

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Gabbard S30431

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State of Kentucky, Clay County

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Clay Circuit Court, Jacob Gabbard, a resident of the said County aged as he believes 74 years of age, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the act of Congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832.

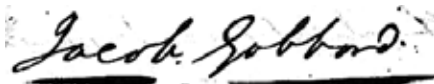
That he entered the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War in the County of Burke State of North Carolina he cannot recollect the date but it was in the month of June and some time before the Battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] and he believes in the same year, He entered the service for 18 months in what was called the Light horse service: His Captain was by the name of Clark, they were to rendezvous at Michael Grindstaff's the grandfather of Applicant, living in said County of Burke, and were then to march to the South to join General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] at Camden South Carolina. Before the day of rendezvous, he took the smallpox, and was not able to go into service he was sick five weeks, and as soon as he recovered a Captain Bickerstaff [John Bickerstaff] came through the Country collecting of those who had entered under Clark, had been unable to go with him; Applicant with others who had been sick fell in with Bickerstaff, and they were ordered then to range the Country after the Tories who had broke out very bad in Burke and Lincoln Counties, and accordingly he Served six months with him after the Tories in said Counties, continually in active Service on horseback, they were caught several Tories and sent them to the Continental Service. He was then taken on to Camden and placed in the hospital where he laid between six and seven months before he was able to attend to his duty again, and as soon as he was able to attend to business he was placed as a guard under Captain Prevard [sic, Alexander Brevard?], to guard the Magazine at Camden where he served until his term of 18 months was up, and then he was held to service still two months longer. He was continually in active Service for the term of 20 months except when he was in the Hospital aforesaid. He was discharged by his said last Captain at Camden Sometime after Wallace [sic, Cornwallis] was taken but he cannot recollect the date.

After he was wounded and sent to the Hospital, his horse was pressed into the Service and appraised at £21 horse, saddle & bridle, and he received a certificate of the amount, and understood he was to be paid he never received anything, and he has [one or more pages missing from both HeritageQuest and Footnote.com version] among whom were Robert Stewart, Bill Jones, John Lennex and Merida [?] Edwards who was a lost of head fellow among them [this makes no sense]. After this Service was over they were taken on to Colonel Cleveland (27 in number) in Wilkes County N. C. and were placed under him, and served there three months, ranging the Counties of Wilkes, Surry & Stokes, during this Service Col. Cleveland commanded. After this service was ended we were taken on immediately to join Greene. We were taken on by Captain Falls on the way between Salisbury & Camden we had an engagement with the British and Tories. We beat them and when they retreated (which was after the first fire) we charged upon them and in crossing an old pine fence in pursuit,

Applicants horse forced him upon the end of an old pine rail which penetrated through his thigh, and disabled him from further service at that time lost his certificate. After he returned home to Burke aforesaid he was drafted out of Captain Conly's Company of Militia to serve a six months tour after the Indians and he went out under Captain Joe McDowell and marched to the head of the Catawba River to old Colonel Worford's [sic, Wofford's] at a place called Pleasant Garden, and was stationed there to guard the frontiers, where he served his said term of six months in guarding and Scouting and was discharged by his Captain, this he believes was in 1782. So that he was in the service of his Country in actual service (including the time he was in the Hospital), 26 months, for which he claims a pension. In answer to Interrogatories propounded by the Court, he says that he was born in Lincoln County N. C. in the year 1760. He has no record of his age. He entered the Service at first for 11 months in the light horse service, the next time was drafted. He received two discharges but they are lost. After the War he moved to Abingdon Virginia from there he moved to Kentucky Lincoln County from there to Clay County where he now lives. He was acquainted [with] Generals Grain, Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter], Lee & Pickens regular officers. He knows of no person living by whom he can prove his service except what he can prove by John Forbis of Laurel County Kentucky. There is no clergyman living in his neighborhood nor is he sufficiently known to any clergy to obtain the certificate required by the Department. He refers to his neighbors Jonathan Hunt and Messenger Lewis who can testify as to his character &c.

He has no documentary evidence of his Service. He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the roll of the agency of any State whatever. Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Jacob Gabbard

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

And John Forbis of Laurel County Kentucky came into Court and testified as follows. He states that he was present and saw the Applicant enter the Service as Stated in his declaration he knows that he went into the Service each time and he knows when he returned, and he believes he was on the 18 months or more the first time and six months in the last time with McDowell – he believes he entered about the date he states & also returned about the time he States – he saw his wounded thigh directly after he came home, and understood that it was done as he has stated in his declaration, & that he (witness) is 75 years of age next August. And the said Messenger Lewis & Jonathan Hunt State they have been acquainted with said Applicant for many years and that he is a man of truth and of good moral character, and that it is reported and believed in the neighborhood of Applicant that he was a revolutionary Soldier and served as he states and that they concur in that opinion.

[no sign that the above statements were signed by the affiants]

State of Kentucky, Laurel County

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 1834 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for Laurel County State aforesaid, Jacob Gabbard, who being Sworn according to law, upon his oath made the following amendment to his original declaration for a pension under the act of the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832, made before the Clay Circuit Court at the April Term 1834.

He states that he entered the Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War, as Stated in his original declaration subject to the following amendment to his Service was called State Troop Service instead of Light horse as Stated through mistake in his original declaration. He further States that he entered the Service in June the year before the battle of the Eutaws and not the same year, as Stated in his former declaration.

When Wallace [Cornwallis] was taken his Service of 18 months was near out and when it was out, he was still held as a guard at Camden two months longer, and was discharged in the winter or

spring after Wallace was taken, He States that including the six months tour under McDowell, he served not less than 26 months in [the] Revolution Six months of which time he lay in the hospital in consequence of the wound received in his thigh as Stated in his original declaration. He States that the reasons that this amendment is made in Laurel County, are these; he lives 25 miles from the County Seat of Clay & a desperate rough way, and he has no business or intercourse there – that it is more convenient for him to do his business in Laurel and more over he is about to move from Clay and will still be more convenient to Laurel. As in his former declaration he hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the roll of the Agency of any State whatever.

Sworn to & subscribed this day and year aforesaid before me.

S/ James P. Carpenter, JP

S/ Jacob Gabbard

State of Kentucky, Rockcastle County

On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 1834 before me James C. Jones a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared Jacob Gabbard who in order to amend his declarations for a pension under the act of June 1832 made the following declaration upon oath. He states that owing to old age and consequent loss of recollection he cannot state precisely the length of his Service or all the circumstances connected there with but to the best of his recollection and understanding he entered the Service for the term of 18 months in Burke N. C. under Captain Clark, in what was called the State troop Service – and he believes in the year 1780 it was however before the Battle of the Eutaw Springs and as he still believes the year before in June for that battle took place while he lay sick in Camden and he had been 19 months in the service before he was taken there, and he was discharged some time after the Siege at York but he cannot recollect how long but from the time he was called out by Bickerstaff as stated in his original Declaration until he was discharged he served in the following manner, the following length of time For six months he served in actual Service under Captain Bickerstaff as a Ranger, in the Counties of Burke & Lincoln N. C. after the Tories. For three months he served in the same kind of Service under Colonel Cleveland ranging the Counties of Wilkes, Surry & Stokes, after the Tories. He was then placed under Captain Falls and ordered to march to Camden to Join General Greene and on the way they had a battle with the British & Tories where he was wounded as stated in original declaration. He was then taken on to Camden, he thinks they were about two weeks on the road, He was placed in the Hospital where there was as he supposes no less than 30 persons wounded & sick. Several of their names he yet recollects (to wit) William Smith from Burke N.C., Lawrence Mericle, Jesse Perkins, both of Burke, Thomas Bullin & Jonathan Hickman, from Wilkes County N.C., & William Ward from Wilkes, & Adam Grindstaff a Dutchman from Burke who lay there a long time was there when I went & died before I left there, they were attended by a doctor called the Dutch Doctor. He cannot say how long precisely he staid in the Hospital. He was there when Wallace was taken unable to march. He stated in his last Declaration it was not less than six months, not willing to be over the time, but upon reflection & calculation he knows it was longer tour he was there some time before the Battle of the Eutaws and was there some time after Wallace was taken. He knows that from the time was placed under Fall until he was discharged was not less than 11 months but how much of this time he was sick he cannot say, with certainty, but he believes not less than seven months He was then held to service to fill up, as he understood, his first engagement under Captain Clark for 18 months and after this was about he was still held as a guard two months longer take out the time he was sick & he served at Camden four months as a guard under Prevard and was discharged either in the latter part of the winter or in the Spring after Wallace was taken. After he returned home and in the same year he was drafted out of Captain Conley's Company and went out under Captain Joe McDowell and was stationed at Colonel Wofford's at a place called Pleasant Garden, where he served out his six months as a guard to the frontiers and scouting after the Indians, while he

was there the Indians killed one of Colonel Wofford's Negroes, burning from [sic] mill, so that upon the whole he was sick & in service not less than 26 months in the manner & way herein & heretofore set forth. For which Service he claims a pension,

He states that the reason this amendment is made in Rockcastle County is because the man who does his business lives there & it is more convenient for him to attend to business there and he expects to move there himself shortly. Sworn & subscribed this day & year aforesaid before me

S/ Jacob Gabbard

S/ Jas. C. Jones, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]