

[Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Edward Gibbs S13149

VA

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 9 Apr 2015.

State of Virginia, }
Campbell County SS. }

On this 14 day of August, 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Campbell, Edward Gibbs, a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged 76 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 7th 1832, in relation to the Officers and soldiers of the revolutionary war. He the said Edward Gibbs states, that he enlisted in the army of the United States, as a private, under Captain Mead [sic: Everard Meade], in the month of July, 1776, at Amelia County, Virginia; that Wood Jones was 1st Lieutenant, John Oglesby Second, and John Worsham ensign in said Company. That the time he enlisted was f[page torn] years – which he faithfully served. That he first marched to Williamsburg, Va, under the same officers; from that place, marched north, to Baltimore, where they remained until early in the Spring; from thence, he was marched north again; went to Springfield Camp New Jersey, where they joined the main army under General Washington. His regiment was the Second, Commanded by Colo. Spottswood [sic: Alexander Spotswood] – Richard Parker Lieut Colonel. General Weden [sic: George Weedon] was Brigadier General. He was in the battle of Brandywyne [sic: Brandywine, 11 Sep 1777], under Washington; he was stationed at mud Island fort, on the deleware [Fort Mifflin on Mud Island in Delaware River], below Philadelphia, which was besieged by the enemy during nine weeks [sic: 10 Oct - 15 Nov 1777]. He wintered at Valley Forge, in Pennsylvania, the second winter, was discharged in July 1778, at the expiration of two years, his time of service and returned home to Amelia County va.

Afterwards, in 1780, he served in the Virginia militia, went to South Carolina, under Capt. Wm. Craddock [William Crass Craddock]; was at Gates' defeat, Camden [Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780]. His first service in the Continental line, was two full years – his last, in the militia was three months. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present; and he daclares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state whatever. He has lost his discharge; but can he believes at present, find one or two living witnesses to his service as aforesaid.

Edward Gibbs

[From [Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection](#)/ Campbell County]

To the Honorable Speakers and Members of the General assembly of Virginia the petition of Edward Gibbs of the County of Campbell humbly represents,

That on the eighth day of February 1776 your petitioner then a native & Citizen of Amelia inlisted for two years under Capt Everett Mead of the 2^d Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. Spottswood That he served the time of two years and obtained a regular discharge dated at Valley Forge on the month of February 1798 [sic] which discharge has since been lost, worn out, or mislaid. That during the service aforesaid he was engaged and took part in the battles of Brandywine but was not in the battle of German Town, being at that time stationed in Mud Island fort, otherwise call'd. fort Mifflin whilst thus engaged in the service of his country, his constitution was seriously impaired by the severe and arduous duties required of him in the Campaign of '76 & 77 and he was severely frost bitten. the injurious consequences of which he still feels.

After performing the Two years services aforesaid and returning home with an honourable discharge your petitioner was again call'd into the servise as a Militia-man and served three months in the Brigade of Gen'l. Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] during which he was engaged in the battle of Camden (South Carolina) Commonly call'd Gates [Gen. Horatio Gates's] defeat

Your petitioners Captain in the above tour (Johnson) was detail'd to take some refugees or Tories captured at the Cowpens [sic: 17 Jan 1781] to Winchester and promised to meet the men of his Company at Richmond to sign their discharge, but on the day appointed Capt. Johnson was unable to attend, and Col. [David] Mason of the continental line sign'd. them for him but your petitioner hath also lost this one given to him by Col Mason.

Your petitioner now is in the seventy second year of his age, and the natural infirmities incidental to old age greatly augmented by the exposure and hardships of his military services aforesaid. He is poor, having no other property whatever, than a small piece of land some stock, furniture, tools &c. Hence he prays to be placed on the pension list of his state, with the usual allowance for his present relief &c [Sworn 6 Nov 1827]

List of questions to ask of Wm. Dunnavant [William Dunnavant, pension application S8365] of Nottoway

quest 1^s. do you know that Edward Gibbs of Campbell County Va. aged 70 or 72 did enlist under Capt Meade of Amelia County in the year 1776 a Regular Soldier in the Revolutionary Army of the U. States and was duly Discharged in 1778 and then served a Militia Tour in Gates Defeat

Ans. I am well acquainted with Mr Edward Gibbs and to my certain knowledge he did enlist under Capt Averit Meade as a regular Soldier during the revolutionary war for two years but at what time he did enlist I am not able to state but I am of the opinion it was previous to Gates's defeat and I am clearly of the opinion he was there

Wm hisXmark Dunnavant

The affidavits of Phillip Gibbs and Joseph Gibbs of Lawful age, to be read in support of of a petition intended to be offered by Edward Gibbs to the Legeslature of Virginia – being duly sworn sayeth, that Edward Gibbs is and old and infirm man, they believe that his infirmities proceed in a considerable degree from injuries received whilst in the service of his Country during the Revolutionary War, when he was severely frost bitten, the effects of which is very injurious to him at this time. That in consequence thereof and his advanced age, he is unable to work for a support
[15 Nov 1827] [signed] Philip Gibbs Joseph Gibbs

Dec'r 10th 1827 ref'd to Claims/ Dec'r 26 Rejected/ Reported

[The following is from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Virginia, Campbell }

County, to wit;} [14 Jan 1834]

Personally appeared before me Thomas Cock, a justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, Edward Gibbs, an old and respectable man, well known to me, and worthy of full credit; who made oath that he was a soldier of the Revolution, and served two years in the Continental line during that war. That he enlisted in Amelia County va in the year 1776, under Colo. Spottsford, in the second regiment of the Continental line, Everett Mead was his Captain, Wood Jones first lieutenant, John Oglesby second lieutenant, and John Worsham ensign. Colo. Parker was lieut Colonel, and General Weaver Brigadier Genl. He thus enlisted for two years, and served his time out; and was honorably discharged: He marched with his regiment to the north; was discharged at valley forge Pennsylvania; but he has lost his discharge. He now draws a money pension of 80 dollars a year under the late act of Congress. He further swears that he has never applied for, nor rec'd. his land bounty; and now claims the land to which he is entitled.



[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). One online image is illegible.]

I Samuel Burton [pension application S39254] of Amelia County do hereby Certify, being a soldier myself at the time, that Edward Gibbs late of Amelia County, and of Logan County, Kentucky, enlisted as a soldier under Capt Everard Meade in 1776, to serve for the period of three years, and was attached to the 2^d Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment. He served faithfully the period of his enlistment, and was honorably discharged. Wood Jones was first Lieutenant, John Oglesby 2^d Lieutenant, and John Worsham Ensign, in the said company. I am in the 81st year of my age, and was a soldier of the Continental line – Given under my hand this 22nd day of January 1838.



To his Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

The memorial of the Heirs and legal representatives of Edward Gibbs, formerly of Amelia County, Virginia, but late of Logan County, Kentucky, who was a soldier of the State Line of Virginia on Continental establishment in the war of the Revolution: Respectfully sheweth:

That the said Edward Gibbs, enlisted as a soldier under Capt Everard Meade in 1776, to serve for the period of three years, and was attached to the 2^d Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment. That he served faithfully the said term of three years, and was honorably discharged from service. That Wood Jones was 1st Lieutenant, John Oglesby 2^d Lieutenant, and John Worsham Ensign, in the said Company. All of which will more readily appear by reference to the accompanying Certificate of Samuel Burton, who was with the said Gibbs the whole time [see endnote].

Your Memorialist farther state, that the name of the said Edward Gibbs appears on the Army Register of the Continental line, and that he has never received his Land Bounty promised by the State of Virginia to her soldiers of the Continental line.

Your Memorialist, therefore, pray that the Executive will grant them as the heirs, the usual quantity of Land allowed a soldier of the Continental line for a service of three years pursuant to the laws of Virginia, in such case made and provided. And as in duty bound shall ever pray &c
[16 April 1838] Norvill Gibbs [son of Edward Gibbs]

NOTES:

Samuel Burton's own pension application states that he served at a different time from that of Gibbs.

Documents in the file indicate that Gibbs was living in Logan County KY by 1836.