

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Gibson R4001

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State of North Carolina, Montgomery County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions October Term 1833

On this 7th day of October 1833 personally appeared in open Court before us William Swearingen, Jacob Austin and Enoch Jordan the justices of the said Court William Gibson aged Eighty-two years a resident of the County and State aforesaid being duly sworn according to law makes the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. He states that he was born in Bedford County in the State of Virginia and came to Montgomery County in this State where he has resided ever since. He states that he has no record of his age nor was there any ever made as he knows of, but from the best information he has on the subject he was Eighty-two years of age about last Christmas. He states that he entered the service of the United States under Captain Joseph Parsons,¹ who was commissioned by General ~~Rutherford~~^{Wade} [Thomas Wade] to raise a company of men to oppose him the Tories who were then committing Depredations in the County of Montgomery and the adjoining Sections. He states that he cannot recollect the particular time of his service but he thinks he was about 27 years of age and that it was about the time of Gates defeat at Camden [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780]. He volunteered as a horseman under the said Captain Parsons for the term of three months. This affiant states that he was from time to time engaged in actual service During his term of three months in making headway against the Tories under the command of Colonel Fannon [sic, David Fanning] and Col. Elrod [John Elrod], who commanded them in this Section. This affiant further states that when he was not engaged under his Captain that he had to conceal himself for his personal safety and that at one time the Tories surrounded his house and killed his half-brother John Carpenter thinking that it was this affiant. He states that during the time he was not engaged in any civil pursuit. He states that he served three months under Captain Parsons as above stated and that after this service had expired he then volunteered his service under one Captain Cox [John Cox] of Moore County who was a Captain of another troop of horse raised for the purpose of quelling & subduing the Tories, who were actively engaged in that quarter; which is adjoining Montgomery County. He was engaged in skirmishes with the Tories while under the command of Cox and at one time was taken by them and hung up by the neck and left in that situation, until he was cut down by the woman at whose house it was done. He states that this service of three months was much of the same character as that under Captain Parsons that when he was not riding on duty he was in danger of his life and had to conceal himself for fear of being surprised and killed. He states that he served three months in this way under Cox and afterwards was discharged. He states that he does not know whether he had a written or verbal discharge from either of his Captains Parsons or Cox if he had a written Discharge he has lost it. This affiant states that he was engaged in both tours six months During which time he was engaged in no civil pursuit. He further states that he is able to prove his service under Captain Parsons by Parsons himself who is still alive and has received his pension for his

1 [Joseph Parsons W4047](#)

services. He can further prove by said Parsons that he has seen the affiant riding under the command of Captain Cox, who is dead. He has no other person by whom he can prove the whole of his service under Captain Cox. He states that there is no preacher of the Gospel in his neighborhood by whom he can prove his reputation as a Soldier of the revolution. He is known to Benjamin DeBerry and Thomas Butler his neighbors who can testify to his reputation as a soldier of the revolution. This affiant still resides in Montgomery County.

This affiant hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the 7th day of October 1833

S/ William Gibson, X his mark

S/ J. B. Martin, Clk

[Thomas Butler gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina, Montgomery County: October Sessions 1833

On this 7th day of October 1833 Personally appeared Joseph Parsons a resident of the County and State aforesaid who being duly sworn in the matter of the application of William Gibson for pensions, states that he was commissioned by General Wade as stated by the applicant to raise a Company of troopers to oppose the Tories who were then actively engaged in Montgomery County and the surrounding Country and by virtue of said Commission, he proceeded to raise said Company, and the applicant William Gibson volunteered under his Command and served as he states. That the length of time for which his men volunteered was three months and at the expiration of the three months later were Discharged. He further states that he afterwards saw the said William Gibson riding under the Command of Captain John Cox who had raised a Company in Moore County. He states he saw the applicant under Cox's Command several times. He states that he has no Doubt the applicant was a soldier of the revolution and served as he states.

Sworn to and subscribed the 7th day of October 1833.

S/ Jo. Parsons

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jo. Parsons". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Jo. Parsons".