

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Hasell Gibbes S9339

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South Carolina, City of Charleston

On this thirty first day of August A.D. 1832, appeared in open Court, before me Thomas Lee, district Judge of South Carolina, William Hasell Gibbes, a resident of this City aged about 78 years, who being 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 on 7 June 1832.

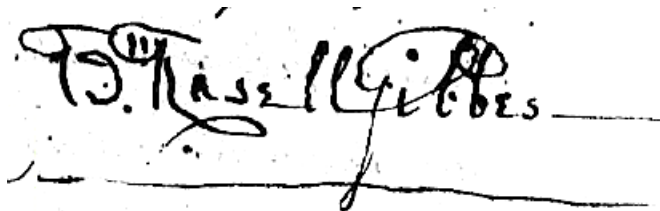
William Hasell Gibbes solemnly saith that about September 1777, he quitted London to take part with his countrymen in the war then raging between Great Britain and America -- that previous thereto he had studied at the Inner Temple in London as a student of Law, and would have been entitled to the degree of Barrister if he would have taken the oath of Allegiance to George III King of Great Britain; which he could not conscientiously do, feeling himself bound to take up arms against him. That deponent arrived at Charleston in March 1778 previous to which he was elected and commissioned by the State as a Lieutenant in the Charleston Company of Artillery then commanded by Major Thomas Grimball which company afterwards became a Battalion of 3 Companies commanded by Captain Thomas Heyward who as a member of Congress had signed the Declaration of Independence, Captain Edward Rutledge who had also signed said instrument & by Captain Joshua Toomer -- that deponent continued to serve in this Battalion until May 1782 when Charleston was evacuated by the British¹ and his services no longer wanted. That deponent also continued to serve under Captain Thomas Heyward in August 1779 and was entrusted with the reserve band of the company in the neighborhood of Beaufort where a severe skirmish ensued (as reported by Dr Ramsay in Volume 2nd page 13 of his History of the Revolution in SC) between British regulars and Militia -- that deponent at the attack on Savannah in October 1779 commanded a detachment of Artillerists of said Battalion, and by order of General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] made approaches to the enemy in concert with the Continental & French troops and had one man killed by the enemy (by the name Douglass). Deponent was also continually engaged in the service without intermission ranking as a Captain Lieutenant at the Siege of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] where he was taken prisoner on Parole and afterwards sent by the British on 27 August 1780 with 63 others to Saint Augustine and remained there for 11 months and then sent to Philadelphia to be exchanged -- that from there he returned to South Carolina and immediately enrolled himself as a volunteer in a body of militia commanded by General Marion [Francis

¹ Charleston was not evacuated by the British until December 1782.

Marion] and Continued with him until the evacuation of Charleston when all military services ceased to wit in May 1782.

Deponent further states that being in London in the month of ___ 1774 he together with 29 of other native Americans there also subscribed a spirited Memorial to his Majesty King George entreating and requiring him to desist from carrying on the war with America as is particularly related by Dr. Ramsay in Volume ___ Page ___ of his History of the United States and in Drayton's 1st Volume of Memoirs page 109, also in Gardens 2nd Series of Antidotes during the war (page 3) where the names of the Subscribers may be found.

S/ Wm Hasell Gibbes

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wm Hasell Gibbes". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

[Nathanael Bowen (Rector of Saint Michael's Church Charleston & Bishop of South Carolina) & William Drayton (member of Congress from South Carolina) gave the standard supporting affidavit]

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I William H. Gibbes do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State. Sworn to & Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Wm Hasell Gibbes

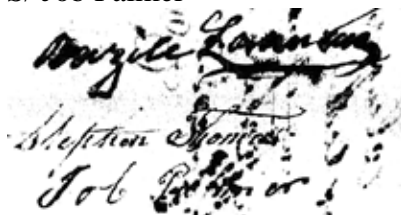
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We & each of us being duly sworn Severally make oath that W H Gibbes Served as a Captain Lieutenant in the Charleston Battalion of Artillery in which we were privates during the revolutionary war.

S/ Bazill [?] Lanning [?]

S/ Stephen Thomas

S/ Job Palmer²

Three handwritten signatures in cursive script, stacked vertically. The top signature reads "Bazill Lanning", the middle one reads "Stephen Thomas", and the bottom one reads "Job Palmer". The signatures are written in dark ink on a light background.

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On this 6 November 1832 appeared in open Court before me Thomas Lee district Judge South Carolina Wm H. Gibbes who being duly sworn deposeth that he served as Lieutenant but cannot say whether as first, 2nd or 3rd (his commission being lost or mislaid) from March 1778 to December 1782 being 4 years and 9 months with regard to the different grades, or times of appointment deponent from loss of memory cannot distinctly say when he was promoted to the

² [Job Palmer S21917](#)

rank of Captain Lieutenant but to the best of his belief thinks he served as such at the Siege of Savannah in September 1779, he is certain however that he served as such at the Siege of Charleston in May 1780 --

To the 14th Query -- see the Amendment to Judge Certificate --

Deponent was born in Charleston on 16 March 1754 and has resided there ever since except whilst abroad for his education and whilst called into Service -- he has a record of his birth in his family Bible shown by him to Judge Lee.

Sworn to before me in open Court this

S/ Wm Hasell Gibbes

A. D. 1832

S/ Tho. Lee, D. Judge S. Carolina

[p 4: Letter dated "Charleston April 21st/35" addressed to J. L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions, from J. W. Gibbes in which Gibbes states his father, W. H. G., has been deceased "for a year last past."

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. W. Gibbes". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the text of the letter.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$400 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a Lieutenant of artillery for 3 years in the South Carolina line.]