

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Bishop S30275

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State of Kentucky Hopkins County: SS

On the 8th day of December 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Hopkins aforesaid now sitting Rhoda Caldwell of Butler County in the State aforesaid and Eli Bishop, William Bishop, Alexander Miller, Martha Fox, James Bishop and Hannah B. Witt residence of the County of Hopkins and State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law do on their oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June the seventh 1832.

That these Declarants are the children and heirs at law of a certain William Bishop resident in the County of Hawkins aforesaid who has the misfortune to be a lunatic and who was found to be so by an Inquisition held under the direction of the Honorable Hopkins Circuit Court at its March Term in the year 1824 an attested copy of which is hereunto attached marked A. and made a part of this Declaration.

These Declarants state that from the best information they had been able to obtain their said Father is seventy-nine years of age having been born in the State of Pennsylvania in the year 1755 and resided in Chester District in South Carolina during the Revolutionary War.

That these Declarants have no personal knowledge of the services of their unfortunate parent in the War of the Revolution but have ascertained to their entire satisfaction as well from their said Father prior to his mental indisposition as from others, that he (their said Father) served in the Snowy Campaign at an early period of the War nearly or quite one month, that he served another of at least three months under Lieutenant Cooper, that he volunteered sometime before the British entered Charleston under Captain Whitesides in Colonel Bratton's [William Bratton's] Regiment, marched to Orangeburg, from thence to Charleston and afterwards to the Two Sisters Ferry. This tour was of three months duration.

That he again volunteered under Captain McClure in Colonel Bratton's Regiment in which Michael Dixon was a Major for three months that he was in a skirmish with the Enemy at Rocky Mount & was in the battle at Hanging Rock where he had an elder brother mortally wounded.

That he served a tour of three months from July to October 1780 under Captain John McClure in Colonel Patton's Regiment.

Also a tour of three months in 1781 in Captain Brown's Company in Lacey's Regiment

and a tour of three months between November 1781 and March 1782 in Captain Adams' Company in Lacey's Regiment -- making in all nineteen months service rendered to his Country by the unfortunate old Gentlemen.

These Declarants would further state that their said Father is an unmarried man their mother having died some years ago.

They request that should anything be awarded them by the Government on account of the before recited services of their Father the same may be made payable to Eli Bishop as his Committee of lunacy to which Office the said Eli Bishop hath been duly appointed by the aforesaid Honorable Hopkins Circuit Court. An attested copy of which appointment is hereto attached marked B. These Declarants are induced to make this request believing that the compliance with it will prevent trouble and difficulty in drawing the money.

These Declarants state that they have no documentary evidence of the services of their said Father other than the Depositions of Nicholas Bishop,¹ James Harbison,² General John Adair,³ Samuel McCreary, John Carter⁴ and John Herrin⁵ hereunto attached as a part of this Declaration & marked C. D. E. F. G. & H.

They hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that their names are not nor is that of their said Father on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

They further state that owing to their belief that their case required special legislation and the great difficulty and delay they have experienced in collecting their testimony they have deferred until this late period to present their claim to the Department. It is true some of the appended The depositions were examined at the Department the last spring or summer having been presented there by the Honorable B. Hardin to whom they were entrusted for Legislative action.

S/ Rhoda Caldwell
S/ Eli Bishop
S/ William Bishop
S/ Alen Miller
S/ Martha Fox
S/ Jas. Bishop
S/ H. B. Witt

(A) [fn p. 25: order issued in the March term 1824 of the Hopkins circuit finding William Bishop Senior to be a lunatic and appointing his son James Bishop as his Committee to administer his affairs.]

(B) [fn p. 21: order dated December 15, 1834, appointing Eli Bishop "a committee of lunacy for William Bishop for the ensuing 12 months.]

(C) [fn p. 10]
State of South Carolina Anderson District

¹ [Nicholas Bishop S17847](#)

² FPA W17039

³ [John Adair W2895](#)

⁴ FPA S16336

⁵ FPA S13377

Before me appeared Nicholas Bishop of the State and District aforesaid, and made oath, that his brother William Bishop now of Hopkins County, Kentucky, served early in the revolutionary war, in what was called the "Snowy Campaign," he then living in Chester district in this State. This deponent having been at the time very young, does not remember the length of time, nor the officers, under his brother served during this tour. -- Some time after the said William Bishop volunteered in the same district under Lieutenant Cooper, and served another tour, of, this deponent thinks, at least three months. -- Afterwards, the said William Bishop, together with this deponent, volunteered, some time before the British entered Charleston, under Captain Whiteside of Colonel Bratton's Regiment. They marched to Orangeburg, from thence to Charleston & afterwards to a place called the "Two Sisters Ferry," from whence after having been out better than three months they got leave to return home. Again, after the British entered Charleston General Sumter came into the Country for volunteers, & this deponent, & the said William Bishop, again entered the service, under Captain McClure, in the Regiment of which Bratton was Colonel, and Michael Dickson was Major. They scoured the country and were engaged in a skirmish at Rocky Mount, and afterwards in the battle at Hanging Rock, where their elder brother -- Henry Bishop, who was a Captain was mortally wounded. This deponent is not positive as to the length of time his brother William served at this period, but feels satisfied it was three months or more.

S/ Nicholas Bishop

Sworn to and subscribed September 30th 1834 Before
S/ Joseph N. Whither, NP

(D) [fn p. 29]

South Carolina Chester District: Personally came James Harbison Esquire before me Peter Wylie Judge of the Court of Ordinary of said District in open court who upon being duly sworn saith upon oath that he was well acquainted with William Bishop during the Revolutionary War and served with him in the same company under Captain John McClure, Colonel Patton's Regiment from July 1780 till October 1788 three months Tour we then separated: the next Tour I served with him in the Revolution was in the year 1781 at the time General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] was advancing on Orangeburg after his retreat from Ninety Six we then served in Lacey's Regiment he in Captain John Brown's Company & I in Samuel Adams' Company -- this tour he served three months: the third Tour we served was in Lacey's Regiment Captain Samuel Adams' Company this last tour was for three months commencing in November 1781 and ending in March 1782 we then parted I know he was then more service but do not know the Tours: he was a good soldier and a credible man his Brother Henry Bishop was killed at the Battle of Hanging Rock.

S/ James Harbison

Sworn to & signed this 13 day of October 1834 in open Court before me
S/ Peter Wylie, JCOCD

(E) [fn p. 31]

Being called upon to state what I know of the Services of William Bishop of Chester County South Carolina in the Revolutionary War -- I came in justice certify, that I knew the said Bishop whilst in service under the command of Colonel Edward Lacey, in General Sumter's Corps -- that I saw him often and at different times and that he was estimated a faithful, honorable and brave Soldier -- as to the length of time he served I have no means of ascertaining with anything like

certainty -- But have not a day out but he served at different periods during the war before length of time to enable him to a pension.

Given under my hand August 26th 1834.

S/ John Adair

(F) [fn p. 44]

State of South Carolina Chester District

Personally appeared before me Peter Wylie Judge of the Court of Ordinary for said District ^{Saml. McCreary} & being duly sworn saith that William Bishop who by the accompanying documents applies for a pension under the act of Congress passed June 1832 that as early as the year 1771 [?] he was personally acquainted with said Bishop & that his acquaintance with him was uninterrupted until he removed to the State of Tennessee in the year 1785 & that while in South Carolina he served with him in General Sumter's brigade in the year 1780 from the time troops were collected under Sumter after the fall of Charlestown until the defeat of said troops on the 18th of August & that in 1781 he marched with said Bishop to Sumter's station at Orangeburg & was messmates with said Bishop during that campaign into the latter end of February the campaign was a tow [sic, two] months tower [tour].

This deponent further saith that when General Sumter attacked the British station at Hanging Rock on the 7th of August the brother of the applicant Captain Henary Bishop [sic, Henry Bishop] was mortally wounded & survived but a few days & that his father & youngest brother were made prisoners by the enemy & that on account of their attachment to their country's cause the [one or more words compromised by a fold in the paper, the missing word could be "family"] lost all their movable property.

The within sworn to & signed the third day of July 1833 in open Court

S/ Peter Wylie, JCOCD

S/ Saml. McCreary

(G) [fn p. 23]

Kentucky Hopkins County: SS

John Carter of the County & State aforesaid who was a soldier of the Revolutionary war aged eighty years states that he knows of his own knowledge that William Bishop a lunatic now residing in said County and of whom Eli Bishop is the Committee appointed by the Hopkins Circuit Court in the State aforesaid is the identical William Bishop named in the affidavit of Samuel McCreary of Chester District South Carolina taken before Peter Wylie Esquire Judge of the Court of Ordinary in said District on the third day of July 1833 and who is also named in the affidavit of James Harbison of said District in State taken before Glo Coleman Esquire Justice of the Quorum in & for said District on the 16th day of September 1832 (which affidavits have this day being shown to me I the said Eli Bishop Committee as aforesaid.

S/ John Carter

(H) [fn p. 36]

Kentucky Hopkins County: SS

John Herrin of the County & State aforesaid aged ninety years and who was a Soldier of the Revolution and is now a pensioner of the United States -- states that he was drafted in South Carolina and served under Captain Miles [? Mills?] against Cuny [sic, Patrick Cunningham?] a Tory Colonel at the fork of Saluda and Broad rivers in what was called the Snowy Campaign that he does not distinctly recollect the length of time he served or the duration of the Campaign but believes it was nearly if not quite a month & further saith not.

S/ John Herrin, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 13 months service in the South Carolina militia as a private.]