Edwin Ross Smith, descendant of Capt Thomas Gillespie

Examined and approved Feb 10 1926
Samuel R. Paul State Registrar.
Approved by Registrar General 7/19 1926 O.K.

I, Edwin Ross Smith, am a lineal descendant of Capt Thomas Gillespie, who was born in Baltimore Md on the July 12 day of 1753, and died in Sept 19 day of 1828, and who assisted in establishing American Independence.

I was born on the 10th day of October 1901.
(1) I am the son of Edwin Clarence Smith born in Macon Georgia on May 8th 1855, died in Living and Melba Fair Ross his wife, born in Jefferson City Tenn on August 29 1877 died in Jefferson City Tenn on July 23 1899, married in Jefferson City Tenn.

(2) Grandson of John Fair Ross born in Cleveland Tenn on Oct 29 1848, died in Living on Oct 3 1899, and Elizabeth Thomas Ross his wife, born in Windsor Tenn on Oct 16 1876, married in Windsor Tenn.

(3) Great-Grandson of Leonard Ganservort Ross born in Windsor Tenn on Feb 2 1813, died in Cleveland Tenn on Oct 10 1896, and Mary Gillespie Ross his wife, born in Windsor Tenn on Feb 26 1824, died in Windsor Tenn on Dec 9 1846, married in Windsor Tenn on Feb 11 1846.

(4) Great-Great-Grandson of John Fair born in Windsor Tenn on April 30 1798, died in Windsor Tenn on Oct 11 1852, and Ann Elizabeth Gillespie his wife, born in Windsor Tenn on Feb 14 1794, died in Windsor Tenn on Feb 21 1864, married in Windsor Tenn on Dec 11 1812.

(5) Great-Great-Grandson of Capt Thomas Gillespie born in Baltimore Md on July 12 1754, died in Living on Sept 19 1828, and Agnes Ross his wife, born in Living on Apr 26 1766, died in Living on June 24 1828, married in Living on Nov 11 1788.

(6) Great-Great-Great-Grandson of _____ born in _____ on _____, died in _____ on _____, and _____ his wife, born in _____ on _____, married in _____ on _____.

The services of my ancestor, Capt Thomas Gillespie (No. 5), during the War of the Revolution were as follows:
Capt Thomas Gillespie and his father were pioneer settlers of Tennessee. Capt Gillespie fought gallantly at the Battle of King's Mt.

Went on a Rifleman with Col. Shelby
Captain with Lewis at King's Mountain.

British and Indians. Ramsays page 110 Col. Gillaspie and family were among the pioneers of Tennessee, then a part of N. C. The part of Brown's tract which Col. Gillaspie bought was situated on the Nollichucky 3 miles above the Big Limestone. The tide of emigration brought large outpores to the Nollichucky and radiating from these settlements as a center. The settlers building cabins and making other improvements in Va. and North Carolina. The fast oath was driving many Tories to the frontier. The Nollichucky was the farthest and most inaccessible, and in order to protect them from such and the Indians incited by the British, it was thought best to establish forts and stations. One was built at Col. Gillaspie's and a garrison stationed in it. Ramsey's Annals Page 146. Under great difficulties at home and great discouragement always did the patriots of the Nollichucky discharge their high duties to themselves and to their bleeding country. Tories were hunted out and punished or driven off while refugee Whigs were cordially welcome and found shelter and protection in this distant retreat. Ramsays, page 180. On the 28th of Sept. the entire military force of Tennessee was assembled at Sycamore Shoals. The younger and energetic had enrolled, the less ingenious and infirm were left with the Indians. They gave to each other their substance and clothing - anything the frontiersman had was offered unostentatiously upon the altar of his country. The proudest recollections are awakened when we view the past taken by the infant settlement on the Holston, Watanga and Nollichucky in the perilous times that tried men's souls. Col. Gillaspie was with Marion and also with Washington at Yorktown. He derives the title of Colonel from the Watanga Rifles 1756.

Ramsay's
Col. Marion's Regt, S. C. Militia

The following are references to the authorities for the record of my ancestor's service: *Hales History*

of Tennessee & Tennessee, Ramsays Annals of Tenn
page 180-110-146-324-873-421-518-564-808- this
record was accepted for one Eugene Thomason Chattanooga
Tenn National No-17307 Mrs Elizabeth to Caldwell National
Mrs Alice & Martin Proctor No 2 1811 National 114036

(Signature of applicant) *E. R. Smith*
 (Name in full)

[The following form of acknowledgment is required.]

STATE OF *New York* }
 COUNTY OF *New York* }
 Personally appeared *Jan 2nd 1816*
E. R. Smith

signer of the above and foregoing application and statement, and made oath before me that the statements therein contained are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Official Signature, *Charles Heyman*
 Notary Public

NOTARY PUBLIC
 R. Y. County No. 177
 New York Register No. 710
 Commission filed in R. Y. County
 Commission Expires March 29, 1817

**From *Early settlers of Washington County, Tennessee*, page 67
[Published the Jonesborough Genealogical Society]**

Early settler, Captain Thomas Gillespie came to the Nolichucky Settlement circa 1772/1773 with his father George. Before coming to Tennessee, the family lived in Rowan and Mecklenburg Counties, North Carolina.

Thomas was the son of George Gillespie II and Elizabeth Young. He was born on July 12, 1754 in Baltimore County, Maryland. He married first, Virginia Vance and had a daughter, Annie. He married second, Agnes Orr and had children: George III, William G., Amelia, Elizabeth, Martha, Thomas II, James Franklin, John McAllister, and Nancy M.

The name Gillespie can be Scottish or Irish, Gaelic Mac Gille Easbuig and Scottish from Mac Giolla Easbuig and it means servant of bishop.

Thomas fought in the Revolutionary War in North Carolina and was a commander of a company in the Battle of Kings Mountain. He also protected forts in what is now northeast Tennessee from Indian attack.

He was of the Presbyterian faith. He lived in Knox County, Tennessee, and was an elder of the First Presbyterian Church while there, and a trustee of the first board of Blount College, which is now the University of Tennessee.

He had 400 acres of land on Big Limestone Creek located on the north side and 100 acres on Rockhouse Branch in 1782. He was a military man, farmer and planter during his life.

Thomas died in September or October 19, 1828, in Limestone, Knox County, Tennessee. His will was written on the first Monday of January in the year 1824.