

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Biffel (Biffle, Baffle) S3003

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State of Tennessee, Maury County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions December Term 1832

On this 20th day of December in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared and open court before us James Hucy [?], Robert Wortham & Peter Williams, Justices of the court of pleas & quarter sessions of Maury County, now sitting, Jacob Baffle [sic], a resident of said County aged about Seventy 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 7, 1832.

1st question by the court: Where & in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born in North Carolina, Rowan County in the year 1763.

Question 2nd: Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer: I never had any record of my age, but kept my age by my memory, recollecting that I was 18 years old when Cornwallis surrendered.

Question 3: Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live?

Answer: When a boy, my father moved to Sullivan County, East Tennessee (then North Carolina) on Holston River. I was living there when I went into the service. Some years after the war, I moved to Buncombe County, North Carolina (then Burke County). After living there a few years, I moved out further to a county now Haywood County North Carolina: stayed a few years there until 1810. In 1810, I moved to this Maury County, State of Tennessee and [am] now living in the same place that I settled on in 1810.

Question 4: How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, were you a substitute and if so for whom?

Answer: The first trip that I took was in this way -- the militia were classed & when it came to my class to go, I went -- which I suppose I may call a draft -- My second tour, I went out in the same way -- the third tour also.

Question 5th: State the names of the regular officers that were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia officers as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your services.

Statement: Sometime and 1779 or '80, I went [out on] my first tour. We rendezvoused on Watauga River (now Carter County Tennessee) under Col Shelby [Isaac Shelby] and Genl Campbell [William Campbell] -- Captain &c, I cannot now recollect -- we marched across the Yellow Mountain to North Carolina to King's Mountain [October 7, 1780], where

Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] was defeated -- Col Sevier [John Sevier] was along when we cross the Yellow Mountain -- Cols Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] and McDowell [Joseph McDowell] joined us after we crossed the mountain. Ferguson was killed in the battle -- many of the British were killed -- and good many prisoners taken -- nine Tories were hung by Campbell and other was ordered to be hung but made his escape -- we then marched on towards Moravian Towns -- one night, two Tories broke custody, one escaped but the other we shot and crippled & he was hung the next morning -- the nine were hung upon a pine & a [looks like "poast oak" —could be 'post rake' or 'post oak'] -- we went to Yadkin River where we were discharged by our officers & returned home. The year that Cornwallis was taken I was called out under Colonel Shelby & Captain Topp at the same place & crossed the same mountain; marched through North Carolina into South Carolina frequently skirmishing with the Tories; marched near Charles Town [Charleston] & took a hospital containing about (I think) 80 prisoners & hunted the Tories in different directions -- then returned to Santee River & were dismissed by the Col & returned home in small parties & in crossing the Yellow mountain the Indians wounded & plundered one of my mess mates, James Medlock. Shortly after I returned, in the March after (I think), the Indians (Cherokee's lower towns) harassed the frontiers -- I was called out in class (I think) under Col Shelby -- at Big Creek on the orders of Holston River where we rendezvoused, a deep snow fell about the time we met. The officers, Shelby & others, thought the weather too bad for all to go. He then called for volunteers to secure the frontiers -- I went -- I think about 30 volunteered -- Captain King commanded of us. Captain Amy acted as our commissary -- we hunted the Indians along the frontier -- at one place we discovered an Indian sitting over a fire. Capt King shot & killed the Indian & immediately another jumped up & we ^{several} fired & killed him also -- we were engaged along the frontier all the time of this trip -- these are all the tours that I ever served -- they were all three months tours -- but I think one of them, I was discharged not till near four months.

Question 6: Did you ever receive a written discharge?

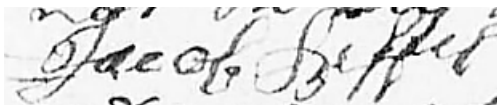
Answer: I think I never did.

[Question 7] State the names of the persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood that can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a revolutionary soldier.

Statement: James Love, Hugh Shaw.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity but the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

S/ Jacob Biffel



Sworn to in open court the day & year aforesaid.

S/ F.C. York, Clerk

[Hugh Shaw, a clergyman, and James Love gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file: veteran died February 16, 1844 survived by a widow, her name and the date and place of their marriage or not set forth in the file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]