

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Orsburne (Osburne, Osborne)<sup>1</sup> S40227 f26VA  
Transcribed by Will Graves 12/28/12

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To the Honorable J C Calhoun Esquire Secretary of the Department of War  
The declaration of Samuel Orsburn an old Soldier of the revolutionary war, respectfully  
sheweth

That in the fall of 1776 he enlisted a private Soldier in the company commanded by  
Captain Uriah Springer for and during the war 13<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel  
John Gibson & continued in service until the Regiment was discharged in 1783. His discharge  
has been unfortunately lost.

He is now 65 years of age, extremely poor & unable to support himself by his labor. Has  
never received any pension from the United States

Pittsburgh

July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1818

Pennsylvania: SS

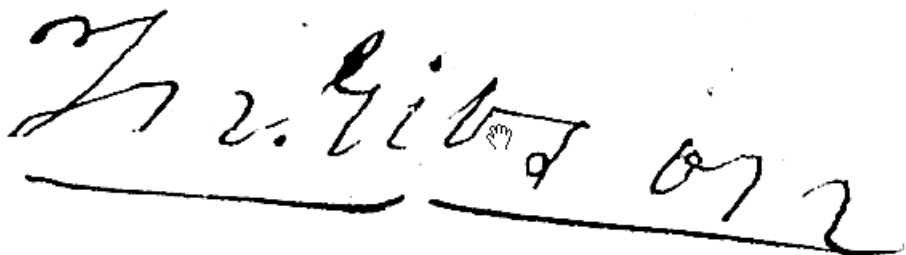
Before the Subscriber President of the Courts of Common Pleas of the 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial District  
personally appeared the above named Samuel Osburn who being duly sworn doth depose and say  
the facts stated in the foregoing Declaration are true – and further he saith not.

S/ Samuel Osburne, X his mark

I John Gibson<sup>2</sup> late Colonel of the 13<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment in the service of the United States  
during the revolutionary war with Great Britain do certify on honor that Samuel Osburn now of  
the County of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania was a private soldier in said Regiment  
belonging to a company commanded by Captain Uriah Springer and (to the best of my  
recollection) was enlisted in the fall of 1776 and continued in service until the Regiment was  
discharged in 1783.

Given under my hand this 21<sup>st</sup> April 1818

S/ Jn Gibson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Gibson" with a large flourish at the end. The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

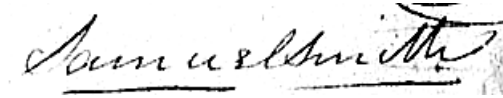
<sup>1</sup> BLWt12442, issued 1789 100 acres

<sup>2</sup> [John Gibson S41578](#)

War Office April 17, 1811

I the Subscriber to acknowledge to have received by order and for account of David Gilliland, a Warrant that was issued to satisfy the Claim of Samuel Osborne to United States Military Bounty Land, numbered 12,442 and dated the 5<sup>th</sup> of November 1789 for which I signed duplicate Receipts of this tenor and date.

S/ Samuel Smith

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Samuel Smith", written over a horizontal line.

M. C. [Member of Congress]

[Facts in file: Veteran died in the early part of July 1819 in Allegheny County Pennsylvania leaving a widow (not named) and no children.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 2, 1818, for service as a private for 6 years in the Virginia Continental line.]