

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Gibson R52

VA Sea Service/ Half Pay

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Pension Office/ December 10, 1849

Upon an appeal from the decision of this office, the Secretary of the Interior has decided that halfpay under the act of July 5, 1832 should be allowed in the case of John Gibson deceased as a Sailing-Master in the Virginia State Navy from the 22<sup>d</sup>. of April 1783 to the first of January 1790, in which year he died. The amount is payable at the rate of one hundred and fifty two dollars and eight cents, per annum to Joseph Segar, attorney of William B. Lamb, of Norfolk, Virginia, administrator of John Gibson, deceased. The draft to be delivered to Francis A. Dickins, substitute of Joseph Segar.

Approved/ Secretary of the Interior

Commissioner of Pensions

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). Some of the online images are not legible enough for transcription.]

These are to certify that the berer hereof Jno. Gibson has served in the Navy of this State as a Seaman & Gunner upwards of five years and the later part of his time as Sailing Master of the State Boat Liberty.

Given under my hand this 1<sup>st</sup>. day of May 1783.

Jas. Barron/ Com. S. N. [James Barron, Commodore, State Navy]

To the Governor of Virginia

The Petition of the heirs of John Gibson respectfully states.

That he was a Gunner in the Virginia Navy during the Revolution for more than 3 years without ever receiving the Land Bounty to which he became entitled.

Your Petitioners file the certificate of the Auditor of Public accounts which shews that he was a Gunner in the navy and received a very large sum (£212.10.6) for his depreciation.

This is conclusive evidence to shew that he must have served in that capacity a very considerable length of time. In addition to which your Petitioners have procured the affidavits of Wm Jennings [William Jennings, pension application S5615] and [illegible] – that he served[?] in the [illegible] three years [several illegible words] Mr Banks (who was himself an officer in the navy & rec'd his land bounty) is equal to any service in this county [several illegible words] stated to your Excellency, as your Petitioners are informed – and the respectability of Mr Jennings was shewn in Capt James Marshalls case. Your Petitioners ask the Land Bounty for their ancestor's services aforesaid.

Francis Green for The Petitioners

[several illegible words] certify that John Gibson was in the Virginia Navy in the Revolutionary War for the space of three years in the capacity of Gunner [signed] James Burk  
Elizabeth City County Sc

Personally came before me one of the Commonwealths justices of the peace James Burke and made oath to the facts and things stated in the above Certificate. Given under my hand this 23<sup>d</sup> day of Dec. 1831  
Wm Hope JP

I certify that John Gibson served three years in the V. Navy in the Revolutionary War as a Gunner on board the Boat *Liberty* commanded by Capt Barron  
Wm Jennings  
Eliz City Count to wit

This day Wm. Jennings acknowledged the above on oath before me as Justice of the Peace in the county afores'd  
Given under my hand & seal this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June of 1832. [illegible signature]

I certify that I knew John Gibson who was Gunner on board the Boat Liberty commanded by Capt. Barron in the Revolutionary War, that I have seen him in the service as late as the year 1781.

J Cowper

Elizabeth City County Ss

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, John Cowper who having the above certificate deliberately read to him before signing, acknowledged the same on oath to be true, Given under my hand this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June 1832. Wm Hope JP

I certify that Capt. John Cowper is a gentleman of intelligence, and undoubted veracity. Wm Hope JP

Deposition of James Webb, who deposeth that he knew John Gibson in the Revolutionary war & since & that said Gibson was [illegible word] three years in capacity of Gunner on board of a vessel of the Virginia Navy commanded by Com. James Barron in the Revolutionary War.

[signed] James Webb

Elizabeth City County towit

This day James Webb made oath to the truth of the above statement before me a Justice of the Peace in & for the county aforesaid. Given under my hand & seal this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 1832.

Q.[?] G. Banks JP

NOTE: A letter of inquiry dated 17 Oct 1849 refers to Mrs. Traille, heir of John Gibson.