

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Wilbourne Gibson R4000

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State of Indiana }  
Ripley County } SS.

On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 1838 personally appeared in open court before the Probate court of Ripley County, now sitting, Wilbourne Gibson a resident of Ripley county and now living in the State and county aforesaid aged seventy five years last January and who first being 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. I was drafted into the service of the United States in Randolph County North Carolina in the Spring of 1781 the precise month and day I do not recollect and served for and during the term of three months. The Captain of the company in which I served was John Knight – Colonel Dugan – Major Dugan brothers [sic: James Dougan and Thomas Dougan] names of the Sargants and Corporals not now remembered. When my term of service was ended I received from Captain John Knight a regular discharge and considering it of no value or importance whatever and being totally unlearned It has long ago been lost and distroyed. Under the command of the aforesaid officers I was out on scouting expeditions most of the time in and through the counties of Randolph Rockingham Stolks [sic: Stokes, formed from Surry in 1789] and Guilford and was in several skimages with the Tories but no general engagement. Colonel Fannin [sic: David Fanning] as he was called was the Tory that we were after most of the time, as he was constantly destroying of property burning of houses &c.

I recollect on one evening we were in a little town call Hillsborough [sic: Hillsborough NC] and were compelled to leave it for the want of provision and on that very night [sic: probably early morning of 12 Sep 1781] this tory Fannin took the town and all the inhabitants were made prisoner – and our one eyed General Lyon among the rest and on that same night our company formed behind a fence along the road to take them by surprise – but we were afraid to fire for fear of killing our own friends who were prisoners and so we mounted our horses which had been hitched back in the edge of the woods and retreated and on the next day we had a skimage at Menden halls mill [Battle of Lindley’s Mill, 13 Sep 1781] in which we were defeated but Col. Fannin got his arm broke. Said Gibson further states that he knows of no person living by whom he can prove his services – that he has for years past been endeavoring to procure such testimony but cannot succeed – his officers were old men mostly and and those of his acquaintance who were known to him are all dead or gone were he is unable to hear from them. The houses of John Knight and Col. and Major Dugan and numbers of other houses were distroyed by this same Fannin.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State or if any only in that of the agency of the State of North Carolina.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.      Wilbourne hisXmark Gibson

Ans. to 1<sup>st</sup> Question. [Was born] In Guilford county North Carolina 1763.

2<sup>nd</sup> It [his birth] was recorded in my fathers bible which is long ago worn out and destroyed.

3<sup>rd</sup> I was living in Randolph county and have since lived in the State of Ohio and Indiana and now live in Indiana Riply county

4<sup>th</sup> I was drafted for three months.

5<sup>th</sup> John Knight Col. and Major Dugan – we were after Col. Fannin and the tories most of the time in the counties of Randolph Rockingham Stolks and Guilford

6<sup>th</sup> I received a discharge fro John Knight which has been lost and destroyed long ago

7<sup>th</sup> Mr Ruby Mr. Griggs Mr Dadly and Mr Davis [neighbors who could certify Gibson's veracity and reputation as a soldier of the Revolution.]

NOTES:

The pension act of 1832 provided only for those who served at least six months.

On 19 Oct 1852 Mary Ann and George Lewis, daughter and son-in-law of Wilburn and Rebecca Gibson, assigned power of attorney to obtain a pension. They stated that Wilburn Gibson died 4 Apr 1843, and Rebecca Gibson died 3 Mar 1839, and that they were married in North Carolina in 1783.