

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Gibbs (Gibbes) W8847 Elizabeth Gibbs f21SC
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[Marriage Register: "1790, Oct. 20, Benjamin Gibbes and Elizabeth Ball, Rev. T. Frost"]

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State of South Carolina, District of Charleston

On this 7th day of March 1839 personally appeared before the undersigned Mrs. Elizabeth Gibbs aged 69 years who being duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th, 1838 "entitled an act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows" that she is the widow of Benjamin Gibbs deceased of James Island planter who was a private volunteer Soldier during the War of the revolution and served in same two years under arms, to wit he joined the James Island Corps of Militia at the commencement of the Revolution and served therein to the end of the war. Deponent cannot say at what particular posts or engagements or under whom he served. They have now escaped her recollection, but saith he was as she believes mostly about Johns & James Islands. She further declares that she was married to the said Benjamin Gibbs on the 20th day of October 1790. That her husband the aforesaid Benjamin Gibbs died in the year 1807 that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the 1st of January 1794, viz. at the time above stated, and that she now resides in the said City of Charleston.

S/ Elizabeth Gibbs

per Susan Gibbs

The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive ink on a light-colored paper. The top signature reads "Elizabeth Gibbs" and the bottom signature reads "per Susan Gibbs".

The above affidavit was sworn to before me by Mrs. Gibbs, but signed by her daughter at her request and in her presence & my presence this 7th March 1839.

S/ Jacob Axson, Recorder of the City of Charleston & Judge of the City Court

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State of South Carolina District of Charleston

On this for day of March 1839 personally appeared before the undersigned Mr. Joseph

Righton¹ aged 77 years a resident of the City of Charleston and a Revolutionary pensioner who being duly sworn according to Law Deposeth, that he was personally acquainted with Benjamin Gibbs deceased formerly of James Island planter that he knew him to be in service during the War of the Revolution, that, he saw him frequently during said war as a private in the militia company of James Island and that, he has reason to believe said Benjamin Gibbs served under arms in Sum two years: Deponent saith, he is also acquainted with his widow the present Mrs. Elizabeth Gibbs, that, he has reason to believe she was married in the year 1790 and that, said Benjamin died about the year 1807 and that she has remained unmarried ever since that period, and that, her statements are entitled to credit. Deponent sayeth said Benjamin served his time as a Cooper to Deponent's father in Charleston and that he always knew him to the time of his death.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day & year above written & I also certify the credibility of the affiant.

S/ P. Cantrell, Notary Public & QU
for Charleston District

S/ Jos. Righton



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State of South Carolina, District of Charleston

On this 13th day of July 1839 personally appeared before the undersigned Mr. Joseph Righton age 77 years a Resident of Charleston and a Revolutionary pensioner who being duly sworn, Deposeth in reference to the specific time of the Service of Benjamin Gibbs during the war of the Revolution, that, his reasons for stating he served two years are that said Gibbs entered the service in 1775, that, he partook in the military spirit of them period, that, during the year 1775 and 1776, the State was in a constant state of alarm, and the militia under arms that, likewise in the year 1779, say from March to May 1780, the like alarms and the affairs of Beaufort, Stono & the Siege of Charleston, The militia of the District almost constantly under arms, that, said Gibbs was an able bodied active man, and performed his military duties without exhibiting any disposition to avoid them, that, he knew said Gibbs from his boyhood to his death -- that, he does not remember to have missed said Gibbs out of the State during this period, that when the Town Surrendered [May 12, 1780] said Gibbs was made a prisoner, and it is now the impression and belief of Deponent that, said Gibbs was after being sometime detained in the City, paroled to his plantation on James Island, and was confined to its limits until the evacuation of the City by the British and that therefore Deponent's knowledge of the services of said Gibbs is premised upon his personal knowledge.

S/ Jos. Righton

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State of South Carolina District of Charleston

On this 19th day of October 1839 Personally appeared before me Mr. Joseph Righton aged 77 a resident of the City of Charleston who being duly sworn Deposeth, that, Deponent has received a letter from the War Department Pension office August 19, 1839 acknowledging a

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[Joseph Righton W22074](#)

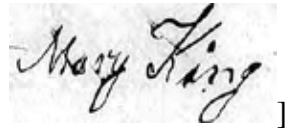
second affidavit from Deponent in reference to the claim of Mrs. Elizabeth Gibbs for a pension as the widow of Benjamin Gibbs, where it is stated "It appears with him (Deponent) a matter of Conjecture altogether with the exception of the service from March to May 1780"

Deponent refers to said second affidavit dated 13th July 1839 - in which it is written "that his reasons for stating he (said Gibbs) served two years, are -, said Gibbs entered the service in 1775, that he partook of the military spirit of the period, that, during the year 1775 and 1776 the State was in constant state of alarm, and the Militia under arms, that, likewise in the year 1779 say from March to May 1780, the like alarms and the affairs of Beaufort, Stono and the Siege of Charleston kept the Militia of the [indecipherable abbreviation] almost continually under arms, that said Gibbs was an able bodied active man and performed his Military duties, without exhibiting any disposition to avoid them." &c

Deponent now saith that, he meant to say in the above, that likewise in the year 1779, say from March (1779) to May 1780 the like alarms" & because the affairs of Beaufort and Stono, there spoken of occurred in 1779 - that showing 14 months and not too, as apprehended by the Department.

Sworn to before me the day & year above written [indecipherable signature of the JP
[indecipherable signature of a Notary Public] S/ Jos. Righton

[p 20: On April 12, 1839 Mary King, 77, gave an affidavit dated April 12 1839 in Charleston regarding her knowledge of the marriage of Benjamin Gibbs and his wife Elizabeth saying that Elizabeth Gibbs was a Miss Ball.



Mary King]

[p 21: On April 12, 1839 Mrs. Ann McCants, 82, gave an affidavit dated April 12, 1839 in Charleston stating that Benjamin Gibbs' 2nd wife (not named) was the sister of the affiant and his 3rd wife was his widow, Elizabeth Gibbs. She also gave her understanding of the services of Benjamin Gibbs as a soldier during the revolution.



Ann McCants]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband service as a private for 2 years in the South Carolina militia.]