Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Peter Fisher R14157 VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 6 Feb 2014.

State of Virginia

County of Jefferson Sct.

On this 18th day of May in the year 1835 personally appeared Peter Fisher a resident of the said County of Jefferson before the County Court, who is seventy one years of age, and being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832.

That he was drafted as a militiaman in the year 1781 Shepherdstown then Berkley [sic: Berkeley] now Jefferson County Virginia with Capt'n McEntire and served in the regiment of Colo. William Darke. Capt'n. McEntire at first commanded the Company and marched them to join the forces at York, but Capt'n. McEntire left them before they reached their destination & Capt'n. Geo. M. Bedinger [George Michael Bedinger, pension application W2992] took the Command. that for a portion of the period Major Scott was attached to the Brigade but afterward Capt. Bedinger was promoted & became their Major. that at the time of his being drafted he resided in Shepherdstown, in and near which place he has resided most of his life. That he was at the seige of York and Capture of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] – in going there he passed through the following places – Charles town, Battletown, Fredericksburg & Williamsburg. That he was drafted for the term of three months, but that including the time of going and returning he was gone five months, the forces having been detained beyond the period for which they were drafted. 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 any agency in any State.

And the said Peter Fisher in answer to the interrogatories prescribed by the war department says.

That he was borne on 3^d day of November 1763 in Middletown Pensylvania, from which place he removed to Shepherdstown in Virginia at about 8 years of age.

That there was a record of his age kept in a small bible which taken away by his brother Adam Fisher who resides at Point Pleasant on the Ohio River.

That at the time of his entering the service he was living in Shepherdstown Jefferson County Virginia, though at time it was called Berkley County, & he has lived there ever since the Revolution. That he was drafted for a tour of three months

He mentions the names of the following officers as having been at the capture of Cornwallis – besides those of his own Regiment. Genls LaFayette, Genl. [George] Weedon, Genl. Steuben – Colo. [Alexander] Hamilton & Colo. [John] Laurens. Genl. Washington.

That he did receive a discharge & a certificate of the period of his service –his discharge has long since been lost

He refers to the following persons to whom he is well known in the neighbourhood of his present residence viz. To Michael Fouke & Dennis Steven whose brothers Geo. Fouke [George Fouke] and Henry Stevens served in the same Company with him. Also to Major Henry Bedinger [S8059] now of Berkley County. To the Post-Master at Shepherdstown John T. Corkus. To Colo. Edward Lucas the late representative in Congress from that district – and to Daniel Morgan, Henry Boteler and George Reynolds and William Butler justices of the County of Jefferson – any or all of whom he presumes will testify to his veracity and to their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

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State of Kentucky }
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Personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, George M. Bedinger of the said County of Nicholas, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he is 78 years, old & his recollection is weak, he has yet a recollection of Peter Fisher of Shepherdstown, (which place was formerly in Berkely County, but is now in Jefferson county, Virginia who he is confident was a soldier in the revolutionary war, and in may 1781 marched in a company of Militia from Shepherdstown, in Virginia, to the Seeg of York (where Cornwallice was Captured) & that he this deponant, was a captain and commanded said company of militia in Colonel William Darkes Regiment) (and was also adjutant in said Regiment, & for a short time Major, and at severel different times (when specially calld on did the duty of Brigade Major) That from the best of his recollection & information he thinks he said Fisher was a soldier in said company from the time they marched until they returnd, That they were in no General Battle, but that s'd company were in two instances (at least) exposed to extreeme danger, and in one of which of being entirely cut off or captured (near york) & that after his said Company servd out their time were allowed pay and rations to their homes in Berkely the time they were in service he thinks was about five months, that this deponant and s'd fisher were chiefly rais'd In Shepherdstown, (the first from the time he was less than 5 years old, to the Commencement of the revolutionary war, (without intermission) & believes Fisher has lived there generally since, & although he this deponent has generally lived in Kentucky the last 40 years he has often been to Shepherds Town, and about the year 1830 recollects seeing Peter fisher there and farther this deponent saith not

NOTE: The 1832 pension act provided only for those who served at least six months.

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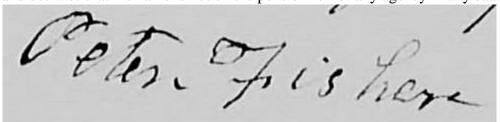
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Sworn to and subscribed the day & year first aforesaid.

S. J. Cramer CC

[interrogatories, supporting statements and certification Brother Adam Fisher has the family bible in Point Pleasant Alexander Jones, clergy David Snively, neighbor John Quigley, neighbor Samuel Cullenwood S. Leland, cc

Samuel J Cramer, clerk

George M Bedinger of Nicholas County KY]

Application was rejected for failure to meet the minimum six months' service.]