

Pension Application for Samuel Gillchrest or Gilchrist

S.35344

I, Samuel Gillchrest, of St. George in the County of Lincoln & Commonwealth of Massachusetts (later transferred to Maine) do testify and declare, that about the tenth day of March one thousand seven hundred and seventy six I enlisted in the American Army in the war of the revolution as a private soldier under Captain Tolbert in the eleventh Regiment commanded [by] Colonel [blank] Hedgcock—on the continental establishment – and in the Rhode Island line—for the term of one year.

That I served in said Company and regiment against the common enemy—that I was in the Battle on Harlem Heights on York Island—the sixteenth day of September the same year and then was wounded by a musket ball in my body which ball is still in my body –and extremely Troublesome to me, I was then conveyed to the Hospital in Hackensac and was unable to do any further duty until my time was out near the close of the year I received a permit from Major Angel and General Nickson—which was in there [their] words – Samuel Gillchrest [sic] being rendered unfit for duty by reason of a ball lodged in his body—has liberty to go home.

I further testify and say that I have never claimed nor received any pension from Government and that I hereby relinquish all claims to any prior to this time.

I further testify and declare that by reason of my reduced circumstances in life—I am in need of assistance from my country for support—

I therefore claim to be placed as a private on the pension list of the United States in pursuance of an act of Congress passed March the eighteenth AD one thousand eight hundred and eighteen—entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and navel [naval] service in the united States in the Revolutionary War” and further that I am sixty four years old. (Signed) Samuel Gilchrist

In a letter dated May 28, 1929, additional details were provided.

Samuel Gillchrest or Gilchrist enlisted March 6, 1776, place not stated, served as a private in Captain Talbot’s Company, Colonel Hitchcock’s Rhode Island Regiment, was in the battle of Harlem Heights where he received a gunshot wound of the left side: length of service one year.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 8, 1818 while a resident of St. George, Lincoln County, Massachusetts (Maine), aged sixty-four years.

He referred to his wife, Hannah then aged sixty-four years.

He died May 4, 1834.