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State of Kentucky  
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On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 1834, personally appear before W. H. S. Drake, Justice of the Peace in and for the county of Pendleton Alexander Gibson a resident of Bracken county and State of Kentucky aged seventy eight 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, that is to say. He entered the service of the United States as a substitute and a private some time in the year 1776 in the place of his father Andrew Gibson and under the command of John Lee Captain, Lieutenant Hugh White, and James White as ensign and marched from the county of Northumberland and State of Pennsylvania to the State of New Jersey and was with General Washington during his retreat through said State and had one skirmish with the enemy. The troops to which this declarant was attached was sometimes detached from the main body and some times attached to the main body. He has a recollection that there was continental troops and officers with him but cannot say any thing particular about them.

As from infirmities of body old age and the consequent loss of memory he has forgot ~~many particulars of the service~~ but he recollects

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that he was to have served three months and was retained four months. He was stationed this campaign at different places but recollects the name of but one which was called the 8th Divamp. there was a large Army with him and he has a rather indistinct recollection of the officers with him the Regiment to which he belonged was commanded by Col — Potter, Washington was the Supreme command and he thinks at this time that there was General Greene and Mearns and many others along, but he cannot recollect all of their names at this distance of time. For this tour (he received in his own name) no discharge as it was in the name of his Father. In the year 1777 this declarant, say about June or July was drafted as a militia man still from the same county and state for the term of six months, and under the command of Captain John Lowder. No other officer now recollects except Colonel Potter. This declarant does not now recollect to what general officers command he belonged, but he recollects General Washington, Hays Morgan Maxwell and Lay Fayette and the Maryland Troops and this declarant was at the battle of Brandywine at Chad as Ford and all persons acquainted with his tour, as in some sort acquainted with that battle. He served this time six months as a private this time he received a discharge signed by Captain John Lowder. In the Spring of the year 1779 this declarant was again ordered out under a draft under the command of Capt. Peter Gourd, Lieutenant Colonel, Ensign not now recollects and was stationed

during the season alternately at the Fort named Fort Montgomery, Fort Rice and Fort Security all in the County of Northumberland and State of Pennsylvania and served as a private for the term of six months by ranging from Fort to Fort and looking out for Indians signs and guarding said Forts. He does not now recollect who his field officers was as there was but a Captains command with him. And in the Year 1780 and about the last of February or first of March in said Year as there was an unusual indication of depredations to be committed by the Indians, this declarant volunteered and marched under the command of Capt Thomas Robinson, Lieutenant Moses Sincamp, and Ensign James Chambers and was this Year employed in the same named as last Year and stationed at the same places. He knows of no other field officers than Potter who had in the meantime risen to the rank of General, he sometimes visited in this Year this declarant was himself in no battle, it was this Year the practice to leave at each Fort a commissioned officer with a few men while the others was ranging except while one commissioned officer was passing from one Fort to the other. And while our Lieutenant was in this Year passing from one Fort to the other and ranging through the country with a few men he and his men was surprised in the Night time by the Indians in a barn and all that was with him <sup>except himself and four others</sup> were killed, himself and the four were taken prisoner, and did not return for about two years this year this

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declarant served as a private soldier eight months making in all two years as a private soldier. He was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania and on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 1705. He received his discharges from all of his Captains setting forth the service above spoken of, except the time he was a substitute, but has lost or mislaid said discharges within 10 or 15 years since. He has now no record of his age as it has been lost but it was in an old Bible. He removed with his Father from Cumberland county, Pennsylvania the place where he was born to the county of Northumberland same state where he was about 12 years old and resided in said last place until the spring of the year 1790 when he again went to Cumberland county same state and remained one year when he removed to Washington county same state and there remained until the year 1801 when he removed to Scott county same state of Kentucky, and in the year 1808 he removed into Madison county Kentucky where he has ever since resided and does now reside having lost or mislaid his discharges, he has no record evidence of his services nor does he know of any persons now living with whose residence he has any knowledge by whom he can prove all or any part of his services. This declarant further states that he cannot without great pain to himself, as well as the incurring of an expense which he is illly able to bear appear at and in open court to sign and swear to this his declaration the county seat of Madison county is about fifteen miles from the residence of this declarant and the nearest Justice six miles

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which is the reason of his going before a Justice of Peace of Pendleton county he having to go but about one quarter of a mile to get before a Justice of the Peace in said county of Pendleton. He refers to Theodorius Matthews and Lorenz Green of Bracken county and both near neighbors to this declarant and Clergyman of the Methodist persuasion. Having now stated all of the particulars of his services as well as he can now recollect he repeats that owing to infirmities of his body old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot recollect all, but says that since as a private Soldier in the Year 1776 not less than four months, in the Year 1777 not less than six months, in the Year 1779 not less than six months and in the Year 1780 not less than eight months as stated before and all the time a private in the Militia of Pennsylvania.

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 whatever.

his  
Alexander Gibson  
Mark

Sworn to and subscribed  
the day and year aforesaid

We Theodorius Matthews and Lorenz Green both Clergymen residing in the county of Bracken and State of Kentucky do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Alexander Gibson who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, that we believe him to be seventy eight years of age. that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been