

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Gibson S8561

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State of Virginia – Louisa County, Sc.

On this 14th day of August 1832, personally appeared in open court before the justices of the county court of Louisa now sitting, William Gibson, a resident of the said county, aged about seventy two years; who, being first duly sworn according to law, makes on his oath the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted as a regular soldier in the army of The United States in January or February 1779, in a company commanded by Captain Benjamin Timberlake, whereof Richard White was Lieutenant, & Richard Paulet [sic: Richard Paulett] was Ensign, attached to a state regiment commanded by Colo. Francis Taylor, & occasionally by Cols. [Theodorick] Bland & Fontaine [William Fontaine, pension application W7319]; that he was stationed at the Albemarle Barracks with the troops employed in guarding Burgoyne's army [captured at Saratoga 17 Oct 1777 and kept at Albemarle Barracks from Jan 1779 to Feb 1781], & continued in service till the 28th of May 1781, when, having marched to the Potomack [sic: Potomac River], under orders for Frederick town in Maryland (to which place however from some cause unknown to him, he did not go) he returned to Winchester in Virginia, & was there discharged by Colo. Taylor (or by Major John Roberts [W2347], of his regiment – he does not remember which); & that he afterwards threw his discharge in the fire, considering it as of no value. The declarant further states, that he was born in this county, where he resided at the time of his enlistment, & has resided ever since. He has never seen any register of his age, & therefore cannot say precisely when he was born, or how old he is. Charles Barret, Thomas Johnson, Nicholas J. Poindexter, Elijah Dickinson, David Bullock (T.) & others, are respectable persons of his neighbourhood to whom he is known, & who he thinks can testify as to his character for veracity, & their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. He has no documentary evidence of his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

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