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GIBBS, JOHN

SUMMARY OF EARLY LIFE

Born March 11, 1755. He was living in Burke Co., N.C. during the American Revolution.

SUMMARY OF MILITARY SERVICE

John Gibbs first entered military service in Burke Co., N.C. as a drafted militiaman in 1780. He served in a company of mounted riflemen commanded by Captain Mordecai Clarke. They first marched to Charlotte and joined the forces of General William Lee Davidson. Later he marched with Clarke to the vicinity of Cowpens, S.C. By this time, his tour of duty had expired. He therefore did not take part in the battle of Jan. 17, 1781.

After returning to Burke County he enlisted in a company of militiamen commanded by Captain John Connelly of McDowell's Regiment. He served on duty in the forts on the Burke Frontier at the head waters of the Catawba River. (Captain Connelly was his brother-in-law. This service was performed in the summer of 1781.

Both John Gibbs and John Connelly were suspected of having Loyalist sympathies, as their names appear on the Tory list of 1782. Gibbs was late in filing for his pension, as were many "on the fence" soldiers.

SUMMARY OF LATER LIFE

He married in 1776, Rebecca Connelly (1756-1844), daughter of John O'Connellly. She was a sister of John Connelly.

Children:

William b. March 3, 1779, d. December 21, 1850, m. Elizabeth Connelly
John 1784-1860 m. Catherine
Hugh 1780 or 1782 m. Sarah
James b. 1780 m. Rebecca Mashburn on April 14, 1823.
Joshua b. 3/29/1788, d. June 26, 1869, m. Rebecca Connelly.
Bryant b. 1790, d. 1859 m. Hannah Finley on September 23, 1813
David
Archibald b. 1795, m. Sophia Finley on July 30, 1819.
Thomas b. 1797 m. Eunice Finley 1822.
Wesley b. 1802, m. Mallinda Finley on July 9, 1821
Elizabeth m. Penland.

John Gibbs, after the war, became a Methodist Minister. He applied for Revolutionary War pension in Burke Co., N.C. 1844 at age 89, and was awarded \$20.00 per annum.

John Gibbs died January 26, 1847 and is buried in the Obeth Cemetery at Obeth Methodist Church.

LAND HOLDINGS AND TRANSACTIONS

John Gibbs received a grant for 200 acres of land in Burke County on the north side of the Catawba River, adjoining lands belonging to _____ Rainbolt and James Moore. (1792 - entered 1778).

CENSUS LOCATIONS:

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