

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Gibson S31065

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State of Kentucky, Cumberland County: SS

Be it Remembered that on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May 1834 personally appeared Before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid John Gibson a resident of the County of Cumberland aforesaid and State of Kentucky aged Eighty-four years the 21 day of November next 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 in the month of September in the year 1777 in Surry County State of North Carolina as a drafted militia man for three months under Captain David Roark, John Martin Lieutenant and William Boyles Ensign in Captain Martin Armstrong's Regiment he was immediately marched to his Regiment and Major Winston was the Major in the Regiment they marched on to Dan River and from there into the State of Virginia in pursuit of some Tories that were assembled near the State line they came up with them had a skirmish in which some were killed and some taken prisoners and after this skirmish they continued their march on to various parts of the frontier scouting after the Indians and Tories then marched back to Carolina for the purpose of routing some Tories that had assembled in the neighborhood but before they reached the place they had fled the Army pursued them down Dan River where they remained for some time in order to prevent their return they remained there & the vicinity until his time expired & he was Honorably discharged by his Captain & returned home.

In the spring 1778 a call was made for men and a draft was to be made and he volunteered under the same officers for three months under the same Captain, Lieutenant & Ensign and was attached to the same Regiment and was immediately marched on to the frontier of North Carolina where they were kept for some time as it was then understood that a body of Indians was coming into the settlement they remained there for some weeks that is in that region of Country and the Indian Army did not appear Captain Roark & his Company with this Declarant then again marched into the State of Virginia where it was said Tories was collecting they dispersed and routed several parties and four Tories were killed they continued marching from place to place sometimes in Virginia and sometimes in North Carolina until his term expired & he was again by his Captain Honorably discharged.

In the spring of 1779 he was again Drafted for three months under the same Captain, Lieutenant & Ensign and joined the same Regiment and was again marched on to the State of Virginia and marched down Dan River from there back to North Carolina and on to the frontier that is his Company and was stationed about the frontier guarding the frontier keeping off the Indians & Tories and scouting about until his term was out this tour he was not in any skirmish or engagement though often routed small parties that were assembled and after having faithfully served his term was Honorably discharged by his Captain, for these three tours he obtained a written discharge is which he has long since lost but how, when or where he cannot tell soon after his return he moved to the State of Virginia Henry County

and in the Spring 1780 he was drafted for three months under Captain Matthew Small – Lieutenant Benjamin Kimsey [?] he does not now recollect the name of his Ensign he immediately entered the service in Colonel Penn's [Abraham Penn's] Regiment and was kept on the frontier of Virginia for a short time when all But Captain Small's Company marched down the Country but where he cannot state and the Company to which he belonged was retained there about the Blue Ridge for the purpose mostly of searching for and taking deserters who were lying out and endeavoring to join the Tories, he was kept on that line for and during the time for which he was drafted and was again Honorably discharged by his Captain in the fall of the same year a call was again made and he volunteered under the same officers & in the same Regiment & immediately marched on again to the Blue Ridge where there was a number of deserters none but Captain Small's Company remained there, several Deserters were taken and at the end of one month they returned Home & he was discharged in this tour he states that he served one month.

He states that in the month of February 1781 he was Drafted for three months in Captain Thomas Henderson's Company he does not recollect who the Lieutenant & Ensign was feels almost confident that his Lieutenant's name was William Woody his Ensign's name he has forgot he was attached to the same Regiment and was marched on to the frontier of Virginia ranging & scouting about after the Tories Captain Henderson's Company was detached from the Regiment and was continually ranging the frontiers of Virginia & North Carolina, and had several small skirmishes with the Tories in which a few was killed after the term for which he was drafted expired he was marched home & discharged by his Captain he was in the month of July of the same year a month then drafted for three months and was attached to Captain Small's company and Col. Penn's Regiment that they immediately entered the service of the United States and was marched on to Dan River and from there back to the neighborhood from where he started and Captain Small's Company was again detached and sent on to the Blue Ridge in pursuit of Tories and deserters who had assembled there and they were routed and dispersed upon the approach of our company we were constantly Ranging and scouting on the frontier until my time expired & was again Honorably discharged by his Captain soon after his discharge Cornwallis surrendered [October 19, 1781] and he was not again called into service and in the spring following moved back to North Carolina & settled where he moved from he positively states that he faithfully served the above named tours as a private militia man in the Army of the revolution in a Corps called into service by competent authority that he was either in the field or in Garrison and for the time during which the service was performed he was not employed in any Civil pursuit and for which service he Claims a pension He hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

He further states that from his old age and bodily infirmity he is unable to attend Court that he lives in a remote part of the County & has not lived there long that there is no Clergyman living in the neighborhood of this Declarant nor is he acquainted with any clergyman in the County a short time he has been here owing to his confined situation he has made but few acquaintances here.

1<sup>st</sup> When and in what year were you born? Ans: I was born on the twenty first day of November in the year of our Lord 1750 in the County of Hanover in the State of Virginia agreeable to the information of my parents which I believe true

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer: I have not nor did I ever have any more than as my parents told me

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ansr: When I was called first into service I lived in Surry County, State of North Carolina, when I was first called into service; and that was his home until he served three tours he then moved to Virginia Henry County where he lived during the time he was in the further service and after his service expired he before the final close of the war he moved back to Surry County State of North Carolina where I lived some years and then I moved to the State of Tennessee Hawkins County where I lived

several years then I moved to Pulaski County State of Kentucky where I lived several years say eight or nine then I moved to Clay County Kentucky where I stayed two years then I moved to Virginia Lee County where I stayed about one year I then moved back to Kentucky Knox County stayed there a few years then I moved to Morgan County Tennessee where I lived a few years until last fall when I moved to Cumberland County Kentucky where I now live

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ansr: Part of the tours I was drafted & part volunteered as stated in the body of my declaration

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ansr: I was with no regular troops during my service nor was I with any regiments but not own or those to which I belonged as my duty was to guard and attend to the frontier duties as before stated and the general Circumstances of my services I have stated as correctly as I can.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ansr: I received three discharges signed by my Captain & the balance of my services I received discharges by parole and those which were written I have long since lost but how when or where I do not know

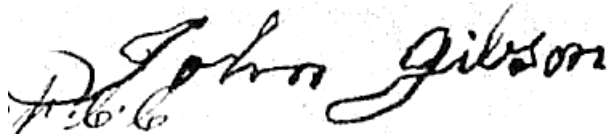
7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Anrs: I have been here but a short time but have Sloan will claimants with some of the present neighbors I have some acquaintance only in a short time I am acquainted with Mr. John Scott, Solomon Prewette Senior and Solomon Prewette Jr. & others all of whom I believe would state well of my character for veracity & their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution.

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Wm Spearmon, JP CC

S/ John Gibson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Gibson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The first letter "J" is large and loops around the "o". The date "1866" is written in smaller cursive below the main signature.

[John Scott, Solomon Prewitte, Sr., and Solomon Prewitte, Jr. gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$63.33 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private in the North Carolina militia for one year and 7 months.]

Note: This file contains no family data