

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of George Gibson W8852

Abigail Gibson

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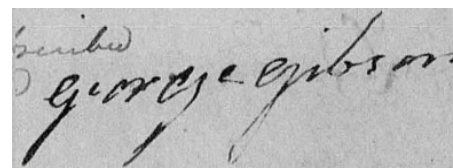
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State of Kentucky Todd County Sct

On this 19th October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Circuit Court for Todd County now sitting George Gibson a resident of Todd County and State of Kentucky aged sixty seven years the 14th of last month who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration

That he entered the service of the united States under the following named officers and served as herein set forth he entered the service in a Company Commanded by Captain John White – the field officers were Colonel [Charles] Dabney and Major Armstreet Commanded by General Weeden [sic: George Weedon] he entered the service a short time before he was sixteen years of age and served three months under the above named officers he returned home at the end of three months and after some months the time not exactly recollected he again entered the service under Captain William Harris & Lieutenant Turner Anderson and served three months & returned home again & after some months the precise time not recollected he was again called into service under Captain Holt he was drafted each time being three times for three months each but he does not recollect that he remained that length of time the last tour as he was discharged a few days after the defeat of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] he does not recollect the time he left the service (but knows it was but a short time before the treaty of peace) The Colonel & Major of the Second Tour were Colonel Taylor & Major Batup of the third Tour has forgotten the name of the Colonel his best impression is that it was Colonel Taylor & Major Boswell. he resided in Louisa County State of Virginia at the time he entered the service and during the war when at home. he was drafted as he supposes each time he recollects that his company was laid off in divisions and when the division to which he belonged was called on he was compeled to go he marched through Hanover County was at Richmond he was stationed at a place called the Morbin Hills [Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond] he marched through King William County We lay at Sowers's old fields [probably Seawell's Old Field] about four miles from Gloucester some days before the battle at York [storming of redoubts 9 and 10, 10 Oct 1781] & defeat of Cornwallis on the north side of the River he was on guard the day preceding the night on which the battle was fought at York & Gloucester he among the ballance of the guard was ordered to meet at head quarters at the old field when he arrived there the main army had left there and gone to Gloucester we were then ordered to march to Gloucester we went in a trot we were stoped on the way to draw Cartridges whilst there the firing commenced then we started and went about one half mile & halted in the night and enquiry was made whether any man among us could Speak the French Language it was ascertained that no one among us who could speak that language & on account of the danger of not being distinguished we were commanded to lie down on our arms We remained there until the battle was over whilst there we could hear the bullets over us he knew no Regular officers whilst out that he now recollects except General Lafaette [sic: Lafayette] he has no documentary evidence by which he can prove his service that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service he saw the british stack their arms at Cornwallis's defeat he saw Tarletons Core [Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton's Legion] dismount & some of them cried & he rode a horse from there taken from one of Tarletons horsemen about four miles. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "George Gibson". The word "scribed" is faintly visible above the signature.

NOTES:

George Gibson made an almost-identical application on 13 May 1833.

On 10 July 1843 Abigail Gibson, 74, applied for a pension stating that she married George Gibson on 15 March 1786, and he died on 20 May 1841. Her claim was denied, because the proof of marriage was deemed inadequate. She then filed a petition to the Committees on Revolutionary Pensions of the Senate and House of Representatives, adding that the marriage occurred in Spartanburg SC. The file includes copies of the favorable reports from the Committees.