

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Gibson Cluverius W8061 Susan Lowry VA
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State of Virginia }
Elizabeth City County } Towit.

On this Twenty sixth day of October Eighteen Hundred and Fifty, before the Circuit court for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia George P. Scarburgh Judge thereof, sitting and presiding, personally appeared Susan Lowry of Elizabeth City County in the State of Virginia aged, seventy seven years in August last, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed July 7th Eighteen Hundred and thirty eight entitled "an act granting Half pay and pensions to certain widows" and other acts supplementary thereto, and in continuation and extension thereof:

That she is the widow of Gibson Cluverius, who was a Captain of the Militia Company, and who performed service as such a considerable portion of the Revolutionary war: that she is unable to state the month or year when her said husband entered the service of his Country, but she always understood, and she believes that he so entered early in the war of Independence; nor can she state of her personal knowledge, the precise time, when her said husband left the said service, but she always understood, from her said husband and from others, and she verily believes, that her said husband continued in service as Captain aforesaid until the end of the said war in the year Seventeen Hundred and Eighty Three. That her said husband, she has frequently understood from him and from others, performed service as Captain of a Militia Company for several years in all, she verily believes for more than three years

That said service was performed by her said husband, principally in the County of Gloucester in the State of Virginia, and in the lower part thereof called "Guinea" and in the service of the State of Virginia. That she knows of no battles in which her said husband was engaged, but has heard him speak of his company being fired at by the enemy's ships entering York River.

That when her said husband, entered the service, and left the service, he resided in the County of Gloucester in the State of Virginia. That she has no documentary proof of his service in her possession. She further declares, that she was married to the said Gibson Cluverius, in said County of Gloucester, on the fourth day of March in the year Seventeen Hundred and eighty six; that her husband the said Gibson Cluverius died in the said County of Gloucester, on the twenty third day of February Seventeen Hundred and Eighty Nine.

That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January Seventeen Hundred and ninety four, towit, at the time above stated. That she has been married a second time, towit, to John Lowry, in the County of Gloucester aforesaid on the twenty ninth day of September Seventeen Hundred and ninety one, whose widow she now is.

[signed] Susan Lowry

Monday September 9th 1776

Ordered that a warrant issue to Captain Gibson Cluvireus for twenty five pounds, six shillings and four pence for the pay, rations &c &c of his Company of Militia while on actual duty in Gloster County [Certified copy from Journal of the Council of State.]

State of Virginia } To wit:
County of Gloucester }

The affidavit of Thomas Hogg [pension application S5566], of the county aforesaid, in the state

aforesaid, taken this 1st day of November 1850, before me Joel Hayes, a Justice of the Peace in and for the county aforesaid: The said Thomas Hogg, being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that he was Ninety years old the 22nd day of January last:

That he knew personally and well Captain Gibson Cluverius, of the said County of Gloucester, both during the Revolutionary War and after:

That the said Gibson Cluverious was a Captain of a malitia Company during the revolutionary war, and often and for a considerable time in actual service as such, and in the service of this State:

That this affiant the said Thomas Hogg, served a considerable time in said war, in the malitia, under the said Gibson Cluverius as his Captain, and that the said Cluverius had Thomas Powell as the first Lieutenant of his Company:

That the said Gibson Cluverius, to the best recollection of this affiant, was first called out with his company into actual service in the year Seventeen Hundred and Seventy Six, and was frequently after in the malitia service, principally in the County of Gloucester, though sometimes out of it: That in consequence of the exposed situation of this county, the malitia were frequently and for continued tours in actual service:

That the Company of the said Captain Gibson Cluverious, this affiant very well remembers, was stationed for one year at the mouth of York River, in the lower part of the County of Gloucester. and about two years before the Seige of little York [Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781]:

That some time before the Seige of York the company of the said Gibson Cluverius was stationed about six months at Williamsburg:

That during the year of the Seige of York, the company of the said Cluverius was ordered from Williamsburg to the neighbourhood of Gloucester Town, in this county, where it was stationed and in actual service for six months more:

That during the three last mentioned tours, to wit, at Williamsburg, Gloucester Town and at the mouth of York River, the said Gibson Cluverius was in actual command of his company:

That while we were stationed near Gloucester Town, a slight skirmish took place between some companies of Light Horse, in which two British & one horse were killed:

That this affiant is unable to state the precise period of time during which the said Gibson Cluverius was in service in his several tours of duty, but is perfectly certain that he was in service as a captain of malitia for at least three years, this affiant having served under him and knowing his service of his own knowledge: That the said Gibson Cluverius married in this county some two or three years after the war was ended, Miss Susan Whiting, and died soon after marriage:

That the widow of the said Gibson Cluverius was afterwards married to John Lowry of this county, more than fifty years ago, and that the said Gibson Cluverius and John Lowry both died in this county Further this affiant saith not

Thomas HisXmark Hogg

NOTES:

The file includes a copy of an account dated 27 March 1777 showing £170.3.0 to "Cluverius, Capt Gibson, for pay and rations & provisions of his Comp'y," one dated 24 June 1778 showing £432.4.5 to "Cluverius, Capt G. for pay of his company Gloucester Malitia," and a similar one dated 19 Sep 1777.

On 1 Nov 1850 Mildred Hutson stated that she "had heard her Husband, Wilson Hutson, who was fife major in said war speak of his, the said Gibson Cluverius's service in said War."

On an application for bounty land dated 29 June 1855 Susan Loury was said to be 84, and the date of Gibson Cluverius's death was given as 23 Feb 1791. On 19 Nov 1850 Elizabeth S. Loury stated that she was the eldest child of Gibson Cluverious and Susan Loury, born in 1787, and that she married first Anthony Armistead in 1802, then Robert Loury, deceased, in 1818. She stated that John Loury died in 1821.