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THE GIBBS SURNAME DNA PROJECT

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Basic Information

- ▶ Farmer and Methodist Local Preacher
- ▶ Born on 17 March 1755 - Location Unknown
- ▶ Died on 26 January 1847 - McDowell County, NC
- ▶ Buried after 26 January 1847
 - Oboth Cemetery, Burke County, NC
- ▶ Age at death: 91 years old

Parents

- ▶ **Father: John Gibbs 1716-1770**
- ▶ **Mother: Suzanne Phillipe +1786**

Siblings

- ▶ Zacharias ca 1740
- ▶ James ca 1741-1794
- ▶ Phillip 1741
- ▶ Zacheus
- ▶ John nmn
- ▶ Mary
- ▶ Hannah
- ▶ Elizabeth

Marriages and children

Married on 10 October 1776, Lovelady, Rowan County, NC, to Rebecca nmn Connelly 1756-1847, with issue:

- ▶ William nmn 1779-1850
- ▶ Suzanne ca 1780
- ▶ James nmn /1781-1870
- ▶ Hugh nmn ca 1782-ca 1870
- ▶ John nmn Jr. ca 1783-1850
- ▶ Elizabeth nmn 1786-1868
- ▶ Joshua nmn 1788-1869
- ▶ Bryant nmn /1790-1872
- ▶ David 1792-1869
- ▶ Archibald nmn ca 1794-1850
- ▶ Thomas nmn ca 1795-ca 1863
- ▶ Wesley nmn ca 1802-1870

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The Gravestone of Rev. John Gibbs at the Oboth Cemetery, Burke County, North Carolina.

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Notes

In 1790 Census Rev. John Gibbs and Rebecca had six boys under sixteen (William, James, Hugh, John, Joshua and Bryant) and three females (one was Rebecca his wife), Females were not categorized by age during this census. He was in the Second Company of the Militia which was commanded by his Brother-in-Law Captain John Connelly. He was living near all the Connellys in the Lovelady district on the North side of the Catawba River, which is present Caldwell County North Carolina.

There was a John and Richard Gibbs in the thirteenth company (Morgan District) they were living in the same household and indicated as brothers in a typed transcript this may have been an "assumption" by the transcriber. It turned out to be an assumption by the transcriber, the microfilm had no such indication. That John who married Hanna Muchmore moved to Kentucky. DNA evidence from a single source believing himself to be a descendant of that John indicates there was no relationship between the two John Gibbses. That Richard's will was presented to Burke Court for probate ca. 1808 but that's the only information I have found . . . the actual will and what it said were probably lost in the Courthouse fire during the Civil War (General Stoneman's raid).

In 1800 Census for Burke John Gibbs is missing! I now know that he moved from Lovelady district to the Bridgewater/Nebo North Carolina before 1810. I believe he may have went or moved to Garrard County Kentucky where his Daughter Suzanna married a Brown and then returned to Bridgewater before 1810. Thus he missed the 1800 Burke County North Carolina Census.

In 1810 Census, page 337, line 1. They had one boy less than ten (Wesley), two boys ten to sixteen (Bryant and Thomas) and two sixteen to twenty-six (Joshua and John). . . William, James and Hugh had separate households. They had one girl sixteen to twenty-six, thus born between 1784 and 1794. Suzanna's wedding date will indicate whether this could be her or even a third girl child. This can not be Elizabeth since she married in 1805 and moved to Ohio.

In 1820 Census he had two boys between sixteen and twenty-six, these could be Thomas and Wesley, since Archibald is probably over twenty-six . But *surprise* he also has two girls between ten and sixteen, I am working from an extract I need to check this on the census tapes Perhaps they were over sixteen. His wife would have been too old to have these girls. They may be Wesley and Thomas's wives, he may have taken them in from some other Gibbs, or they could be his grandchildren. He was also listed as John Sr. Which indicates he indeed had a son named John.

Prior to 1825 John gave land for the Nebo Meeting House although he didn't actually deed it until 1844. He had land on Shadrach Creek in present Nebo area just to the west of Bridgewater.

In 1840 Wesley Gibbs had a man and a woman between eighty and ninety living with him. These are obviously John Gibbs and Rebecca Connelly Gibbs since there was no other couple in his family who lived to that age. They were living South of the Catawba and West of North Fork, somewhere from Marion to Old Fort area.

His Revolutionary Pension Application:

I have seen a entry in the Burke County Library that referred to John's pension application giving a brief version of it and then immediately listing his children as if it came from his pension application. I did not believe the list of his children. I had put off ordering forever. While discussing this with Sue Hamilton a fellow descendant of John's she volunteered to get the record from the National Archives. Thank you Sue. While she was doing that she found that 'someone' had requested that record many years ago, apparently before there were copying machines, because they had sent a typed copy to that person and had a copy of it. The National Archives sent photo copies of the typed version as well as the filmed version. The copy of the filmed handwritten version is



The Gravestone of Rebekkah (Connelly) Gibbs, wife of Rev. John Gibbs, at the Oboth Cemetery, Burke County, North Carolina.

Photo courtesy of George Hugh Gibbs.

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beyond my ability to read, probably due to degradation of the film. The photo copy of the typed version is poor but readable, too poor to scan into this record. So I am going to type in what I have heard called a "True" copy, to the best of my ability, this means I will put in spelling, grammar and punctuation as it appears on the copy of the typed version.

My "True Copy" Begins Here:

John Gibbs, S 8556, North Carolina

John Gibbs - - S, 8556 Revolutionary Soldier. Enlisted while a resident of Burke County, North Carolina in 1780. Served three months under Captain Clark, Again called out in the summer of 1781 and served three months under Captain John Conley by order of Colonel McDowell.

He was allowed a pension on an Application executed July 15, 1844, while a resident of Burke County, N.C. aged 89 years. He was allowed a pension at the rate of \$20.00 Per Annum.

State of North Carolina, Burke County: on this 15th, day of July one thousand eight hundred and forty four, 1844 personally appeared before me. Mr. William R. Rust, one of the acting magistrates and member of the court of pleas and quarters sessions in and for said county, John Gibbs a resident of the county and state aforesaid, aged eighty nine 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 7th, 1832.

That in the days of the Revolution he resided in Burke county North Carolina and entered the service of the united states under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That in the year of 1780 he was drafted into the service for a tour of three months under Captain Clark who marched his company from Burke into Charlotte where they joined General Davidson who was stationed in Mecklenburg County and that after staying some weeks at the post, they were joined by General Morgan who spent a few days with them, and then the armies parted and the declarant was placed under General Morgan who marched on to the south Carolina to the Cowpens at which post the declarant was discharged having served out his tour of duty.

The next tour of duty was in the summer of the year following, in the year 1781, he was again called into service to serve another three months tour under Captain John Conley by order of Colonel McDowell and was ordered on to the Fort at the head of the Catawba River where the deponent served out his tour of duty as was discharged.

The deponent further states that he performed other services but the above is the only regular tours that he was out, he also stated that he has no Documentary evidence in support of his service that he can prove a part or all his service by payroll evidence.

The declarant also states that his name is not on the pension roll or any agency except the present and that the reason why he has not applied before this late day for his pension is that he was disappointed by an agent that he had employed, and that the amount was so small that he thought to live without and is now from actual necessity he is induced to apply for a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year first above written before me. Wm. B. Rust, J. P.

In a letter listed with above WM. Rust states that Stephen Ballew a resident of Burke county and aged 83 years stated that John Gibbs " Is a minister of the Gospel, a person to whom statements is due full faith and credit." also Mr. Ballew said that he now and was in the days of the Revolution well acquainted with John

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Gibbs of Burke county; that he was out in the service with said John Gibbs in July or August 1780"

End of my "True Copy" George H. Gibbs

We now know his application made no mention of Children. NOTE: The "Fort at the head of the Catawba (river) was what became the present town of Old Fort, McDowell County North Carolina. In his later years Reverend John once represented Hebron at the quarterly Methodist circuit meeting. Hebron Wesleyan Methodist Church is located in present Old Fort across the street from Hardee's Resturant. This makes three Methodist Churches (Oboth, Nebo and Hebron) in which Reverend John was an active participant.

Sources:

- death, burial: *His Gravestone*

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