

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of George Gabbert (Gabhart) S31047

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State of Kentucky, Mercer County

On this 2nd day of September A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Worshipful Justices now sitting in and for said County, George Gabbert a resident of said County of Mercer and State of Kentucky aged 72 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 he entered the service of the United States and served as herein stated under the following named officers, That in the spring of the year 1781, they received information that a party of Tories had assembled on the Catawba River and were committing depredations in that part of the Country by stealing horses, burning houses &c That he volunteered for a tour of three months under Captain John Bickerstaff of Burke County North Carolina and marched against them, came up with them, and gave them a complete route, killed five or six, took eight prisoners and 12 horses that had been stolen and that neighborhood, there being no further business for us we were discharged having served about six weeks or upwards. Again in the summer of said year he volunteered under Captain Mordecai Clark at Burke Court house and was ordered to Frohawk's Mills [sic, Frohock's Mills] where he was stationed about four weeks, from thence we were ordered to march and take charge of about 150 prisoners British and Tories who were then in a stockade about 30 miles distance at which place we remained as guards about four weeks. We were ordered to march them to Salisbury where they were exchanged and we were discharged having served to the best [of] his knowledge 10 weeks, he returned home and in a few days after he joined Captain McDowell's Company and marched under Colonel Joseph McDowell to the head of the Catawba River against the Indians. This expedition only lasted about 16 or 17 days when our object was accomplished, and we were marched home and discharged. Again in the fall of the same year he volunteered in Captain Nail's Company for a tour of three months and marched to Fort Charles on the Catawba River and joined Colonel McDowell where we were stationed and where we served a full Tour of three months and was honorably discharged having served in all upwards of seven months. He further states that he knows of no person by whom he can prove certainly the whole of his service, but he solemnly swears that he served as set forth in his foregoing declaration to the best of his knowledge.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ George Gabbert, X his mark

On this 2nd day of September A.D. 1833, Personally appeared in open Court before the Worshipful Justices of the said County of Mercer Phillip Burns a pensioner aged 73 and a citizen of the County of Washington & State of Kentucky who being first duly sworn deposeseth & saith, That he was raised a near neighbor to the aforesaid George Gabbert and have known him since the war they were boys together, That he did not serve with him in the war of the Revolution but knows that he did serve. That he was in the service at Fort Charles and at Salisbury and about his Guarding the prisoners and that he is fully convinced and believes that he served as he has stated in his Declaration he knows of his absence from home about this time and further saith not.

S/ Philip Burnes, X his mark

He further Declaration of George Gabbert taken – made in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1833.

Interrogatories prescribed by the Department

Question 1st When and in what year were you born?

Answer – I was born in Shanadon [sic, Shenandoah?] County Virginia in the year 1760 as I have been informed by my parents

Quest 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer – I have known. My Father had one in his lifetime but I know not what has become of it.

Quest 3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer – I was living in Burke County North Carolina when called into service and after the war I removed back [to] Virginia and from thence to Mercer County Kentucky, where I have lived for 24 years.

Quest 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer – I was a volunteer

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

Answer – Colonel McDowell was on or Commander I think he was Militia, Captain Bickerstaff, Captain McDowell and Captain Neal I think were all Militia, I have forgot the name of the Regular officer that commanded at Salisbury, the general circumstances of my Services was against the Tories and Indians.

Quest 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer – I received a discharge from Captain Bickerstaff a few days before I was discharged we hung two Tories near Salisbury I also received other discharges, but I don't know what has become of them now.

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

Answer – Phillip Burns with whom [I] served, Reuben Steel, John Sally, Andrew Devine, Senior, Nimrod Cornwell, Esq. and many others if it was necessary. Signed and sealed ninth day of December 1833.

S/ George Gabbert, X his mark

[Henry Gabhart, son of George Gabhart, filed a power of attorney in which he states his father died July 1851 (day of month not remembered). Document signed March 30, 1853 in Mercer.]