

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Gibson S10744

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The State of Alabama, Jefferson County: Circuit Court October Term for 1831

On the 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 1831 personally appeared in open Court (being a court of Record) for the County aforesaid Jacob Gibson a Resident of the County of Walker and State aforesaid, aged Sixty nine years – who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the act of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and the first of May 1820 that he the said Jacob Gibson served in the war of the Revolution, in the regular service, under the command of Captain Redding Blount, and in the Regiment commanded by Robert Maburn [sic, Robert Mebane] as Colonel – Eighteen months during which time of service he fought in the Attack on Charleston, where he was taken prisoner [Charleston South Carolina failed to the British on May 12, 1780] and taken to the Island of Jamaica – from which place he did not return until after the close of the war – That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present – That his name is not on the Roll of any State except North Carolina, That the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension to wit, That never until the present time as he felt himself laboring under such bodily infirmity and in such reduced pecuniary circumstances as to render it necessary the Cherokees of Pickens Country for a comfortable support, And in pursuance of the Act of the first of May 1820, I the said Jacob Gibson do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of An Act of Congress entitled “An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War,” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me Subscribed, that since the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property: on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 I had six small horses, three of which were stolen from me by the Indians and never recovered – and one died – also had seven head of cattle – I also had 13 head of hogs 10 of which were stolen – household and Kitchen furniture – two of the horses I exchanged for others and my furniture I still have – my cattle and hogs I have used for food. I have a small tract of land containing 21 ½ acres which I have since purchased: and few farming tools of small value.

A Schedule containing the whole estate & income necessary wearing apparel excepted of the said Jacob Gibson--

Two horse beasts	worth about One hundred and Sixty dollars
Fourteen head of cattle, old & young	worth about Seventy dollars
2 work steers	worth twenty dollars
Six head of sheep	worth Nine dollars
Twenty three head of hogs little and big	worth about thirty five dollars
My household furniture	worth about fifty dollars

I further state that I was enlisted in the regular service on the first day of July 1779 at Guilford courthouse North Carolina.

Sworn and subscribed to this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 1831.

S/ Jacob Gibson



Sworn & Subscribed to in open Court this 26<sup>th</sup> of October 1832

S/ M. H. Gillespie, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County State of Alabama.

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Congress of the United States  
In the House of Representatives  
January 10, 1832

On motion of Mr. Mardis

Resolved, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing the names of Jonathan Clower and Jacob Gibson on the pension roll, agreeably to the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818, and the first May, 1820.

Attest: S/ M. S. Clarke, Clerk

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State of Alabama, Walker County: SS

On this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January in the Year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Honorable David Murphree Judge of the County Court now sitting Jacob Gibson a resident of the County of Walker and State as aforesaid, aged Seventy ~~Eight~~ Years, 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 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.

He says that he resided in Guilford County in the State of North Carolina at the commencement of the Revolution, and that he entered the service as a drafted Militiaman on the first day of July in the Year of our Lord 1779, he then being Sixteen years old and Six months, and that he was to continue in the service for the period of Eighteen months, that the Regiment to which he belonged was called the Third Regiment of the North Carolina Militia and that the Regiment was commanded by Col. Robin (or Robert) Mabin (or Mebane) [sic, Robert Mebane] and that the Captain of his particular Company was Reddin Blount, and that the first Lieutenant was Thomas Allen and that the commanding general was General Hogan [sic, James Hogun],

and the Commander in Chief of the North Carolina troops was General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln]. The manner in which the word draft is used above is this: he states that there was law passed in North Carolina, as he was informed, providing that every tenth man should enter the service, and that he, in consequence thereof, entered the service; that he was marched from North Carolina to the siege of Charleston, in South Carolina, that he was engaged, while at Charleston, in several skirmishes while out on foraging parties, and that he was engaged, at Charleston, in taking a Redoubt which was soon afterwards abandoned. That he was taken a prisoner at Charleston by the British troops on the Twelfth day of May in the Year 1780; That he was pressed on board a British Man of War; that he refused to work on board of said ship; that he was carried to the Island of Jamaica and imprisoned in the Bath Prison on said Island, (there were four others pressed at the same time who also refused to work, and were imprisoned at the same place, all of whom died). That he remained in Prison until peace was made, when he was liberated. That he was in Kingston when he was liberated, and from thence he went to a port on the north end of the Island called Port Mira or Mares or some such name, that there he found a Vessel bearing the American flag, it proved to be a Brig from Middleton, Connecticut, commanded by one Joseph Smith of Middleton, that he made his situation known to Captain Smith who kindly took him on board his vessel, clothed him and conveyed him to Middleton in Connecticut and from thence he returned to ~~Middleton~~ Guilford County Virginia, so that he entered the service the 1<sup>st</sup> of July, 1779, and remained in the service, and as a Prisoner of war until Peace was made.

He says he has no documentary evidence of the facts as above detailed, that when he was discharged from Prison in Jamaica, a paper containing his discharge was given to him, which he has lost, and that he knows of no person living by whom he can establish the above facts.

General Hogun brought with him from the North Two Regiments, to South Carolina, which were called the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiments, and when the Regiment to which he belonged joined General Hogun, it was called the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment.

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

He says he was born in the State of Virginia, and as he was informed, Frederic [sic, Frederick] County in the Year 1662 [sic, 1762] That he has no record of his age, but that his mother kept a record of his age, which was recorded in a Prayer Book, and since her death, has been in the possession of a Younger Brother who resided in the State of Missouri.

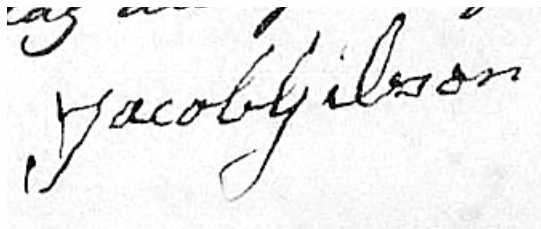
After landing at Middleton in Connecticut, he proceeded on for North Carolina, he got into Pennsylvania, when, for the want of funds to take him home, he stopped and worked for several months. from thence he returned to his native County in Virginia, where he remained about Three Years; from thence he removed to Green [sic, Greene] County in North Carolina, which said county is now a portion of Tennessee, where he remained about Two months, and left in consequence of the hostility of the Indians-- and then returned to Guilford County in North Carolina where he remained for Eleven Years; from thence he removed to Tennessee, Granger [sic, Grainger] County, where he remained for Sixteen Years, and from thence he removed to Alabama and that portion of the State where he resides has been since named Walker County, where he has resided for more than fifteen Years.

He never received a discharge from the service because he was made a Prisoner of War at Charleston in South Carolina.

Mr. James Kemp, who now resides in his neighborhood can testify, that he was in the Army of the Revolution, and all his neighbors can testify as to his character for veracity and good behavior, and especially of Mr. James Kemp.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jacob Gibson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jacob Gibson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[James Moore and John Turner, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do certify that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State, that Jacob Gibson a private in Captain Blount's Company of the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment enlisted on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June 1779, for the term of 18 months and that nothing for it is said of him on said rolls. This certificate is made for Jacob Gibson of Alabama, there is no other of the same name on the rolls.

Given under my hand this fifth day of March 1835.

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months in the North Carolina Continental line.]