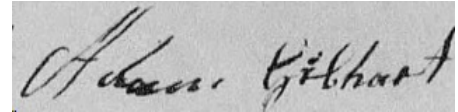


Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Adam Gibhart W4206 Sarah M. Gibhart MD
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South Carolina [13 Feb 1819]

Personally appeared before me Thomas Waties one of the Judges of the Court of Equity of the said State, Adam Gibhart now a resident in Clarendon County in the said state, who being duly sworn declares that he enlisted as a private soldier during the revolutionary war in the company of Captain Benjamin Price of the 2^d. regiment of the 2^d. Maryland Brigade on the continental establishment, that he so enlisted sometime in January 1778, & continued in the service from that time until the end of the war when he was discharged, being then a private in Capt. McPherson's company of the Maryland regiment commanded by Colonel John Stewart. That during the said war he was in the battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], in Gates's defeat near Camden [Battle of Camden SC where Gen Horatio Gates was defeated, 16 Aug 1780] & Eutaws [Battle of Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781]. That he has no other evidence of his said service in his power or possession except the certificate of Samuel Sumter hereto annexed. And he further declares that he is in reduced circumstances, & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.



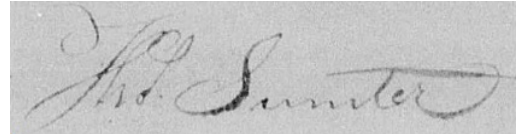
State [of] South Carolina
Sumter district

I hereby Certify that on or about the year Eighteen hundred one or two I received from Maj Howell then Accountant of the War department a Certificate in the Name of Adam Gibhart or Kibhart, formerly of the Maryland Line of Continental Troops.

Which Certificate receiv'd as aforesaid Amounted to the best of my recollection to Something upwards of three hund'd dollars

17th Nov'r 1818

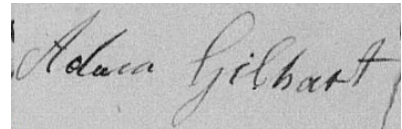
[Thomas Sumter, former General]



South Carolina } Personally appeared before me Adam Gibhart Who being Duly sworn saith on
Sumter District } Oath that he was an Enlisted Soldier in the Second Regiment of the Maryland
line in the Revolutionary War and that there was no person in the aforesaid Regiment of the Name of
Gibhart But himself

Sworn to Before me this 25th August 1819

Wm Vaughan Jr U Q



State of South Carolina
Sumter District

Personally appeared before me Noel Vaughan Senr Who being Duly sworn saith on Oath that during the Encampment of Genera Green [sic: Gen. Nathanael Greene] at the high hills [High Hills of Santee, present Sumter County, 12 July - 23 Aug 1781] he was Well Acquainted with Adam Gibhart and that he did stay some time at his house and was very sick during the time he stayed and he this Deponent further sayeth he has heard the aforesaid Adam say that he was attached to the Maryland line and had Permission to stay untill he was Able to do his Duty further this Deponet sayeth not

Sworn to Before me this 25th August 1819

[signed] Noel Vaughan Sener

Wm Vaughan Jr U.Q

South Carolina } Personally appeared before me William Vaughan Jr Who being Duly sworn
 Sumter District } saith on Oath that During the Encampment of Gen'l Green at the high hills in the
 Revolutionary War with Great Britain he the Deponent became acquainted with Adam Gibhart and
 knows that he lay sick some time in his Father's house and that was called one of Gen'l Greens soldiers
 but being young recollecteth nothing More ~ [signed] Wm Vaughan Jr
 Sworn to before me this August 1819 John Hudnall J.P.

State of South Carolina }
 Sumter District } On this fourth day of October Eighteen hundred & twenty one
 Personally appeared in Open Court, being a court of Record for the said District, Adam Gibhart, aged
 sixty eight years resident in the District and State aforesaid. Who upon being duly sworn according to
 Law, doth on his oath declare, that he enlisted and served in the revolutionary war as follows, Under
 Captain Dawsy [Dorsey?] the second Maryland Regiment, Maryland Line in the year 1778. The sixteenth
 day of January, & Under Captain Dawsy fought at the battle of monmouth, from there he was transfered
 under the command of Captain Price – Regiment & Line aforesaid. Under the Command of Captain
 Price, to Gates defeat above Camden SoCa. from thence was detached under the Command of Captain
 [Henry] Dobson Regiment & Line aforesaid Commanded by Colonel [John Eager] Howard to Join
 Brigadier General [Daniel] Morgan. Was in the battle of Cowpens [17 Jan 1781]. Then joined the main
 Army Commanded by Major General [Nathanael] Greene Commander in Chief of the Southern Army, &
 under the Command of Captain Edgely [probably Edward Ederly] fought in the Battle of Guilford Court
 House [15 Mar 1781] & was also in the battle of the Eutaw Springs & remained under Gen'l Greene until
 the Close of the War 1783 & received my discharge on James Island Charleston SoCa from Captain John
 McFearson [John McPherson?] which discharge I have lost. & that I have a pension Certificate from the
 war department No. 15813 & I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the
 18th day of March 1818, & that I have not in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with
 intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an Act of Congress Entitled an
 Act to provide for certain Persons Engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the
 revolutionary war Passed on the 18th day of March 1818. & that I have not nor has any person in trust for
 me any property or securities Contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is
 contained in the Schedule hereto annexed & by me subscribed. (Viz)

	\$ Cts
One Bay Mare..	30.00
Two Cows & Calves & two year old Heifer.	32.00
Three Head Hogs.	10.00
Three Potts & two ovens..	8.00
One table.	1.00
One Gun old & worn out.	2.00
Two Plows.	4.00
Two Axes.	3.00
One Loom..	4.00
Two Spinning Wheels..	4.00
One Old Weding [sic: weeding] hoe.	0.25
Four old Knifes & Forks.	0.25
Half doz Plates.	0.50
Half doz Spoons.	<u>0.50</u>
aggregate	99.50

And I do further on oath declare that I am a Carpenter by trade & never had any other trade that I am
 Sixty Eight years of age, & am not able to Labour from infirmity. My wife is in her forty fourth year of
 her age, & is in a bad state of health & has been for these four or five years last Past, & that I have Eight
 children, five girls, the oldest is nineteen in good health and also all the rest of my children my three

sons are the youngest of my family and are so small that they are unable to do any work. my Daughters although in good health are unable to support my family without calling in the aid and assistance of my Country
Adam Gibhart

State of Alabama }
Barber [sic: Barbour] County }

Before me Jno. Gill Shorter, Judge of the 8th Judicial Circuit of The State of Alabama, at Chambers in Eufaula in said State & County personally came Mrs Sarah M. Gibhart a resident of Barber County Ala. Aged Eighty odd years who being first duly sworn according to law makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of Feb. 5 1853 and all acts before that date applicable to her case, granting pensions to Widows of officers and Soldiers of the Revolution. That she declares her maiden name was Sarah M. Davis that she was lawfully married to Adam Gibhart in Sumpter [sic] District S.C. about the year 1794. by Rev Mark Moore' minister of the Gospel (at his house) that they lived together as husband and wife from the day of their marriage till the day of his death. That they had Eleven children born to them in lawful wedlock all in Sumpter District S.C.. That said Adam Gibhart drew a Pension from Sumpter District, paid at Charleston S.C. under the Act of 1818 at the rate of Eight dollars per month. – that he moved with his family to Pike County Ala. in May 1832 and died in said County on the 24th day of June 1832 leaving her a widow. that she has not since married but has continued to live the widow of the said Adam Gibhart eversince his death as afor'd that she resided in Pike Co. Ala till the Indian War of 1836 caused her to move to Eufaula her present home where she has remained eversince

That she has no record of their marriage or his or her age but arrives at the dates as follows that she believes her age was 24 years at their marriage and he was some 15 years the oldest – that their three first children died in infancy before recorded that Harriet L (now Shorter) is their forth child and was born March 16th 1802, Eliza L. Gibhart - Oct 8th 1804, Camilla M. Gibhart Dec'r 28th 1806, Agnes Julia Gibhart Nov'r 26th 1810, and Elenor M. (now Jordan) was born April 14th 1813. That the above five children are all their living children and that their births were duly recorded in the family bible That the Everage of her childrens births have been from two to three years

That when they moved from S.C. her husband was owing Geo McCally, and was prevailed upon to give him a Power of Attorney, as she understood for to draw his pay for the next six months (to Sept 4, 1832) and she has learned that the same was paid, but knows she nor her family did not cause it to be done, after his death, which was June 24th 1832 nor has she any knowledge of his agt. having heard of his death (if he drewed it) She has not rec'd one dollar of Pension since the death of her husband as aforesaid, that several have interested themselves on her behalf for to procure a Pension for her amongst whome she believes, who have applied for her, were Judge Berry, Hon. D. H. Lewis and Mrs. Tennille wife of Col. William, through her acquaintance at Washington, DC. That they held her husbands old Pension Certificate till they handed it to Mrs Tennille a few years since and learn she has recently gave it to Col A Ragan of Columbus Ga. for him to interceed for her, that she has learned the cause her friends could not procure a pension for her was on [illegible word] of his not being able to prove her marriage prior to 1794, that she has refused to swear to any definate date of her marriage as she has had little or no Education, but does know they were married and had four children before April 1802, they moved away from their old friends – and she knows of none of her old acquaintances from S.C. who live in this vicinity

That she appoints C. U. Blood of Tallahassee Fla. her Agent and Attorney for to procure her Pension from the Govt of the U. States. That she presents to her agt some old Vouchers for to draw his pension at Charleston S.C. May 21 - 1822 Also a letter from Duke Goodman dated at Charleston Sept 7th 1822 which have remained in her possession eversince their receipt.

Sarah M herXmark Gibhart Sworn to and subscribed on the 11th day of July 1853. Jno Gill Shorter, Judge of the 8th Judicial Circuit of the State of Alabama

Webster Worcester Co Mass. Aug 10 1880
Adjutant General U.S.A Washington D.C.

It appears from recent testimony taken in a suit pending in the U.S. Court. that one Adam Gibheart a German joined "Manions [Gen. Francis Marion's?] Division of the Revolutionary army about 1776 - 7 and remained in the service until the war closed when he was honorably discharged and became a citizen of the U. States" Now as a controversy has arisen as to the manner in which the said Adam Gibheart spelled his name I wish to be informed how the name stands before the government roll - Gibheart was a Baltimorean when he enlisted and I think was mustered out in South Carolina - at least he became a citizen of Sumpter District S.C. One report says he was discharged the service while in No Carolina & afterward moved to Sumpter S.C. Whether he ever applied for or drew a pension I know not. This matter of spelling the name may be of considerable importance to his heirs in recovering a large estate.

Be kind enough to give me such information as your records may show and any information you may think of use to them.

I am Sir Very Truly Yours Daniel W. Crook

NOTES:

A typed summary states that Gibhart was at both battles of Camden, which would also include the Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC on 25 April 1781. The summary also states the following: "In 1822 he stated that he had lived in [Sumter District, Clarendon County SC] for about thirty-nine years, prior to which he lived in Maryland, place not stated.... Soldier married the first time soon after the Revolution name of wife not stated. She lived only about one year and left their daughter Sarah.... [Adam and his second wife, Sarah,] had eleven children, three of whom died in infancy, one Mary or Nancy, and one Joseph." I could not find in the file the documents on which these statements were based.

A letter dated 11 July 1853 states that the family of Sarah M. Gibhart were "devoted members of the Methodist Church," and that it might be dangerous for her to attempt the 21-mile trip from her home to the courthouse. On the same day Eliza L. Gibhart, 49, and Camilla M. Gibhart, 47, stated that they were living with their mother. On 15 March 1854 John A. Morgan, 63 on the previous February 8, of Butler County AL, stated that Harriett was the oldest child of his uncle Adam Gibhart who lived to be grown, and that several of their first children died "before they could play much out of Doors." On 19 June 1856 Sarah M. Gibhart applied for bounty land, giving her age as 82. In the file is a document from her physician stating that she died on 10 June 1857.