

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Gibbs S8556

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State of North Carolina, Burke County: SS

On this 15th day of July 1844, personally appeared before me William B. Rust one of the acting Magistrates and a member of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions, in and for said County, John Gibbs, a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged Eighty-nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832,

That in the days of the Revolution he resided in Burke County North Carolina, and entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. That in the year 1780, he was drafted into the service for a Tour of three months under Captain Clark [Mordecai Clark] who marched his company from Burke on to Charlotte where they joined General Davidson [William Lee Davidson], who was stationed in Mecklenburg County and that after studying some weeks in that Post they were joined by General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] who spent a few days with them, and then the Armies parted and declarant was placed under General Morgan who marched on to South Carolina to the Cowpens at which Post he declarant was discharged having served out his tour of duty.

The next tour of duty was in the summer of the year following in the year 1781, he was again called into service to serve another three months tour under Captain John Conley [John Connelly] by order of Colonel MacDowell [sic, Charles McDowell], and was ordered on to the Fort at the head of the Catawba, where this deponent served out his tour of duty and was discharged.

This deponent further states that he performed other services but the above is the only regular tours that he was out: he also states that he would has no documentary Evidence in support of his services, but that he can prove a part or all of his services by parole Evidence.

This declarant also states that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency of any States that he hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a Pension Except the present, and that the reason why he has not applied before this late date for his Pension is that he was disappointed by an agent that he had Employed in the amount was so small that he saw to live without it and it is now from actual necessity he is induced to apply for a Pension,

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year first above written before me.

S/ Wm B. Rust, JP

S/ John Gibbs, X his mark

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State of North Carolina, Burke County

On this 15th day of July 1844, personally appeared before me William B. Rust one of the acting

Magistrates in and for said County, Stephen Ballew,¹ a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged Eighty-three years, a United States Pensioner, and made oath in due form of law, to the following statements, (to wit) That he is now, and was in the days of the Revolution, well acquainted with John Gibbs of Burke County who is now applying for a Pension, due to him, on the account of his Revolutionary services; that he (the deponent) was out in the service with said John Gibbs, under Captain Clark in the year 1780, that they left Burke County in July under Captain Clark the aforesaid, and marched on to Mecklenburg County, when they joined General Davidson, at a Post in said County, where they remained for some six weeks, and were joined by General Morgan, who after resting his Army for a few days, left General Davidson, and marched his Army on to the Cowpens, a Post in South Carolina, and it was on that occasion said John Gibbs and deponent were separated; deponent remained with General Davidson's Army, and said John Gibbs went on with Captain Clark and General Morgan to the Cowpens, at which place deponent understood on his return home said Gibbs was discharged after having served out his tour.

This deponent further states on his said oath, that the aforesaid John Gibbs was, to his own personal knowledge, called in to service the next year (in 1781) to serve a tour of duty at the Old Fort, at the head of the Catawba River in Burke County under Captain John Conly, which tour he deponent has always understood and fully believes he did serve, but deponent was not out with him. Sworn and subscribed on the day and year aforesaid before me.

S/ Wm B. Rust, JP

S/ Stephen Ballew, X his mark

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Comptrollers Office
July 29th 1844

I William & Collins Comptroller of Public Accounts in and for the State of North Carolina do hereby certify that it appears of Record in my office that a special Certificate was paid into the Comptrollers office for nine pounds six shillings and six pence (L9 6 6) as will appear in Book No 2 Folio No 21. Also one other certificate returned into the Comptrollers office by the Exchequer of Quire for nine pounds four shillings (L9 4) which payment or certificate will be found in Book C. No 16 Folio 38. which Certificate purport to have been issued in the name of John Gibbs for Military services, given under my hand and seal of office the date above written.

Wm Collins Comptroller

¹ [Stephen Ballew S16835](#)

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]