

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Wyatt Bishop S14958

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[Punctuation partly corrected.]

The State of Alabama }

Franklin County Ss. }

The declaration of Wyatt Bishop in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832.

On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Circuit Court of said County, Wyatt Bishop a resident of Franklin County and State of Alabama aged 74 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 provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the army of the United States in the year 1776 at the age of [illegible] years, as a private in the first division of Volunteers raised in the County of Sussex and State of Virginia, his Col. was John Ruffin, his Captain was George Rives [sic: George Reeves], his first Lieutenant was Nathaniel Dunn, and his ensign William Rives [William Reeves]. They were ordered to Little York where he served four months, commencing some time in April or May In the fall of the year 1777 he served one month under Capt. Lawrence Smith at Portsmouth, Virginia. His field officers he does not recollect. In the Winter of 1780 he served 3 months in the Militia, a part of the time at Smithfield, and the remainder at Cooper's Burnt Mills, near Sleepyhole ferry [Sleepy Hole Ferry on Nansemond River], Virginia. his Captain was John Davis and his Lieutenant William Walker, field officers not recollected. In 1781 he entered the army about Christmas as a volunteer, and belonged to what was called the flying camp or light Infantry, he was stationed during the winter near the dismal swamp in the state of Virginia, and had a skirmish with the British army near Portsmouth Virginia. The officers who commanded on that occasion were Gen'l. [Peter] Muhlenberg, Col. [Alexander] Dick, Maj'r [William] Duval, Maj'r [William] Boyce, & he believes Maj'r Long. In the month of April 1782 [sic] as well as he now recollects, he was ordered to Petersburg in Virginia, where he fought a battle with the British [Battle of Blandford Hill, 25 Apr 1781], Gen'l. Muhlenberg commanded and he thinks Gen'l. Steuben, also, the other field officers were, Col. Dicke, Maj'r. Duval, Maj'r. Boyce, and he thinks Maj'r. Long; his Captain was Richard Williams of Prince George County Virginia. He was discharged after the British left Petersburg, making his term of service that tour, four months. He has long since lost his discharges and is unable to say to what particular Regiment he belonged, nor is any person alive known to him, whose testimony he can procure to prove his services

And he the said Wyatt Bishop hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any State.

[signed] Wyatt Bishop

Interrogatories put by the Court to the said Wyatt Bishop.

I. Where and in what year were you born.

Ans. In the County of Surry in the State of Virginia in the year 1759.

II Have you any record of your age and if so where is it

Ans I have none in my possession but the record is in Virginia as I believe

III Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live.

Ans In the County of Sussex in the State of Virginia, I lived there until about 33 years ago, since which time I have resided in the State of Tennessee and Alabama, and now live in the County of Franklin in the State of Alabama.

III How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute, &

if a substitute for whom.

Ans. I was called by the State of Virginia, I never was drafted, I went the two tours as a volunteer, and twice as a substitute. I was once a substitute for John Justice the other I do not recollect.

V State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such continental and Militia regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service

Ans. Gen'l. Muhlenberg, Col. Dick, Maj'r. Long, & Maj'r. Boyce. I do not recollect the number or name of any regiment. my service was that of a Militiaman, in part under Gen'l. Steuben at Petersburg, in Virginia, I think in the years 1781 or 82.

VI. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it.

Ans. I received a discharge, but do not now recollect by whom it was given, and have long since lost it.

VII State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution

Ans. Platt Stout, Micajah Tarver, Curtis Hooks & David Destler.