

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Dennis Bush S39253

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DISTRICT OF Virginia, SS.

On this fourth day of April 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the General Court of Virginia, personally appears Dennis Bush aged sixty five years, resident in Frederick County in the said district, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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:" That he the said Dennis Bush enlisted in August 1774 in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Abraham Shepherd of the Rifle Reg't Colo Stevenson [sic: Hugh Stephenson]; that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States until July 1777, when he was discharged from service at Fort Pitt state of Pennsylvania, that he was in the battles of Kings Bridge [possibly Fort Independence at Kings Bridge NY, 18 Jan 1777] and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the affidavits enclosed

Virginia

At a Court Continued and held for Frederick County the 1st day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the said County, Dennis Bush aged about sixty seven years, resident in Newtown (Stephensburg) [Stephens City] in the said County of Frederick who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, to wit; in the Virginia Rifle Regiment commanded by Colo Rawling [sic: Moses Rawlings], as will appear by his declaration made before the Hon. Judge Holmes bearing date the fourth day of April 1818 on which he has received a pension certificate numbered 7679 And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day 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 person 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 other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

Schedule of property as follows

One small old House and one quarter acre lot in the town of Stephensburg, in County of Frederick subject to a ground rent of five shillings Virginia Currency per annum, one table, three or four Chairs two or three iron pots

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And the said Dennis Bush farther declares that in his youth he learned the trade of a tanner, but has not followed it for many years and that in consequence of his age and infirmities he is unable to perform labour of any kind to support himself thereby. that his family with him consists only of his Son David Bush aged about thirty years whose labour goes to his own support.

NOTE: Andrew Pitman (pension application W9998) made a supporting affidavit.