

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Gibson W25627 Dorcas Gibson VA
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Commonwealth of Kentucky }
Circuit Court for the County of Scott } Sct

On this 27th day of August [1832] personally appeared before the Judge of of the Scott Circuit Court now sitting John Gibson of the County of Scott & State of Kentucky, aged 71 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 provision made by the act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832.

The s'd John Gibson says that he was born 2[?]th day of April 1761 in Caroline County Virginia. That during the revolution he lived in s'd County. That during that war he served 3 militia tours of two months each – that he does not know of any person who can prove his services within his reach but will detail his s'd Services as well as he can recollect. He served his first tour in 1780. Cant recollect his officers except Maj'r. [Thomas] Armistead & Col Mathews [probably Sampson Mathews]. he was stationed at Williamsburg nearly all the time – no fighting.

He served a second tour in 1781 under Col Mathews & Maj'r. Armstead. he was stationed principally in this tour at Williamsburg. no fighting but had to retreat seven miles from Williamsburg. Maj'r. Armstead took 200 men & went down & fired on the British the same night. – Then they marched to Richmond – Camped at Chocko Hill [sic: Shockoe Hill] in the suburbs of the Town & the British while we were there came on the opposite side of James River & our forces fired cannon at them. the British retreated out of sight & came same day & burnt our Ware Houses with the tobacco &c in them. 3^d Tour in 1781 about 2 weeks after his discharge at Richmond he volunteered for two months more under command of Capt Leak, under Genl Lafayette & Gen'l. [Anthony] Wayne – Wayne & Fayette united at the Racoon ford [10 Jun 1781] the British marched down James River on the North Side & our army followed them to James Town. Genl Wayne with his corps fought the British at Jamestown [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 July]. we marched to Mobin Hill [sic: Malvern Hill] 10 or 15 miles below Richmond. Discharged at this point – never obtained written discharges. no register of his age.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. John hisXmark Gibson

NOTE: On 15 May 1856 Dorcas Gibson, 77, of Audrain County MO, applied for bounty land as the widow of John Gibson. On 17 Dec 1857 at age 78 and living in Boone County MO, she applied for a pension stating that as Dorcas Hinton she married John Gibson in 1800, and he died at their home on Eagle Creek in Scott County KY on 17 March 1834. On 6 Jan 1858 Nancy Hinton, 69, of Scott County, certified the marriage and stated that Dorcas Hinton was the daughter of James Hinton. On 16 April 1858 William and Sary Penn stated that in the family Bible of Capt. Samuel Penn was recorded the date of birth of his second wife, Susan Gibson, oldest daughter of John and Dorcas Gibson, and that she was born on 25 July 1799.

The file also includes the following statement:

In the Name of the Commonwealthe off Kentuckey Sct,

This day [16 April 1858] Personeley Appeared Before me [Jacob B. Neal] A Justice of the Peace in an for Scott County Kentuckey Nansey Jeames and John Vance.

And was Duley Sworned an Deposethe an sayethe, I Sertife that John Gibson an Darcas Hinton Was Married at Hir Farthers House in Fayette County Kentuckey, About sixty years ago yours. Furtherme my Farthers Name was Peter Antle

And I well Remember coming home Withe Uncol John Gibson and Ant Dorcas Gibson to Eagle Creek it Eagle creeke in Scott County Ky, was then a Wilderness Part of the Contry an Neare to Turkey Foot whare they went to House ceaping an from there Uncol an Ant Gibson Moved to the Horseshue

Bend of main Eagle Creek where he lived many years before he died.

I loved my Aunt and frequently went to see them from my Grandfathers Hinton's. I also remember hearing Uncle John Gibson relate some of the trials and suffering of the Fathers in the Revolutionary war with England that they had to get thorns to pine [pin] their clothing and great was their distress they suffered and I know Uncle John Gibson died about 24 years ago and that Aunt Darcas Gibson is the identical widow of Uncle John Gibson who moved to Missouri some years ago and I feel disinterested in making these statements. Nancy James/ John Vance