

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Gibson R3999

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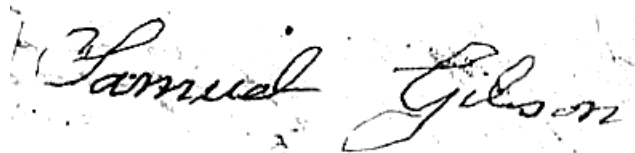
The State of Alabama Marengo County: 15th March 1831

For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the revolution approved on the 15th day of May 1828 I Samuel Gibson of the state and county above written do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the revolution for two years or during the war in the year 1780 – 81 or 2 as a private soldier but cannot in now say which but continued in the Army until Discharged by General Green [one or 2 indecipherable words].¹ I have been uniformly a friend to my Country I volunteered my services before I was of age to Savannah when the British came to five fathom hole – I was also drafted and went on the Florida expedition. I was in almost all the parties after the Indians. I was taken prisoner by the Tories and taken to Savannah and as soon as I could I ran away and enlisted as above stated for two years or during the war under Major Habersham Captain Lewis [?] Lieut. Finnel [?]² & Lieut. Shigs [?]³ the number of the Regiment not recollected but will appear in the War Department (all in the State of Georgia).

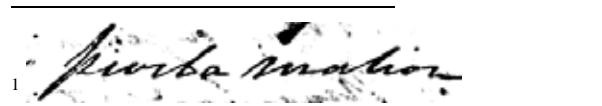
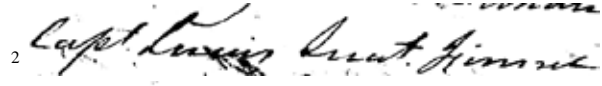

I further declare that I was not on the 15th day of March 1828 on the pension list of the United States: that I have never received any pay for my services. That I am now eighty years of age and in indigent circumstances that I have resided fourteen years in the State of Alabama. That I am a native of Ireland and Emigrated to Georgia at 8 or 10 years of age where I have resided ever since until my removal to this state all of which I do hereby testify.

Witness my hand and seal the day above written.

S/ Samuel Gibson



[George Cunningham and James F. Hainsworth testified as to the good character and reputation of the applicant.]

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State of Alabama, Marengo County: Circuit Court September Term 1832

On this 14th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Anderson Crenshaw Judge of the Circuit Court of Marengo now sitting Samuel Gibson a resident of the County of Marengo and State of Alabama aged eighty-two who 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 the 7th of June 1832.

I entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated I enlisted in the state troops under Major John Habersham of Georgia under Captain Andrew [indecipherable last name]⁴ I enlisted for two years or during the War near Savannah I entered the service in the year 1780 to the best of my recollection and in the spring of the year, I left the service at the conclusion of the war. I was in no engagement but was I waggoner and drove the public team during my time of service. I resided in the County [illegible word]⁵ when I enlisted and State of Georgia was discharged by Gnl [? looks like "Giues" or "Gines" or "Quies", could it be "Green"?]⁶, [indecipherable word] I volunteered under Captain William Little in 1779 to the best of my recollection for three months and went to Savannah previous to which time I was drafted in what was called the Florida expedition under Lieutenant John McKnuly and went into Florida we marched down Ogeechee to Spring Garden where we rendezvoused and were commanded by Governor Houston of the State of Georgia When I enlisted in the state troops I knew Captain Gill Colonel Gunn of the Calvary Regulars and General Anthony Wayne I have no documentary evidence nor do I know of any person now living whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my service.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and hereby declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

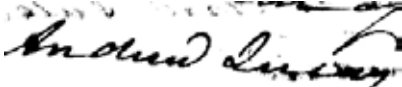
S Samuel Gibson

Sworn and subscribed in open court this 14th September 1832.

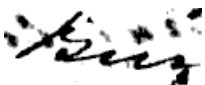
S/ Thomas Ringgold, Clk

[George Cunningham & Thomas Adams gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Note: The claim was not allowed because the service was deemed to be such as not to qualify under the 1832 pension act. The pension office classified the service of the veteran as a Waggoner in the state service. This file contains no family data.]



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