

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Golden Bishop S37763

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Georgia, Newton County

On this eleventh day of July in the year 1825, personally appeared in open court (it being the honorable the Inferior Court for said County & a court of record), Golden Bishop, resident in said County aged about Seventy Seven years who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress, of the 18th of March 1818, & the first of May 1820, that he the said Golden Bishop enlisted for the term of two years if the war should continue so long on the __ day of __ in the year 1781 or 1782 in the State of Georgia in the company in which __ Hardwick was Sergeant (Captain's name not recollected), __ Perry was adjutant. John Habbersham [John Habersham] Major of the Battalion – in the line of the State of Georgia on the United States Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in said Corps until December 1783 when he was discharged from the service in Savannah in the State of Georgia, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present, & [declares] that his name is not on the roll of any State, except but the State of Georgia; and that his only reason for not making an earlier application for a pension is that he was ignorant of the said provisions made by the said acts of Congress. And in furtherance of the act of the first of May, 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of An Act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War," passed on the 18th day of March 1818; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income, whatever, that I am by occupation a farmer, but from old age & infirmity unable to pursue it, that I have no family residing with me – that I have children, but none able to contribute to my Support only as I labor for them – that I am in such indigent circumstances, as to be unable to support myself, without the aid of the government, except by public or private charity. That since the 18th March 1818, the only property I have around excepting my wearing apparel, is one mare & she died long since.

Sworn to, & declared on the 11th day of July 1825 before the honorable, the Inferior Court for said County of Newton.

S/ Golden Bishop, X his mark

S/ Cary Wood, J.I.C.

S/ John Loyall, J.I.C.

S/ Isaish Perry, J.I.C.

S/ Joel Flanagan, J.I.C.

[p 6: Certificate showing that the children (not named) of Golden Bishop, a revolutionary war pensioner, were to receive the final pension installment due their father from March 4, 1837 to 3 September 1837, the day on which he died.]

[p 9: partially mutilated discharge given by Major John Habersham to Golden Bishop as a for service for 2 years. The image below is all that remains of that discharge

**By Major JOHN HABERSHAM, COM
the Georgia Battalion, in the Se
the United States of America.**

IN Pursuance of a Proclamation issued by his Excellency,
WASHINGTON, Esquire, Commander in Chief of
of the United States of America, bearing Date the 4th Day
ber last, the Bearer hereof, *Golden Bishop*
in the said Battalion, is discharged from the same, he having
to serve for two Years, if the War should continue so lon
gagement he has fulfilled as a good and faithful Soldier.

**Given at Savannah, in Ge
December, 1783.**

All concerned.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 11, 1825 for service as a private for 2 years in the Georgia Continental line.]