

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Elisha Gibson S31062

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[13 Sep 1828] For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an act for the relief of certain surviving officers & Soldiers of the army of the revolution approved on the 15th of May 1828, I Elisha Gibson of Shelbyville in the County of Shelby & State of Kentucky do hereby declare that I Enlisted in the Continental line of the army of the revolution for & during the term of five years & continued in its service during that period at which time I was private in the fourteenth Virginia Regiment Commanded by Colonel William Davis [sic: William Davies] in the Company Commanded by Captain Nathaniel Terry [pension application W3054] and I also declare that I afterwards received a certificate for the Reward of Eighty Dollars to which I was Entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May 1778 & I further declare that I was not on the 15th of March 1828 on the pension list of the United States

Elisha hisXmark Gibson

State of Kentucky

Shelby County Sct

On this 9th day of September 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before Justices of the County Court, now sitting, Elisha Gibson, a resident of the County of Shelby and state aforesaid aged 86 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832

That in the winter of 1776 & 7 this affiant was a Citizen of Halifax County State of Virginia, that in the winter afores'd he enlisted as a Regular Soldier in the war of the revolution for three years and served in Captain Nathaniel Terrys Company, which was arranged to the 14th Virginia Regiment on Continental Establishment, that said Regiment was commanded by William Davis the Col. Comd't. the Major was by the name of Carill [possibly referring to Samuel Jordan Cabell] – the Lieutenant in the Company was by the name of William Pointer. This affiant faithfully served out his three years for which he enlisted, and was discharged in the Winter of 1779 or 80, from this said Regiment by William Davis the Col. Comd't. by a writing, which writing has been lost. This affiant was marched to the battleground at Germantown and got there just after the battle was over [4 Oct 1777], but he was in the battle at Monmouth in the State of New Jersey [28 Jun 1778]. That after the battle of Monmouth, the Regiment to which this affiant belonged was marched to the White Plains, from thence to West Point, from West Point to North River into winter quarters.

That in 1780 [sic] this affiant after he had returned home to Halifax County state of Virginia, from the aforesaid enlistment was drafted for three months as a private soldier of the war of the Revolution, that he accordingly served this Tour as a driver of a team of Horses and a waggon in South Carolina and after the Seige of 96 [Siege of Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] Gen Gates [sic: Gen. Nathanael Greene's] army was march'd to the high hills of Santee and there discharged. That he in this Tour was compelled to remain in service for five months which he did and faithfully served out

That in the year 1781 [sic] this affiant was again drafted for three months, that he entered the service, the month not recollected and served in Captain Fountains Company. The name of the Col not recollected he march'd to Hillsborough NC thence to Peedee River [Pee Dee River] where they made a stand until the militia gathered he was in Gaits defeat [defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates, Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780], and that after the army was mostly scattered Gen Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] took the com'd. of the remnant that was left and marched us to Hillsborough then Guilford Courthouse N.C. where he was discharged. That he was compell'd to serve five months this Tour. That from the aforesaid two last Tours, he was honourably discharged in writing, which he has lost. This affiant states, that for want of memory, because of old age, he can Recolect but few names of the officers during the two Militia Tours of duty. This affiant states that he was born in 1747 in King William County State of Virginia. that he has

in his house a record of his age. When he was called into the service he lived in Halifax County Va That since the revolution he has lived in N. Carolina, from thence to Kentucky where he now lives. The first Tour this affiant was a regular as aforesaid. The two last was militia tours of duty under drafts. That for all the Tours of duty, this affiant was discharged by writing which he has lost. The Tours of duty while in the militia service was performed in South Carolina mostly. The last Tour this affiant was in Gates defeat and suffered as much hardship as any man now living. This affiant states that he knows of no witness by whom he could prove his services, nor has he any record of his services. he hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension, but the present, and declares his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in the Union. Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year first Written Elisha hisXmark Gibson

State of Kentucky County of Shelby ss

On this 24th day of May 1834 personally appeared before me Ja C Burnett a Justice of the Peace in & for the County of Shelby, Elisha Gibson, a resident of Shelby County and State of Kentucky, aged 87 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

That he was drafted in the year 1780 for a tour of three months a private in the militia of the Revolution he then resided in Halifax County Virginia, and immediately marched to Salisbury N Carolina from there to Ninety Six but this Declarant states that he cannot state the names of any of the Officers that he served under this tour except Major [Charles] Rose for this reason he was immediately after entering the service detached from his Company and compelled to serve the whole tour as a driver of a Team of horses & waggon so that he seldom saw any of the Officers the services was rendered in South Carolina and after the Siege of 96 Gen Green marched the army to the high hills of Santee, where this declarant was discharged. That in this Tour he was compelled to serve five months, which he did and faithfully served out as a driver of a Team as aforesaid

That In the year 1781 this declarant was again drafted in Halifax County Va. for three months and entered the service as a private and served in Captain Fountain's Company of militia the name of the Colonel not recollected he marched immediately to Hillsborough N.C. thence to Peedee River where they made a stand until the militia could be gathered together. This Declarant states that he was in Gates's defeat and suffered great hardships – that after the army was mostly scattered Gen. Stephens took the command of the remains of the army that was left, and marched to Hillsborough NC thence to Guilford Courthouse, where he was discharged. That he was compelled to serve five months this tour. This declarant states that he was honourably discharged from the aforesaid tours of duty in writing, which discharges has long since been lost

that he was born in 1747 in King William County Virginia

that he has a Record of his age in his house

that he was living in Halifax County when called into service since that time he lived in North Carolina then in Virginia Pittsylvania County, and moved to Shelby County Ky where he now lives

that he was drafted both times

that by reason of old age he can recollect but few of the officers he well recollects Gen'l. Gates & Stephens & Green & Major Rose

that he received discharges in writing but cannot recollect the name of the officers that gave said discharges they have long since been lost

he hereby Relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any State

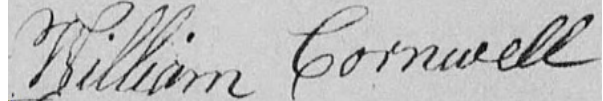
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[Gibson's first pension certificate issued on 10 July 1834 was for six months of service at \$20 per year.]

State of Kentucky } Sct
Shelby County }

Be it Remembered that on this Fifth day of September in the year 1835 that William Cornwell [pension application S35855] a Citizen of Jefferson County State of Kentucky aboute seventy four years of age who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war being first Duly Sworn deposed and saith that he was well acquainted with Elisha Gipson in the County of Shelby and State aforesaid and that he knew him in the army of the Revolution and that said Gipson was Commanded by Capt Nathaniel Terry and attached to the 14th Regt of the virginia line of the army under the Command of Col William Davis; and that said Elisha Gipson was an Inlisted Soldier for the term of three years and that he the said Gipson was discharged in the year 1779 at Middlebrook in the State of Newjersey

And further this deponant saith not



State of Kentucky }
Shelby County }

Be it Remembered that on on the 10th day of October 1835 before me Ja C. Burnett a Justice of the Peace, Personally appear'd James Travis [pension application S38445] of said County aged about 85 years who was a Revolutionary Soldier, and who being first duly Sworn, deposed and Sayeth, that he has long been acquainted with Elisha Gibson (who has signed the foregoing declaration for a Pension) and that from various conversations with said Gibson and hearing him relate many circumstances and Events that took place in the army of the Revolution, (that he said Travis well recollected), he knows that said Gibson was there as no man could state minutely the particulars that he has to him without being an Eye Witness to the same and further this deponant sates that said Gibson has always supported as good a character as any man in this state and further this deponant sayeth not

James hisJTmark Travis

Shelby County Kentucky

On this 24th day of April in the year of our Lord 1838 personally appeared before me Rich'd D Waters one of the justices of the peace in and for s'd county, and by virtue of my office one of the judges of the county court, Elisha Gibson who on his oath made the the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832

That on the [blank] day of march in the year of our lord 1777 he enlisted as a regular Soldier in Col. Wm. Davis's regiment in the Company commanded by Nathaniel Terry which Regiment was arranged to and belonged to the Virginia continental army. That his enlistment was for Three Years that according to said enlistment he served out the full time and is now very old aged Ninety Two years. That he was in the following battles –

The Battles of German Town and Monmouth

That owing to the advanced age of himself he is not enabled to state all things as they should be, he further states that he knows of no one by whom he can prove his Services except it be Hugh Davis [S10136] of Prince Wm Va – and he has lately learned that he was yet alive – and because he did not know of any one by whom he could prove his services heretofore he has never been able to obtain a pension. He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension of any agency in the United States, but the present.

Elisha hisXmark Gibson

Shelby County Ky./ 29th May 1840

The Undersigned, an applicant for a pension for services as a Revolutionary Soldier states as the reason why he did not apply for one sooner; that he removed from Hallifax County State of Virginia between thirty and forty years since, & that he did not know for a long time of any one on this side of the mountains by whom he could prove his services; untill William Cornell who lives in the State of Indiana & with whom he was acquainted in in the Army, but whom he had not seen since his discharge

therefrom, called at his house.

Cornell stated that passing through the settlement on his return from Lexington where he had been to draw his pension, he accidentally heard of the undersigned & remembering their former acquaintance he had called to see him.

These are the "circumstances under which he acquired a knowledge of there being a Witness."

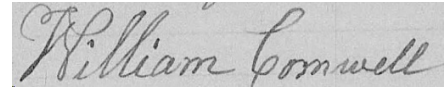
The Undersigned would further state that he had Cornells deposition taken & forwarded Two or Three Years since and has always supposed that it was on the Files of the War department.

Elisha hisXmark Gibson

State of Indiana }

Putnam County }

Be it remembered that on this 9th day of June 1840 personally came before me the undersigned one of the Magistrates in and for said County William Cornwell who being duly sworn deposed and saith that he knows very well Elisha Gibson now of Shelby County State of Kentucky that he stayed a day or two at his house in the month of September 1839, that he knew him very well when in the army of the revolution, that he said Gibson belonged to a regiment numbered the 14th of the Virginia line commanded by Col. William Davis, and served in the company commanded by Capt. Terry. That he formed his acquaintance with the said Gibson in the fall of 1778 while the aforesaid Regiment was stationed in the lower part of Dutchess County State of New-york at Robison's farms in sight of West-Point. The regiment above named marched from the place above stated to Middlebrook in the State of New Jersey where he said Gibson continued until some time in the Spring of 1779 when he was discharged his term of service, being three years, having expired. And further saith not



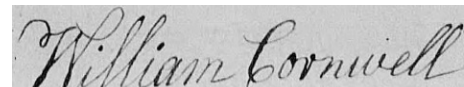
The additional affidavit of Elisha Gibson taken at his house in Shelby Ky on the 15th day of September 1841, deponent states he is now in or about the age 95 or 6 very infirm and unable to travel to the Courthouse, deponent states that he was a soldier in Capt Terrys Co. and in Col Wm Davis Regt as before stated and that as well as deponent can recollect there was no other man by the name of Gibson who Served in said Company, and he recollects that the orderly Sergent frequently Called him on the roll Elijah & at other times Elisha Gibson, and that he said Gibson allways answered to the name of Gibson whenever called. He prays that his case be taken up and his pension allowed him.

Elisha hisXmark Gibson

The affidavit of William Cornell a pensioner on the Kentucky Agency, of the New York Line.

Affiant being of lawfull age say 82 years of age states that in the year 1777 at the County of Dutchess State of New york he saw Elish Gibson in the service of the revolution in Captain Nathaniel Terrys Company & in Col Wm Davis Regiment of the Virginia Line, that said Gibson continued to serve untill the Spring of 1779 when said Gibson was discharged and returned to the State of Virginia and that he knew him well as said Gibson was appointed very often to keep the camp & while I was scouting as a pilot under the quater master general's orders I frequently saw him in Camp, and I now distinctly recognize this man living in Shelby County Ky to be the same Elisha Gibson. I have been often in the neighborhood where Mr Gibson lives and he is a very old man & bears universally the reputation of having served as a soldier of the Revolution and the deponent further states that the said Elisha Gibson received his discharg at middle brook Summerset [sic: Somerset] County New Jersey

William Cornwell



[On 17 Dec 1841 Gibson was issued a pension certificate for 18 months service at \$60 per year.]