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Pension Application of Elisha Bishop S30867

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State of Kentucky } Sct

Henry County     }

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 1833 personally appeared before William McCrackin a Justice of the peace in and for Henry County and one of the Justices of the Henry County Court Elisha Bishop a resident of the said county and that aged 73 years and upwards 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<sup>th</sup> 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated – that is to say being a resident of Barclay [sic: Berkeley] County in the State of Virginia he did in the month of March in the year 1779 enter the service of the United States as a private soldier as a substitute for his father Thomas Bishop upon a tour of six months that in the company of Captain Thomas Catlett – that he joined his said company at Bonbrook [sic: Bound Brook] in the State of New Jersey and was attached to the regiment of Col. Phebecker [sic: Christian Febiger] he states that he continued with the army in the state of New Jersey during his whole term of service and was attached to Gen'l. Woodfords [William Woodford's] Command – that he was stationed a part of his time at Smith's Clove on the Hudson river – that he was at that point at the time the battle of Stoney Point was fought [sic: Stony Point, 16 Jul 1779] – that he served out his said term of engagement as a substitute as above named fully and faithfully. and immediately thereupon without leaving the army volunteered to remain in the army as a private soldier under the same officers for the term of nine months more and forthwith entered the service accordingly about the [blank] day of Sept'r. 1779 as well as he remembers. he states that during this term of his engagement he remained with the main army principally – that he was one of the number of men who were detached with Col. Lee against Powlis Hook at Hackensack [sic: Maj. Henry Lee, Paulus Hook, 19 Aug 1779] – that he was under Capt. Catlitt on that expedition. that they took 200 or 250 prisoners and successfully retreated with them after having entered the works at that place – that he partook of the dangers & difficulties of that hazardous enterprize. he states that after having fully and faithfully served out the term of his said engagement he [several illegible words] home – He further states and declares that in the year 1780 he moved to that section of country now known as woodford county [KY] and in the early part of the year 1781 he thinks in March of that year he entered the service of the United States as a private volunteer soldier in the company of Capt. Perry upon a tour of six months – that his services and those of his company were brought into immediate acquisition against the Indians – that he was engaged in scouting parties against them and in the small forts and stations endeavouring to protect and defend the country till the expiration of his term of service which term he fully served out and was actively engaged during the whole period thereof

He further states that in the month of April in the year 1782 as well as he remembers he again entered the service of the United States under Captain Calloway as a private volunteer soldier for a six months term of service. that he was kept engaged in Spying and in scouting parties against the Indians except when he was in the stations & small forts during the whole period of his said engagement – that during this last and in his preceding tour he was frequently at Boons Station [sic: Boone's Station] and at Bryans Station [near present Lexington] – that he was engaged in several skirmishes against the Indians during his said service

He states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services

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 the agency of any state

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid Elisha hisXmark Bishop

Interrogatories put to the abovenamed applicant by William McCrackin the said Justice of the peace  
1<sup>st</sup>. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer – I was born in Arnold [sic: probably Anne Arundel] County in the State of Maryland in the year  
1760 according to my information

2<sup>d</sup>. Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it?

Answer – I have in my Bible at home.

3<sup>d</sup>. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war  
and where do you now live?

Answer – When I was called into service upon my first tours I lived in Barclay County Virginia. I then  
moved to Kentucky and have continued to live in Kentucky ever since and performed my services against  
the Indians. I now live in Henry County Kentucky.

4. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute? And  
if a substitute for whom

Answer. The first six months of my service was performed as a substitute for Thomas Bishop – The  
balance of my services were as a volunteer.

5<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Answer. I recollect Gen'l. Washington, Gen'l. [Charles] Lee, Gen'l. [Daniel] Morgan Gen'l. [Anthony]  
Wayne. Colo. Lee, Pheebecker, [Capt. John] Stokes and Level all of whom I think were regular officers. I  
recollect Col. Woollfolk [probably Woolfolk] who was a militia officer) – In my first tour and my second  
comprising together a period of 15 months I was with the main Army in New Jersey mostly. Parts of the  
third composing a period of the garrison at various places in the State of New Jersey. I was engaged in the  
expedition under Col. Lee to Powlis Hook on the Hackensack. My last tours I performed in Kentucky  
against the Indians in scouting parties and in the small forts.

6<sup>th</sup>. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whome was it signed, and what has  
become of it?

Answer. I received discharges signed by my officers which I have lost.

7<sup>th</sup>. State the names of Persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can  
testify to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution

Answer. I will name Charles Hugely & William McCrackin as persons to whom I am known

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid Elisha hisXmark Bishop

The deposition of Nicholas Smith [pension application W8732] taken at his house in Henry County  
Kentucky on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December 1835 to be used on the part of Elisha Bishop of Henry County Ky.  
who is an applicant to be placed on the pension Roll of the United States as a soldier of the Revolution –  
this deponent being first duly sworn according to law upon his oath states and deposes that he is now  
near 75 years of age and during the Revolutionary war lived in Frederick County Va. and that the said  
Elisha Bishop lived in Barclay County Va about three miles from the residence of this deponent. This  
deponent states that he was well acquainted with the said Elisha Bishop and his father – that the father of  
the said Elisha enlisted into the army of the United States during the revolution in the Regiment  
commanded by Col. Phebecker and this deponent well recollects that the said Elisha took the place of his  
father and served in his place and stead – He further states that George Smith a brother of this deponent  
and the said Elisha served in the same company for a while. This deponent further states that he is  
convinced that the said Elisha did not serve less than 15 months in the said regiment – and he knows also  
that the said Elisha performed other services during said war in other regiments but how long he served  
besides the time in Phebecker's regiment he cannot certainly say but he thinks his services in the whole

exceeded two years and were perhaps as much as three but in this however he may be mistaken. He is confident nevertheless that his services in Phebeckers regiment combined with other services did exceed two years. He further states that said Bishop is a man of good character and is a member of the Baptist Church and has been for a number of years past.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid [signed] Nicholas Smith

The deposition Mary Smith taken at the same time & place with the foregoing deposition of Nicholas Smith. This deponent being duly sworn deposes and says that she is the wife of the above named Nicholas Smith and is now near 69 years of age. She states that during the revolutionary war she lived with her father in Frederick County Va. and during the period of that war she well recollects to have seen Elisha Bishop who is spoken of in the above deposition of Nicholas Smith. She states that the first time she saw him and the only time during the said war, was at the house of her father that he had come the neighbourhood to see his friends on a short furlough which had been given him from the army. She states that he had been in the Army and that his design was to return as soon as the term of his absence expired as she understood. And she also understood that he did return to the Army & serve in it. She has no doubt but that he served a considerable time in the army of the revolution.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid [signed] Mary Smith

NOTE: Solomon Bishop, 77, (pension application S30863) stated that he was in the same mess with his brother, Elisha Bishop, during the first tour of duty.