

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Gibson S31060

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State of Kentucky Allen County Court. Term 1833.

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of Apl 1833 personally appeared in open Court before Robert McClarey John Caruth John Whitney Saml Hunter Thomas Sutton Ames Harris & Thomas Caruth Justices of said Court then in the Courthouse of said County in court sitting John Gibson a resident of said County aged Seventy two years the sixth day of August last, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed Jun 7 1832.

This applicant upon his said oath deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his services as a soldier in the Revolutionary War; but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. For three months — days he served as a private under Captain Dennis Ramsay. For three months — days he served as a private under Captain Little. For Two months he served as a private under Colo Allison making in all Eight months — days and for such service he claims a pension.

Applicant states that he was born in the county of Farfax [sic: Fairfax] in the state of Virginia on the sixth day of August 1760 as he always understood and believes and as the family register in his possession shews. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the town of Alexandria in the County and State last aforesaid in which county he then resided and in the summer or the fall of the year 1777 the months and day not recollected, under Captain Dennis Rasmsey and served in the company as a private during the time mentioned above That said company was in part composed of Volunteers, part of drafted militia and was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonels Rumney or Rumbly and George Gilpin and a Major James Wren the names of the other officers not now remembered. Applicant states that very shortly after his enlistment in Captain Ramseys company as aforesaid, he marched with the Regiment from Alexandria, through Georgetown and Frederick town in Maryland from thence through York and Lancaster in Pennsylvania and joined the main army of the United States on its retreat after the battle of Germantown [4 Oct 1777] a few miles only from that place and on the day of the battle. That shortly after said Regiment joined the Army as aforesaid it was attached to the Brigade under command of General Charles Scott. That said Regiment continued to reconnoiter and observe the movements of the enemy for some time untill in December 1777 to the best of applicants recollection, he and the men generally comprising said Regiment were discharged at a place called the Wet Camp having served at least Three months [blank] days as a private soldier as above set forth to the best of his recollection. Applicant recollects that he got home in Farfax County as aforesaid a few days only not more than three, before Christmass 1777. Applicant states that some time after his return as aforesaid he enlisted in the regular service as a soldier of the Revolution under Colo Allison of the Regulars, to the best of his recollection, for eighteen months, which enlistment was in Alexandria aforesaid the month and day not recollected. That he remained in Alexandria under the command of Colo. Allison for at least two months [blank] days as above set forth. That applicants mother a Widow having no person to take care of or protect her and her farm and stock prevailed with Colo. Allison to discharge applicant upon furnishing a proper substitute, wherefore Richard Sandford was was accepted by the Colonel and served as he was informed during the term and in the place and stead of applicant.

He further states that in January or February 1781 he again enlisted in the Revolutionary army in the town of Alexandria aforesaid under Captain Little commanding a company in the Regiment of Virginia militia under the command of Colo Dennis Ramsey that shortly afterwards applicant marched under said officers and others whose names he does not now recollect to Williamsburg Virginia and from thence to York, that he was attached to a party of observation, to reconnoiter and observe the British

under command of Arnold and Philips [Generals Benedict Arnold and William Phillips] (as he thinks) who were devastating the country on the borders of James and Appamattocks [sic: Appomattox] Rivers, that he returned with said party to Williamsburg from thence with them proceeded to Richmond either in the latter part of April or first of May when and where he was discharged. applicant states that he served at least three months [blank] days as a private in Captain Littles company. Applicant states that he has no written discharge and does not now distinctly recollect ever having any written discharge, & if ever had a discharge he has lost it and cannot now produce it.

This applicant states that he was not in any general engagement with the enemy. That he was with the picket guard at Burwells ferry four miles below Williamsburg when the British landed the guard being unable to retain their position retired to Williamsburg and were persued by the enemy into that town the guard retreated for some miles untill we joined the Regiment, after which we all returned to Williamsburg and at night had a skirmish with the British, and were by them repulsed. Applicant hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any state. That he has no documentary or other evidence and no witness to support his claim saving the Individuals whose deposition is hereto attached, so far as he knows and has no means of proving either by documentary or other evidence further. That he resided in Farfax County Virginia untill his removal to Kentucky where he has resided ever since and where he now resides as set forth above. Applicant refers to the Reverend Jessee L Hickman and others whose certificate is hereto appended to prove his character for truth and belief of service.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid [signature illegible]

NOTE: Elisha Warden (W6428) made a supporting statement.