

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Bellingsby (Billingsby) Gibson S1761

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[some punctuation added for clarity]

State of Tennessee, Washington County: October Session 1832

On this 16th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions aforesaid County now sitting Billingsby Gibson aged Eighty two years the 15th day of September last, but has no record thereof, a resident citizen of the County of Washington and State aforesaid, 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, to wit: He states that he was born near London derry [sic, Londonderry] in Ireland in the year 1750; that in the summer of 1775, he landed in America and first settled and lived in Lancaster County Pennsylvania where he remained perhaps about two years, from thence he moved to Rockbridge County Virginia, where he remained until February 1780 [written over, could be 1779], when he was drafted in said County & State for a 12 months tour of duty, and enrolled in said County under Captain Adam Wallace, was marched to Valley Forge in the State of Jersey where he joined General Washington's Army and was attached to the 5th Virginia Regiment under the command of Colonel Morgan [Daniel Morgan] & Major Webb; from there was marched to the White Plains, from there to Newark by way of Brunswick and the Morristown, where the Army remained some weeks; was marched backward and forward but does not recollect the names of the particular places with the exception of Monmouth where there was a battle between General Washington's Army & the British. He states Colonel Morgan's Regiment was not engaged in said Battle, but were stationed in sight of Monmouth where they remained during the said Battle in which the American Army was successful. The British Army then marched for their shipping at Sandy Hook. Colonel Morgan's Regiment was ordered to pursue them, it being the Regiment to which this declarant belonged. He pursued the British to their shipping; frequently fired on them whilst in pursuit. The British took shipping at Sandy Hook. Colonel Morgan then marched his Regiment back to Valley Forge where he again joined the Army and where the American Army under General Washington took his winter Quarters with his Army at Valley Forge where this declarant remained until February 1780 when he received a written discharge for 12 months service, the tour for which he was drafted but what officer gave him his discharge, he does not now recollect and his said discharge has been lost for many years. He does not recollect the names of any of the Regular officers with whom he served. He states that in the fall of the year 1781 [sic, 1780], he was again drafted in Rockbridge County Virginia and was marched to King's Mountain in South Carolina through North Carolina crossing the Yellow Mountain. Joined Colonel Campbell's [William Campbell's] Regiment on the said it Yellow Mountain; was marched on to King's Mountain where there was a battle between the Americans and the British: the Americans commanded by Colonel Campbell & the British commanded by General Ferguson [sic, Major Patrick Ferguson] who was killed in said Battle and the British were defeated, their Army being almost entirely killed & taken prisoners. After said Battle this declarant was verbally discharged & return home after being in actual service one month

from the time he enrolled until discharged. He states that he served in all in the war of the Revolution 13 months as above stated. He has no documentary evidence of his service neither does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed this 15th day of October 1832 in open court.

S/ Billingsby Gibson, X his mark

S/ Jas. Sevier, Clk

By S/ Saml. Grundy [?]