

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Erasmus Gibson S21767

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The State of South Carolina

Orangeburgh [sic: Orangeburg] District

On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October eighteen hundred & thirty two, personally appeared in open court, before Josiah J. Evans, one of the Judges of the Court of of Common pleas and General sessions of & for the district & state aforesaid now sitting, Erasmus Gibson resident of the district & state aforesaid aged about seventy two who being 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

That he was with his whole militia company ordered into the service of the United States when it was apprehended, General Arnold was about to invade Virginia [Benedict Arnold, end of 1780], that he was marched from New Kent county in Virginia the county of his birth, raising & residence, to Burrells ferry on the James river [Burwell's Ferry, Hog Island to Carter's Grove] & afterwards to Williamsburg & Jamestown. In this service he continued three months, under General [Thomas] Nelson, Colonel Henderson and Captain Banks. After these three months servies, he he volunteered under the same officers for six months & served out that time. He then enlisted for the war under Captain Davenport, who was under the command of a Frenchman called General Weeden [sic: George Weedon, born in Westmoreland County VA] and General Washington was commander in chief. He continued in service under his said enlistment till after the surrender of Yorktown by General Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] and was wounded in the leg by a bayonet at or near Yorktown a short time before the surrender of that place. After the taking of Yorktown he this deponent received a written discharge & recommendation which have been burnt when his house was burnt a few years since. He is confident in these several tours of duty he served a full year & upwards. He removed some time after his discharge as aforesaid to North Carolina where he lived about three years, and has been a resident of the district & state aforesaid for about forty seven years & he knows no one whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

Erasmus hisEmark Gibson

The State of South Carolina }

Orangeburgh District } In the Com. Pleas

Personally appeared in open court before the Hon Baylis J. Earle, Judge of the said court Erasmus Gibson who being duly sworn deposeth & saith (in addition to his application heretofore made for a pension) that he has no documentary evidence of the birth or age, but that from the information of his parents he was bound to a Taylors trade when he was ten years of age, & that he is from the information of his parents seventy eight years of age & upwards, that is between seventy eight & seventy nine years of age That in the last tour of service under Captain Davenport when he served at Yorktown & was wounded he served fully six months.

Sworn to in open court this 22<sup>d</sup> October 1833

Erasmus hisEmark Gibson