

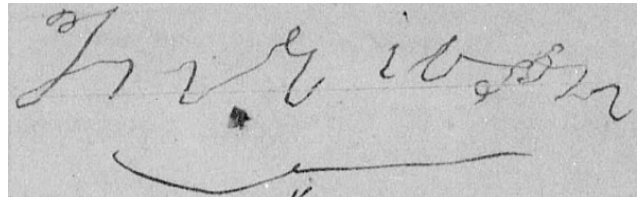
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Pension Application of John Gibson S41578

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Pennsylvania Sct.

On this twenty eighth day of July 1818 before the undersigned President of the court of common pleas of the Fifth Judicial District,  
personally appeared General John Gibson aged seventy eight years, resident in Pitt Township in County of Allegheny in the same district, 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 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." – That he the said John Gibson was appointed Lt. Colonel of the 13<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment in the month of November in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six & continued in the same regiment till about the month of November or December in the following year when he was ordered by Gen'l. Washington to take the command of the seventh Virginia Regiment & to repair to Vally forge for that purpose where the army was hutted. Deponent joined the army under Gen'l. Washington at Valley forge in the month of March 1778 and there assumed the command of the seventh Virginia regiment. Remained at Vally forge till May in the same year when he was ordered by Gen'l. Washington to go to Pittsburgh & take the command of the 13<sup>th</sup> Virginia Reg't. to go on an expedition which was contemplated against Detroit under Gen'l. Macintosh [sic: Lachlan McIntosh]. Deponent went out on that expedition which was originally intended ag't. Detroit but for want of supplies proceeded no farther than Tuskerawa [sic: Tuscarawas River in Ohio] where Deponent was stationed from December till March besieged by the Indians for three months – when he was relieved. During that time a party of his regiment were cut off by the Indians – 17 men lost. The deponent continued to command the 13<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment till the close of the war in the spring of the year 1783 – when the army was disbanded and deponent settled the account of the Regiment at Richmond.  
The deponent further doth declare and say that from his reduced circumstances in life he is in need of the assistance of his country and further he saith not.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Gibson", written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The signature is written in a fluid, connected style typical of the late 18th or early 19th century.

Amongst the pleas enrolled in the District Court of the United States in & for the Western District of Pennsylvania at and adjourned session of the court holden of the seventh day of Feby MDCCCXX it is contained as follows

United States of America                    } Ss  
Western District of Pennsylvania        }

On this seventh day of July 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the said District, Colonel John Gibson aged eighty years resident in Allegheny County in said District who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows viz in November 1776 he was appointed a Lieutenant Colonel in the 13<sup>th</sup> Virginia regiment in the line of Virginia & served in the same until November 1777, and was then transferred to the seventh Virginia regiment on the resignation of Col James Hendricks, and that in May or June following he was retransferred to the thirteenth Virginia regiment as a full Colonel & served in the same regiment till the peace with great Britain in 1783 as stated in his original application for a pension

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 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 person 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 Two notes of hand of David Brown of Vincennes State of Indiana payable on the first day of April 1819 & 1820 respectively each for \$366 66/100 and that he has no real security for the payment of the whole or any part of said sums of money – That he was an Indian Trader by profession & is now blind & unable to pursue any business whatsoever, and that he hath no family residing with him except his wife now aged fifty seven years who is in delicate health & unable to support him & that he receives a pension from the United States by virtue of a certificate No. 9.576

[The Clerk of Court certified that no value could be placed on the notes owing to "the depression in the whole of agricultural products & the madness of the times just past having produced a state of almost universal insolvency in this & the state of Indiana."]