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Pension Application of John Gibson S8572

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State of Virginia }

Louisa County } SS

On this 12th day of April 1833 personally appeared in open court before the circuit superior court of Law and chancery, for the county aforesaid, now sitting, John Gibson a resident of the said county and state, aged eighty three 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 7, 1832 –

That at the commencement of the Revolutionary War, he became a member of the volunteer company of minute men, raised in the county of Louisa, of which James Dabney was captain, John Crutchfield or [John] Cosby was Lieut. and Robert Barret Ensign – was trained in the company in the county for some time, camping out and furnishing their own provisions, and early in the next spring marched into service – marched first to Hanover town – then on to Hampton and thence after some time was transferred to Portsmouth and served nine months as Sergeant of his company – Colo. Meridith [sic: Meredith] commanded the regiment and there was no other force – Saw some regulars at Hampton, but did not become acquainted with them, because they were infected with the small pox. while at Portsmouth was sent with twelve men into the Dismal swamp to bring in some suspected persons – was in no battle. That he cannot recollect dates exactly, but thinks his next service was the Campaign of Gates defeat, when he was drafted in the militia of the same county and was a private in the company of Capt [John] Byars and marched to the South in the summer season and joined the army at Hillsborough [NC]. Colo. Goodall commanded the regiment and Gen'l [Edward] Stevens the Brigade. Staid at that place till peaches began to ripen and then marched to the neighbourhood of Camden – was in the battle [Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] and was one of the party chosen to bring on the action – the battle began before daylight – marched within twenty steps of the enemy, was fired on – returned the fire and after firing twice was ordered to retreat and oblique to the right – marched a few steps and found Colo. [Charles] Porterfield down and his horse dead on him. assisted in getting him out and puting him on a horse and then in bearing him off the field – carried him a few hundred yards and then he cut off the boot from his broken leg – marched towards Hillsborough and joined the army again at New Garden [in Guilford County NC], and continued at that place till discharged. and this tour was for six months – there was a body of regular troops with the army and many militia, but recollects no further particulars– That in the summer preceding the siege of York [1781] he was again drafted from the same county and was a private in the company of militia under Capt Pollock, marched by Dandridge's in Hanover into the lower country to the neighbourhood of Jamestown, and after marching about some time in that region was discharged, having served two months. Colo Nelson commanded the regiment and he does not recollect any other officers or troops, nor does he think there was more than the one regiment – was in no battle but some of the enemie's horse near Jamestown and recollects no other particulars. – that he had several discharges but has lost them and has no documentary evidence – that he can prove his services by John Ward [pension application W1960] Davis Shepperson [sic: David Shepherdson S6076] and William Tate [S6193] and that he refers to Joseph C Boxley and William Jackson for his character and the reputation of his services, and that he cannot produce a clergyman to make the requested certificate – To the first question he answers – [He was born] in the Lower end of Louisa county on the 1st May 1749. To the second – That he has a copy from a family Register. To the Third. I have always lived in the same county. To the Fifth. Refer to the body of the declaration. To the Sixth. I was discharged by each of my Captains in writing, but have lost them To the seventh. Joseph C. Boxley & William Jackson Jr.

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 or Territory. Sworn to and
subscribed the day and year aforesaid

John hisXmark Gibson