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Pension Application of Nicholas Gibson S8559

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

[Gibson's pension certificate shows that he was initially awarded \$80 per year for two years service as a private in Virginia in a company commanded by a "Capt. Skinner." On the margin is written "Drop'd from the roll: [illegible word] Agent and Weeden Hoffman March [illegible day] 1831/Nov. 23, 1840, James Points, Marshal West. Dist. Va. deposited \$15.01 in the Collection Office at Richmond on account of Nicholas Gibson who had fraudulently obtained the same by a false claim under act 7 June 1832. See copy of cert. of deposite within."

A note in the file states that the pension application and other original documents were sent to US District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated many pensioners from Lewis and other counties of present West Virginia. For details see pension application S6111 of David W. Sleeth. Singleton's report on Gibson is not in the file, but a note in his handwriting reads "Lewis county Fraud."

Mr. David Houchin, Librarian at the Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library, kindly provided me with notes given to him by Ms. Terry Ward of Daughters of the American Revolution, which were compiled by an unknown researcher from documents at the Philadelphia depository of the National Archives and Records Administration (RG21 Records of the US District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia Clarksburg Misc. Case Papers Criminal 1834-37 Box 1 E-10-05-06-3). The notes include the following: UNITED STATES VS NICHOLAS GIBSON Spring Term 1835 (Apr 9) page 102

The defendant admits the plaintiffs action for the sum of \$240 damages with interest on \$200 parcel thereof from 22 Feb 1834 until paid and interest on \$40 residue thereof. Court orders plaintiff to recover money from the defendant.]