

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Gibson (Gipson) S38728

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State of Tennessee – To wit --

This day personally appeared before me Alfred M. Harris, one of the Circuit Judges in & for the State of Tennessee, the undersigned William Gibson, who being first Sworn deposed & saith, that he did, in the County of Greenville, in the State of North Carolina, sometime in the month of June, 1776, enlist, as a soldier on the Continental establishment for the term of two years and six months, in a company then commanded by Captain Philip Taylor in the sixth Regiment of North Carolina Continental troops, commanded by Colonel Joseph Taylor in General Francis Nash's Brigade – That he did, faithfully serve against the common enemy, Great Britain, during the Revolutionary War, pursuant of his enlistment, until the end and expiration of his said term of service, before mentioned; when he did, in Wilmington, in North Carolina, enlist in the same company & Regiment before mentioned during the war; & served until the fall of Charleston [May 12, 1780] in South Carolina; where he was made a prisoner by the enemy; that he enlisted with the enemy, & deserted; & then served in the Virginia militia, under Captain Whitten[?]. That he was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777], Monmouth [June 28, 1778], at the White horse [White Horse Tavern, September 16, 1777], & the Siege of Charleston, & some inconsiderable skirmishes. That he is now seventy-six years old, & stands in need of assistance for his support; not having the means of supporting himself & being unable to get a subsistence by his manual labor – He herewith encloses the certificate of his Captain, marked A, showing his said service – He hereby releases all pensions heretofore granted him, of the law of the United States, except the one hereby prayed for; & praise to be placed on the pension list roll agreeably to the provisions of a late act of Congress in such cases made & provided -- 17<sup>th</sup> of March 1819 --

Subscribed & sworn to before me the day & year aforesaid.

S/ William Gibson, X his mark

S/ Alfred M. Harris, Judge of the 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit of the State of Tennessee

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State of North Carolina Secretary's Office ninth of June 1819

I William Hill, Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid do hereby certify that it appears from the muster roll of the Line of this State in the Revolutionary war, that William Gibson a musician in Captain Taylor's Company of the 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment was mustered on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May 1777 for the War a "private in April 1778, Omitted June 1778" -- Given under my hand the date above

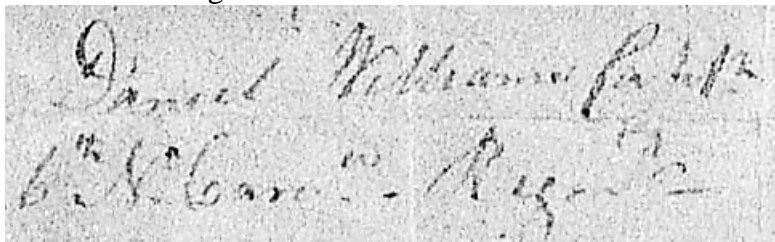
S/ Wm Hill

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This Certifies that William Gibson to the best of my recollection enlisted about the month of June 1776

himself [several indecipherable words, possibly “to serve in” or “to fifer in”] Philip Taylor's Company in the 6<sup>th</sup> North Carolina Regiment for the Term of two years & six months and was part of the time doing duty in my company then Transferred to Captain Joshua Bowman's Company of light Infantry and I believe he the said William Gibson Behaved himself as a faithful Soldier in the Army of the United States until the fall of Charleston – and from his Infirmity of Body and Distressed Situation of his family is Justly entitled to a Pension from the General Government. February 23, 1819.

S/ Daniel Williams,<sup>1</sup> Capt.  
6<sup>th</sup> N. Carol. Regt.

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive ink on aged paper. The signature reads "Daniel Williams" on the top line and "6th N. Carol. Regt." on the bottom line.

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State of Tennessee, Humphreys County: Circuit Court March Term 1821

On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 1821 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for said County, William Gibson, aged 69 years resident in said County, who duly swore to and subscribed the following oath, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or other wise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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, Viz.: 2 head of horses one of them is tolerably good one, the other is of no service to me at this time, five head of cattle one oven one skillet two pots three basons one dish, six plates six spoons six punch bowls, This declarant's family consists of his wife who is very old unable to contribute anything of consequence towards their support, one son aged 22 who is so much subject to fits – that he cannot administer food to himself, this declarant's occupation is that of a farmer to pursue which this declarant is very ill able, This declarant has once received a pension the pension certificate was dated the 26<sup>th</sup> of October 1819 and Numbered 15637.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the 20<sup>th</sup> of March 1821

S/ William Gibson

S/ Joseph Ury, Clk

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State of Tennessee Humphreys County: Circuit Ct. March Term 1825

William Gipson [sic] having filed his Declaration at the last Term of this Court – for the purpose of obtaining a pension for his services in the Revolutionary War which was omitted to be entered of record at the last term. It is ordered by the war Court that the same being now entered of record, which appears in these words --

State of Tennessee, Humphreys County: On this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 1824 personally appeared in open Court it being a Court of record for the fifth Judicial Circuit for the State aforesaid, William Gipson aged seventy-five years resident of the State aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to

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<sup>1</sup> [Daniel Williams BLWt1624-300](#)

Law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows:

He enlisted in the sixth Regiment of the North Carolina line in a company commanded a Captain Philip Taylor under whom he served nearly two years, after which time he was transferred to the first Regiment in a Company commanded by Captain Armstrong and was thence transferred to the Corps of Light Infantry and commanded by Captain Joshua Bowman in which Service he continued until he was taken prisoner at Charleston South Carolina, at this time his services as a Soldier of the Revolutionary Army closed --

He forwarded to the War Department a declaration of those circumstances dated about the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 1819 and received a pension of eight dollars per month commencing the fourth of March 1820 by virtue of a Certificate No. 15637 and continued until this time --

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or other wise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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, to wit, two horses, two head of calves, one Heifer, two pots, two skillets, one oven, one ax, to ploughs, six head of Hogs. I am by occupation a farmer and am almost disabled by age from any active exertions whatever, my family consists of myself my wife aged about sixty years and a Son incapacitated by disease from rendering me the least assistance, but requiring those attentions usually bestowed on infancy alone, or his age is about twenty-four years.

Sworn to and subscribed on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 1824 in open Court before PW Humphreys Judge of the fifth Judicial Circuit of the State of Tennessee.

S/ William Gipson, X his mark

[p 16: By a letter dated May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1851 addressed from Madisonville Tennessee to the Commissioner of Pensions, inquiry was made on by half of Margaret Hale (now Margaret Gibson) widow of William Gibson, regarding her claim as such. This file, however, does not contain any application for a widow's pension.]

[p10, marriage bond dated November 16, 1799, given by William Gibson and Frederick Hail (also spelled Frederick Hale in the same document), for the marriage of Gibson to Margaret Hale, given in Greene County, Tenn.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 17<sup>th</sup>, 1819 for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina Continental line.]