

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

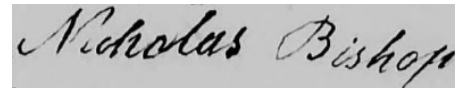
Pension Application of Nicholas Bishop S17847

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Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 2 July 2014.

The State of South Carolina }  
Anderson District } On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 1836 Personally appeared in  
open court, before J. B. O'neal presiding Judge of the Court  
of General Sessions of the peace &c[ now sitting Nicholas Bishop a resident of the State & District  
aforesaid, aged seventy five 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 provision made by the act of Congress,  
passed June 7th 1832 That he entered the service of the United States in Chester District S.C. a private  
in the foot service, by volunteering before he was of sufficient age to be required by Law to do duty. That  
he believes he was in his sixteenth year. That he volunteered for a three month tour. That he marched  
under the command of Capt. Hugh Whiteside to Charleston S.C. from there to the two sisters ferry on  
Savannah river, and was there stationed to the end of the three months and was there continued in service  
for several days longer, waiting for recruits. That he cannot recollect the higher officers he was under,  
but does distinctly recollect Capt. Hugh Whiteside, he being raised in the same neighborhood with  
himself. That sometime after performing the above tour, but how long after this deponent has now  
forgotten, he was drafted for a three months tour and he believes under the command of Lieut. Cooper,  
and marched from Chester Dis SC to the fourholes [Four Holes, Orangeburg County] in S.C. was there  
stationed and continued doing duty to the end of the three months tour and was there dismissed but  
whether he rec'd a written discharge or not cannot now recollect. That after the fall of Charleston S.C.  
[12 May 1780] and at the time the British marched into the Country he volunteered under his, this  
declarants Brother, Capt. Henry Bishop and marched to Clems branch in N.C. and there joined Gen'l.  
Sumpter [sic: Thomas Sumter], and marched from there to and engaged the enemy at rocky mount in S.C.  
[30 Jul 1780]. from there marched to the hanging rock. at that battle [6 Aug 1780] this deponents  
Brother, Capt Henry Bishop & Cpt [sic: Col.] John Mclure received their death wounds. That he was  
then put under the command of Maj'r. Michael Dickson and continued with Gen'l. Sumpter untill  
Sumpter's defeat [Battle of Fishing Creek, 18 Aug 1780]. That he then returned home to provide for and  
protect his aged parents, who had been oppressed[?] by the British & tories, and reduced from affluence  
to poverty. That his Father, then an aged man, had been taken and imprisoned for no other cause  
assigned, but that of his having four sons in what they called the rebel army. That he cannot recollect  
how long he served in the last tour. That he 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid



In answer to the interrogatories prescribed by the War department the said Nicholas Bishop sayeth  
1<sup>st</sup>. I have been told by my parents that I was born in the State of Pennsylvania near Philadelphia and that  
they removed me at the age of about six years to Chester District S.C.

2<sup>d</sup>. I have seen a record [of his birth] in an old Family Bible in the possession of my Mother about forty  
years since, at which time she removed to Kentucky and I have not seen it since

3<sup>d</sup>. In Chester District S.C. removed from there to my present residence in Andersen District S.C. where  
I have resided forty four years.

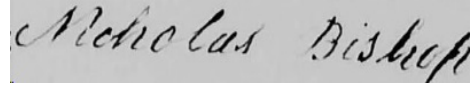
4<sup>th</sup> First a Volunteer for a three months Tour. the next drafted for a three months Tour. he next  
Volunteered for an indefinite time in which Tour I was at the battles of rocky mount Hanging rock &  
Sumpters defeat

5<sup>th</sup>. I do not remember any of the regular officers except Gen'l Sumpter neither do I remember to what  
regiment I belonged but recollect of serving under Capt Hugh Whiteside Lieut Robert Cooper, Maj

Michael Rickson & Gen'l. Sumpter I have stated the general circumstances of my services in my declaration.

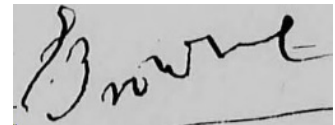
6<sup>th</sup>. I do not remember [whether he received a written discharge]

7<sup>th</sup>. William Walker, Samuel Maverick, Samuel Cherry, E. M. Benson Esq'r. Doctor F. W. Symms, the Hons. John C. Calhoun, James C. Griffen Esq'r. – Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.



State of S. Carolina } Personally came Elijah Browne Esq'r. Before me the Subscribing Justice  
Anderson District } and made Oath in Due Form of Law and Saith that he was personally acquainted with Nicholas Bishop the present applicant for a pension in the time of the American Revolution – that he believ'd him to be a true whig – and that he saw him bearing arms in Gen'l. Sumpters Army at the four holes in this State in defence of the United States and that he serv'd a tour of Duty of three months

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 1835



NOTE: On 15 Aug 1835 John Craig (pension application W22864) certified that Bishop was a true Whig and that he had seen him bearing arms under Sumter. On 16 Sep 1835 Thomas Henderson (W10102) certified that he had seen Bishop in the service under Sumter.