

Pension Application for John Gibson

W.23101 (Widow: Margaret)

State of New York

County of Livingston SS.

On this 25th day of September eighteen hundred and thirty eight—Margaret Gibson a resident of the town of Caledonia, County and State aforesaid, aged seventy four years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtained the benefit of the provisions, made by the act of Congress, passed July 7th 1838, entitled “An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows”.

That she is the widow of the late John Gibson, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary Army.

Thinks he enlisted under Capt. VanSchaick of Albany, in the New York line, in the year Seventeen hundred & Seventy Six, land left the service in the spring of the year 1783, and that he drew a pension from the year 1832, to the time of his death, in the year 1836.

She further declares, that she was married to the said John Gibson on the 4th day of September in the year 1783, in the town of Florida in the now County of Montgomery, land State aforesaid by the Rev'd Mr. Romine of Cohgnawaga, [Caughnawaga] and that her husband the aforesaid John Gibson died on the 25th day of Sept in the year 1836. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January Seventeen hundred & ninety four viz, at the time above stated. (Signed with her mark) Margaret Gibson.

Attest J. R. Clark

State of New York

Livingston County

On the twenty fourth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred & thirty two personally appeared before the Court of Common pleas and for the Said Court of Livingston State of New York John Gibson a Resident in the town of Caledonia in the Said County of Livingston aged—Seventy Six Years who first being duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he Enlisted in the army of the United States in the month of July in the year Seventeen hundred & Seventy Five in the Company Commanded by Christopher P. Yates in Col. VanSchaick's Regiment of the Second battalion of New York Troops under the command of General Montgomery that he enlisted in the County of Montgomery in Said State that he soon marched from Albany in said State to St. Johns in Canada that said Troops took the British Fort at St. Johns & then marched to Chamberlee [Chamblee?] until the term of six months for which term he enlisted expired and that he then enlisted into Captain Beneduckes Company Same Regiment

for the term of four months from Chamberlee he marched to Montreal & from there to Qubeck [Quebec] & Remained until said four months had expired & after having served in said Regiment ten months was honorably discharged in the month of May 1776 and also that in the summer of 1776 he this deponent volunteered & entered into Capt. Moseley's Company & were put under the command of said Col. VanSchaicks in the City of Albany & marched to fort George & served in said regiment for the term of four months & was then discharged also that in March 1777 he this deponent enlisted into Captain Vancoiy's Company in the Quarter Master Department under the Command of Udney Hayes Quarter Master General that he enlisted at Albany & served in the State of New York for the term of nine months also that he this deponent enlisted into Capt. Strong's Company in Col. H. G. Livingston Regiment of United States Troops at Albany in the Spring of 1778 for the term of nine months that he marched to New Jersey and was in the Battle of Monmoth [Monmouth] and after having served nine months he was discharged and also that in March 1779 he enlisted into said Col. Hayes Regiment in the Quarter Master department & served in the State of New York Nine Months also this he enlisted into the last mentioned Regiment in March 1780 & served in said Quarter Masters department in said State Nine Months—also that at Albany he this deponent volunteered & entered the last year of the Revolutionary War into Capt. Livingston[s] Company Coll. Willett Regiment & march to Fort Herkimer & served four months & was regularly & honorably discharged.

Interrogatories—Put by the Court

First Where & in what year were you born.

Answer I was born in Scotland in the year of 1755.

Second Have you and record of your age.

Answer I have no record of my age.

Third Where were you living when called into the service where have you lived since the Revolutionary War & where do you now live.

Answer I was living in the town of Florida Montgomery County State of New York & Resided then Since until 1816 Since which time I have resided in Caledonia Livingston County & LeRoy Genesee County in said State & now reside in said Town of Caledonia.

Fourth How were you Called into the Service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute.

Answer I enlisted & also at other times entered as a volunteer was not drafted & did not serve as a substitute. The substitute of the fifth is included in the foregoing Declaration.

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Sixth Did you ever receive a discharge from the service & if so by whom was it given.

Answer I Rec'd a discharge from Capt Yates one from Capt Benduikes one from Moseley one from Capt. [Vanscegs?] one from Strong one from Col Willett—I have not preserved them & they are all lost.

Seventh State the names of persons to whom you are known in your neighbourhood & who can testify to your character for veracity & their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Answer to Seventh Rev. [Drawer?] & Alexander Simpson & Thomas Simpson.

And this deponent further says that he does not know that he can procure any further testimony than that hereunto annexed that can prove his services and he this deponent hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) John Gilson

Letter in folder dated November 27, 1928, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W.23101, it appears that John Gibson was born in 1755 in Scotland.

While residing in Florida, Montgomery County, New York, he enlisted and served with the New York Troops as follows:

From July, 1775, six months in Captain Christopher P. Yates' Company, Colonel VanSchaick's Regiment, marched to Canada, and in May 1776, enlisted and served four months in Captain Benedict's Company in Colonel VanSchaick's Regiment; in the summer of 1776, four months in Captain Moseley's Company, Colonel VanSchaick's Regiment; from March 1777, nine months in Captain Vanscoy's (?) Company under Colonel Udney Hay in the quartermaster department from the spring of 1778, nine months in Captain Strong's Company, Colonel H. B. Livingston's New York Regiment, and was in the battle of Monmouth; from March, 1779, nine months under Colonel Udney Hay in the quartermaster department; from Mach 1780, nine months under Colonel Udney Hay in the quartermaster department; in 1781, four months in Captain Livingston's Company, Colonel Willett's New York Regiment.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 24, 1832, at which time he was living in Caledonia, Livingston County, New York. He died September 25, 1836.

The soldier married, September 14, `783, in Florida, New York, Margaret, her maiden name is not given. She was allowed pension on her application executed September 25, 1838, at which time she was living in Caledonia, New York, aged seventy-four years.

There are no further family data.