

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Gholson S35966

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State of Kentucky Caldwell County towit

In the record of proceedings of the caldwell County Court among others are the following towit.

Be it remembered that at a county Court begun and held for Caldwell County at the Courthouse in the town of Princeton on monday the 25th day of may 1818.

The following proceedings were had towit.

William Gholson an Indigent Revolutionary Soldier of the old continental army personally appeared here in Court in order to be heard respecting his being entitled to the benefit of the law of the 18th of march 1818 entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the united States dureing the revolutionary war and being duly sworn testifies that in January 1777 he enlisted in Capt John Spotwoods company [John Spotswood VAS452, company raised in Spotsylvania County VA] tenth virginia Regiment of continental troops for three years and that he continued with the army until charlston fell into the hands of the british [sic: Charleston SC, 12 May 1780] and the he made his escape from the Enemy the 14th day of June 1780 when he returned home haveing duly served the time of his enlistement. he further swears that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for support.

State of Kentucky Caldwell County Towit

In the Record of proceedings in the County Court of said County among others are the following towit

Be it remembered that "At a County Court begun and held for Caldwell County at the Courthouse in the Town of Princeton" the following proceedings were had

"On motion of William Gholson he produces here in Court his affidavit which being sworn to by him was ordered to be recorded and Certified according to law which affidavit reads Towit "State of Kentucky Caldwell County Sct. On this 24th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said County William Gholson aged 62 years resident in said County who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows

That he enlisted in the month of January 1777 in the tenth Virginia Rgt Commanded by colonel Edward Stevens for the time of three years in Captain John Spotswoods Company of the Virginia line on the Continental establishment, All of which is Contained in his original declaration which bears date may 25th 1818. On which he has received a pension Certificate the number of which is 14.592

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. And I further declare that I have no property of any description whatever except the sum of about \$30 which is due me from T. C. Gholson My occupation at present is that of teaching a small Country School, and am not able to labor for a living which is the reason of my engaging in my present Occupation, I have one son named Richard D Gholson aged about Sixteen years who is unable to render me any Great Service in procuring subsistence

Wm Gholson

[The following is from [bounty-warrant records in the Library of Virginia](#). The online image is poor.]

Certified that William Gholson enlisted for three years in the Continental army in the 10th Reg't and after Reinlisted to serve during the war was promoted to a Seargent in the year 1779 Given under my Hand this 1[?]th day of March 1784 [several illegible words]/ Samuel Hawes Lt Colo.

NOTES:

The pension certificate indicates that Gholson was a Sergeant and that he died on 2 Jan 1837.

A letter dated 22 Feb 1838 refers to "the son & Daughter now applying," but no such application was found in the file.