

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Gibson ¹ W9450 Elizabeth Gibson f77VA
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State of Ohio, Highland County: SS

On this 9th day of April 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for said County now sitting Samuel Gibson a resident of the said the County of Highland and State of Ohio aged Seventy one 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 Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated – I volunteered as an Indian Spy-- in the last of October 1777 in Washington County in the State of Virginia – under the command of Captain John Kincade [sic, Kincaid?] and marched under his command to Richland Station on Clinch River – in the said the County of Washington – I continued to serve under this engagement as an Indian Spy – (as a private) for the term of eighteen months-- we ranged from the Station to the Ohio River on the waters of big Sandy during this tour – I understood that the destination of the troops at the Station was under the direction of Colonel Arthur Campbell of the said County of Washington. I was relieved from service by a new recruit of Spies in April 1779 – when I left the service and returned to my Father's house on Holston River in the said County of Washington.

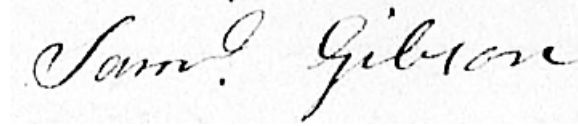
In September 1780 I volunteered as a private under the command of Captain William Neel in the said County of Washington – and marched under the command of Colonel William Campbell to Watauga River in North Carolina – where we were joined by the Regiments commanded by Colonel Isaac Shelby & ____ Sevier [John Sevier] where Colonel William Campbell took the command of all the troops – we marched from there through North Carolina across the Yellow Mountain and through Augusta in Georgia into South Carolina – where we crossed Broad River at the Cherokee Ford -- and from thence to Kings Mountain where on the 8th [sic, 7th] of October 1780 I was in the battle called Kings Mountain. The day after the battle I assisted in burying the dead and carrying off the wounded – and on the evening of the same day we took up our line of march with the prisoners for Guilford Court house in North Carolina – After the prisoners were delivered at Guilford Court house – I was then discharged. How was in service under this engagement six weeks as a volunteer as before stated – In the spring of 1781, I was drafted in said Washington County for a six months tour as a private in the militia; marched against the Cherokees and Chickasaw Indians – in the South – I marched under the command of Captain Aaron Lewis as a private – our company was attached to the command of Colonel ____ Hubbard. I continued in service until after the treaty of peace with the Indians that was held with them on the Tennessee River which I think was in September 1781. I was then discharged – I served under this engagement 4 months as a private – I then returned home to Washington County in Virginia

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– I served in the whole during the war of the revolution two years and six weeks as above stated – I never received any written discharge for any of my services – my discharges from my officers were all verbal – I have no documentary evidence to show my service – and I know of no person whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my service – I hereby relinquish any 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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Saml Gibson



Attest: S/ Samuel Bell, Clk

[Benjamin Van Pelt, a clergyman, and Edward Byram gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Interrogatories propounded by the Court to the applicant:

First – Where and in what year were you born

Answer – I was born in Cumberland County in the State of Pennsylvania on the 15th day of October A.D. 1761

2nd – Have you any record of your age if so where is it

Answer – I had a record of my age in a Bible that once belonged to my Father but it is now lost

3rd – where were you living when called into service – where have you lived since the revolution

Answer --I was living in Washington County in the State of Virginia when I was called into service -- after the revolution I first lived in Washington County in the State of Virginia and continued to live there until the year 1790 – I then moved to Bourbon County in the State of Kentucky – where I continued to live until the year 1804 – when I removed to Highland County in the State of Ohio where I have continued to live ever since

4th – How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a Substitute and if a Substitute for whom

Answer – I first volunteered as an Indian Spy and never was a substitute for any person

5th – State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served – such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect – and the general circumstances of your service

Answer – Colonel Arthur Campbell commanded the Indian Spies when I served the first 18 months – Colonel William Campbell, Colonel Isaac Shelby and Colonel Sevier commanded at the battle of King's Mountain -- when I was drafted against the Indians Captain Aaron Lewis & Colonel Hubbard commanded. The further circumstances of my service is detailed in my declaration which is here referred to.

6th – Did you ever received a discharge from the service if so by whom was it given and what has become of it

Answer – I never received any written discharge – I was verbally discharged first by Captain James Fowler of the Indiana Spies – I was discharged verbally by Colonel William Vanpelt [?] after the battle of King's Mountain

7th – Statement names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood – who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution

Answer – I am known to Benjamin Campbell a minister of the Gospel and Edward Byram [?] both of my neighborhood who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a Soldier of the revolution.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Saml. Gibson

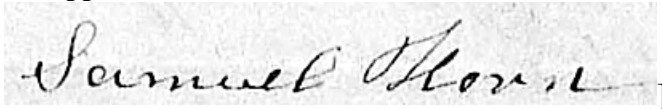
Attest: S/ Samuel Bell, Clk

[p 5: On May 1, 1849 in Adams County Ohio, Elizabeth Gibson, a resident of Lewis County Kentucky aged 79 made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Samuel Gibson, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him April 12, 1791 in Barbon [sic, Bourbon?]² County Kentucky; that her husband died February 19, 1835; that she remains his widow; that she resided with her husband in Highland County Ohio from 1804 until his death; that she continued to live in Highland County for 7 years and is now residing with her daughter (not named) in Lewis County Kentucky; that she has no record of her marriage except for the family testament³ recorded about 20 years ago in the handwriting of her husband. She signed her declaration with her mark.]

[p 7: Margaret Boyd gave testimony that she was acquainted with Samuel and Elizabeth Gibson in Highland County Ohio since 1804 until Samuel's death in 1835; since that time she has known Elizabeth Gibson and knows her to be the widow of Samuel Gibson.

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[p 8: On June 16, 1849 in Brown County Ohio, Samuel Horn gave testimony that he was well acquainted with Samuel and Elizabeth Gibson and substantiates the statements made by the widow in her application.

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[p 8: On June 16, 1849 in Brown County Ohio, Ellen Horn of Georgetown, Brown County Ohio gave testimony that she is the daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Gibson; that she was born October 10, 1801; that she was there 6th child; that she was married in the year 1820 in Highland County Ohio and continued to live there until 1835 when she and her husband removed to Georgetown, Brown County Ohio.

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[p 14: On April 14, 1855 in Mason County Kentucky, Elizabeth Gibson aged 85, made application for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war soldier. She signed this application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.



² Bourbon Co.
³ This record is not contained in the file documents