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Pension Application of Thomas Gibson S39573

VA

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District of Virginia, to wit:

At a superior Court of law continued and held for the County of Pittsylvania on Thursday the 25th day of April 1822

On this 25th day of April 1822 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the County aforesaid, Thomas Gibson aged seventy two years, resident in the said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war against the common enemy as follows. That in June or July 1776 he enlisted as a private with Cornette [sic: Cornet] John Watts of the County of Prince Edward to serve for the term of two years in the first Regiment of light horse raised in the state of Virginia commanded by Colonel Theodorick Bland on state establishment that after rendezvousing and marching to Williamsburg in this state in the autumn of the same year & being partly equipped the said Regiment was by consent of the officers and men transferred to the service of the United states and in the months of January and February or one of them was marched to the state of New Jersey and joined the Continental army under the Command of General Washington. That he from and after his enlistment & rendezvousing as aforesaid & also from & after the Regiment became a part of the Continental army as aforesaid faithfully and truly served as a private in the said regiment until the month of December 1778 some time in which month, in or near the latter end of the said regiment having served fully and some months over the time for which they were enlisted, they were marched to Winchester in the state of Virginia, and having received their arrearages of pay their dues were discharged by Co't. John Watts. That while he was in service aforesaid he was in in the actions of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Germantown [4 Oct 1777] and Monmouth Courthouse [28 Jun 1778], besides various skirmishes and [undeciphered word] with the enemy. That after his discharge at Winchester he again enlisted in the service under Capt C Fauntleroy [sic: Griffin Fauntleroy] and continued in service upwards of three years under Colo. William Washington, during which time he was in the battles of the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781], Guilford Courthouse [15 Mar 1781] and the Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781]. that in the battle at Guilford Courthouse he had one of his legs broke and at the battle of the Eutaw Springs he was severely wounded in the head.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war" passed on the 18th 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.

1 iron skillet, 1 axe, 3 pewter spoons, 1 bed quilt, 3 [undeciphered word], 3 earthen plates, 1 water bucket, 1 piggin, 1 chair, 1 bedstead, 1 razor.

Thos Gibson

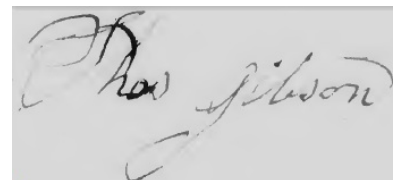
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To the Honorable – The Legislature of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

The Petition of Thomas Gibson, an old soldier of the Army of the United States in the War of the revolution with Great Britain humbly sheweth. That your Petitioner in the summer of the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six enlisted in the service of his country as a private soldier, or trooper with a certain John Watt [sic] of the County of Prince Edward where your petitioner was raised, & resided the said John Watt being at that time a Cornet of Light Dragoons in the first regiment of that description of troops raised in Virginia & commanded by Cols. Theodorick Bland: that in the fall of the

same year, the Regiment aforesaid having been completed, were collected and marched to Williamsburg by Companies where after being joined and remaining a short time to be armd & equipt, it was by consent of all transfer'd to the service of the United States as a part of the States quota on Continental establishment; and in consequence thereof the said regiment was in the winter of the year 1777, say January or February, marched to the state of New jersey, and there joined the Army under the immediate command of Gen'l Washington: that in the capacity aforesaid your petitioner faithfully and to the best of his ability continued to serve for and during the term of his enlistment which was for two years and thereafter untill the end of December in the year one thousand seven hundred & seventy eight in which month the said regiment was marched from the Northern army at Headquarters to Winchester in Virginia and there discharged: that during the time aforesaid your petitioner was constantly with the Army & n active service and engaged in many skirmishes & Hard-fought actions, and amongst them those at Brandy Wine, Germantown, & Monmouth Courthouse, in one of which he received a wound by a ball across the back of his neck: that your petitioner in now seventy years of age & much afflicted with Rheumatism & unable to procure by bodily labor a subsistance in any degree comfortable and is also destitute of pecuniary resources. Your petitioner is therefore compelled, after having struggled with adversity, age & bodily infirmity a long time to avoid it, at length to resort to the justice and benevolence of his Country for such relief as may afford him a prospect of spending the short remainder of his days in a way less burthensome & afflictive. He hopes that in common with his fellow soldiers in similar situations, and many of whom have shared the bounty of your honorable body he may be permitted and is in some degree entitled to claim equal attention & share in like manner a part of that bounty – and with that view your petitioner prays of your honorable body to take his case into consideration, and if it should appear from such evidence as may be adduced that his request is reasonable, that your honorable body will be pleased to pass an act placing him upon the pension list with an allowance of so much per annum as to your honorable body may appear consistant with the principles of humanity and as may have been usually allowed in similar cases. Your petitioner begs leave to add that although at his discharge the nominal amount of his pay was received by him – yet that it was in paper of very little value, and that he has never received any Certificate of other sort of satisfaction for or on account of the reduced state of the Currency he was paid in. He also states that besides the services before herein recited he again enlisted with a Capt. Fauntleroy, and marched with the Southern Army, was in the action at Guilford Courthouse in which he received a ball in the leg that broke it and was again wounded in the foot in the action of the Eutaw Springs; and that he remained in service with that army about two years: he also served a tour of six months service in the late war with great Britain as a volunteer. If your petitioner should however, from the long lapse of time that has intervned between the close of the war of the Revolution and his preferring this his petition, and the scattered situation & deaths of those with whom he served in the South, be unable to establish the fact of those services, it is nevertheless true and cannot be controverted. Your petitioner submits his case to your honorable body with all the respect due & which he most sincerely feels. trusting that if he has merited anything from his Country by service performd in the days of youth, strength & power, he will not hezitate to return a reasonable equivalent when youth, strength & power are gone and in their place [undeciphered word] only age, feebleness & dependance – And your petitioner as in duty bound will pray &c.

Witness/ Berryman Green

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Berryman Green". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid.

Dec'r 7th 1820 ref'd to Claims/ Reasonable Dec'r 13th/ Bill drawn 18th/ pen'n present relief/ reported Dec'r 14th

NOTE: Other documents in the file indicate that Gibson died 30 May 1840.