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Pension application of Gipson Southern S39084

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State of South Carolina Greenville district

On this 18th day of May A.D. 1818 before me the subscriber a Judge of the Court of Ordinary for the district of Greenville in the said State, personally appears Gipson Southern aged about sixty-five years, resident in the district and State aforesaid, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval services of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he the said Gibson Southern enlisted in Buckingham County in the State of Virginia on the 25th of November, two years previous to the Fall of Savannah, in the company commanded by Captain Joseph Pannell of the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Regiment Colonel Elbert of the Georgia Brigade, General Howe -- he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States until a few days after the fall of Savannah, when he was taken prisoner by the British at Sunberry [sic, Sunbury] in Georgia, about 50 miles from Savannah, at Fort Morris: was detained about six months a prisoner, and then made his escape at a place called Ebenezer. Rejoined the American forces at General Lincoln's Camp in South Carolina, from whence he was marched to Charleston and there discharged from Service by order of General Moultrie in September after the fall of Savannah: Was in the Battle at Gilford [sic, Guilford Court House] (as a substitute) was in the affair at Midway in Georgia, when General Screven was killed, was in a skirmish near St. Mary's River, where his Captain Ward was killed; was on board the Row Galley called the *Congress*, at the taking of three small vessels of the enemy at Frederica Island<sup>1</sup> near the mouth of Darian River & That he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said Services, Except the Evidence Mr. Smith hereunto annexed. Sworn to and declared –

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Spartan Goodlett, JCO

S/ Gipson Southern

Also at the same time and place personally appears before me the subscribing Judge, Mr. Thomas Smith aged about 56 years & made oath in due form that he is well acquainted with Gipson Southern who has made the above declaration & affidavit; and served with him in the said second Regiment of the Georgia line, for about two years, until the said Southern was taken prisoner at Sunbury in Georgia -- And he believes the said declaration of the said Gibson Southern to be true in substance & in fact.

S/ Thos. Smith

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<sup>1</sup> At least 3 other veterans make reference to this engagement. See [Richard Burton S40761](#), [Griffeth Dickenson S20896](#), and [John Jack \(Unk.no.\)](#).

[William Stuart and Ephraim Elledge gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

### Schedule

The district of South Carolina To wit

On this first day of November in the year while Lord 1820, personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record, of General Sessions and Common Pleas held for the district of Greenville in the State of South Carolina before Abraham Nott Esquire one of the associate Judges of the said State; Gipson Southern aged about sixty-seven years, resident in Greenville district in the said State, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath, declare that he served in the revolutionary War as follows, to wit, that he enlisted for the term of three years on or about 25 November 1776, in Effingham County in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Jos. Pannel in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Elbert in the line of the State of Georgia, on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps (except while a prisoner to the Enemy) until about 12 September 1779, when he was honorably discharged from the said service in Charleston in the State of South Carolina by General William Moultrie: That he was in the skirmish at the mouth of St. Mary's River, where his Captain (Ward) was killed in Florida was also in the battle or affair at Midway in Georgia where General Screven was killed: was afterwards shortly after the fall of Savannah taken prisoner by the Enemy at Sunbury, from whom he made his escape, and a place called Ebenezer, & rejoined General Greene in South Carolina. And has no other Evidence of the said service now in his power, except what he has heretofore rendered to the War Department; being now a Pensioner under the said Act of Congress, by virtue of a certificate No. 6703, dated the 9th February 1819.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I Gipson Southern 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 in any manner whatever 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.

One pine table and cupboard worth about three dollars	\$3.00
five knives & forks, one pitcher he, two bottles & two wine glasses	1.00
three jars, one looking glass & one churn	2.75
1 cup three saucers, one bowl, two pots & one oven	3.25
two chairs, one stool, for 10 cups, one pair fire dogs	2.25
spinning wheel & cards, one plow & gear	3.50
one hoe, one ax, one mattock, three augers & one gimblel	4.00
one handsaw, one drawing knife, two chisels one gauge	1.75
one loom, one toolbox, one fire shovel, one iron wedge & flat iron	5.62 ½
one coffee mill, one case razors, & spectacles & case	1.25
two cows and calves, \$20; & 12 head hogs \$12	32.00
Fowls \$1.12 ½ one beehive, & one tub \$1.50 one him book \$.25	2.87 ½
a small crop of corn &c worth about	<u>20.00</u>

\$83.75

some bedding worth about \$15  
land or real estate I have none

Debts against me viz.

to Jeremiah Cleveland	\$23.40
to T. & S. Crayton	24.00
to Flower & Brown	2.56
to Toney	7.93
to M. Southern	15.00
A. Kemp	10.00
J. Stovall, a Court Judgment abt	<u>110. 50</u>
	\$193.34

And the said Gibson Southern further swears, that his family consists of himself and his wife Mary Southern aged about 60 years; that she is afflicted with the Phthysick [?] & Rheumatism so that she is entirely unable to support herself, and that he is afflicted with the dropsy, so much that he is unable to labor sufficiently for a support (his occupation being that of a Farmer) he cannot support without the assistance of his Country &c

Sworn to and declared on the first day of November A.D. 1820

Before

S/ Abrm Nott

S/ Gipson Southern

[facts in file: veteran died April 3, 1833; in 1854, six of the veteran's children were living: Gibson Southern, John W. Southern (living in Greenville, South Carolina); no other children are named in the file.]