

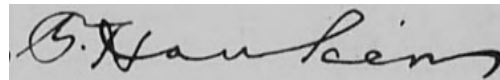
Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Solomon Bibbie (Bibby) S6644 NC  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 1 July 2014.

State of North Carolina }  
Franklin County }        On this the 18th day of June AD 1841 personally appeared before me one of the Justices of the Peace for the County of [word lined through] one of the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of the same, Solomon Bibbie a free man of Colour & a resident of the County of Franklin & State aforesaid, aged ninety 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 AD 1832, that he joined the Army under Gen'l [Jethro] Sumner and Capts Ball[?], Armstrong, & Brickle [possibly Thomas Brickell] and others (whose names he cannot now recall) he entered the service in the Spring of the year but what year he does not now recollect, he remained in the service three years from the time he entered as aforesaid as a volunteer. he was at the battles of Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781], Camden [Battle of Camden SC 16 Aug 1780] & Guilford Court House [15 Mar 1781], and attended most of his time to the care of the horses & as protector & guard to the baggage waggons; he was not engaged in any of the said battles, – he was a volunteer, & joined & continued as such whilst he was associated with the Army – He was well acquainted with Genl [Horatio] Gates, [Nathanael] Greene, and also with Col. [William] Washington & Malbry (he thinks the name was [possibly Col. Marquis Francis de Malmedy]) – He has in his possession no documentary evidence & knows of no one who can testify, except one Pope[?] who lives in the Western part of the State somewhere, but at what place he does not know. He does not know what year he was born in but he was born in this County (which was then called Bute [sic: formed from Granville in 1766]) & State. He has no record of his age. He was living near Sandy Creek in the County when he volunteered, & has lived here ever since. He received a discharge from service from Gen'l Sumner through his said Capt Armstrong, but he has lost it or it has been destroyed by age. He states the following as persons living in his neighbourhood who can testify to his character for truth – viz: Presley Parsons, William Parson, T. Patterson, B. Jones, Jeremiah Perry, Arch'd Yarborough, Philemon Hawkins, & Nathan Patterson. & who can testify also to his good behaviour & most of whom can testify from information received from others of his Revolutionary Services. And he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State whatever. And he makes oath that he served faithfully through his whole time & that he is now very needy & dependent & unable to work.  
Solomon hisXmark Bibbie

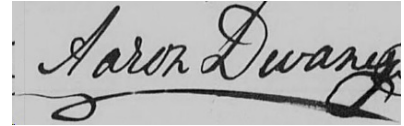
State of North Carolina Franklin County [15 June 1841]

This may serve to satisfy that a certain coloured man by the name Solomon Bibby was a soldier in the revolutionary war he is a free man and was a water [waiter] to Gen'l. Jethro Sumner. Gen'l Sumner was a citizen of Warren County N.C. and I was raised a neighbour to him I was well acquainted with the aforesaid Solomon Bibby at the time he served under Gen'l Sumner and I now know him and he is still living in this county (say Franklin) Their can not be a doubt but he was a Continental Soldier and served his time faithfully I have only to add that William Ransom Esq'r of this County knows as much or probably more that I do [Philemon Hawkins S6957]



State of N. Carolina }  
Franklin County } 16 June 1841

This day came Aaron Devaney [Aaron Deveny S8321] before me Jeremiah Solomon one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid to depose and Say what he knowes of the Revolutionary Service of Solomon Bibby a free man of collour of the County of Franklin and State aforesaid who upon examination depose and say ans follows (to wit) that his farther was and officier of the army under Gen'l Sumner and that he has heard him say Frequently that he was in the army with him and a finer Soler [soldier] he never saw in his Life, & he futher says that he has heard Capt. William Fawn [W7237] say that he served with him all the time [see endnote] further more he sayth not Sworn and Subscribed to before me the Day and Date above writtin



State of North Carolina }  
Franklin County } On this the 18<sup>th</sup> day June A.D. 1841 personally appearid before me one of the Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid & one of the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of the same, Robert G Jeffries of lawful age, and made oath on the Holy evangelist of almighty God, that he has frequently hard Richard Rives [sic: Richard Reeves W7133] and Nathan Jean [S41692] (both old revolutionary soldirs and pensioners, now dead) [illegible word] Solomon Bibby and say that he was a soldier with them in the revolutionary war, and that he was at the batle of Guilford with them, and at other places [see endnote]. [signed] Robt Jeffreys

State of N Carolina }  
Wake county }  
This day came Aaron Roberts [S7430] before me Jos. Weatherspoon one of the Justises of the peace in and for County and State aforesaid to depose and say What he knew of the Revolutionary servises of Solemon Bibbee a free man of collar of Franklin county and state aforesaid We upon examination depose and say as follows (to wit) that he was well acqunted with the said Bibbee and that he was with him in the army in South Carolina and was with him at the battle at camden [see endnote] he was under General Jethrow Sumner he further says that he was with him again at the Eutaw Spings and there I left him in the army and saw him no more  
Sworn and subscribed to this 28<sup>th</sup> of June one thousand eight hundred and forty one  
Aaron hisXmark Roberts

My Dear Sir [James L. Edwards, Pension Commissioner]:

I am instructed to say the reason why Solomon Bibbie has not heretofore applied for a pension is his ignorance, and the fact of his being a coloured man – neither he nor his neighbours knowing that the provisions of the act of Congress extended to such persons. There is no doubt of his identity, this is believed by all his neighbours, but it would be difficult perhaps to [illegible word] stronger proof than what has been sent on. If the department insists we must try it. I send R. Jeffreys certificate (a very respectable man) –

I am Respectfully/ H. W. Miller  
Decr. 12, 1841

State of North Carolina  
Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that a Warrant for the service of Soloman Bibby a private Soldier in the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary War was issued from this office on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 1783 for 274 Acres of land which is the quantity of land allowed by law to Soldiers who served for the term of three years, which

warrant is No. 231, and was issued at a time when all warrants of that description was issued on certificates of field Officers.

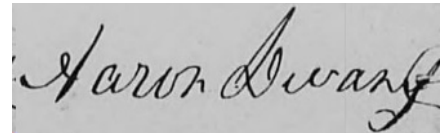
Given under my hand this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 1842. W. Hill

March 28 1842

I John Hicks of the County of Wake & State of NC being called upon by Henny W Miller Agent for Solomon Bibby the pensioner to state what I heard him say concerning his pension on my return from Louisburg Franklin NC, some time in December last I got in company with s<sup>d</sup> Bibby and commenced asking him concerning his pension he said he had got all the proof he could I asked him what he had done with his land warrant he said he had sold it to Edward Sumner son of General Sumner, who he served under in the Revolutionary war I asked him what he got for it he said he got a horse I asked him where he drew his Land warrant he said at Hillsborough I asked him how much money he had received for his services he said he did not know but remembered well that he received at Halifax [sic: Halifax] after peace 90 pounds or thereabout I ask who from he said he believed it was paid him by Willy Johnes I was some time after in Raleigh & mentioned the conversation to Mr Miller he was in his office & said he was very busy & asked me if I would go to the Secretary's office and if there was any record of it to be found there I went and the Secretary found where Solomon Bibby had received £92.2.6 at Halifax I think for three years service in the continental army given under my hand & seal 5<sup>th</sup> April 1842

State of N. Carolina Franklin Co. }

This day came Col. Aaron Devany before me one of the Justices of the Peace for said County & make oath to the following fact. That in 1792 or 1793 he heard a conversation between Capt. William Fawn an officer of the revolution & Edward Sumner upon the subject of Solomon Bibbee bounty land to this effect viz Capt. Fawn remarked to Sumner that he had to Bibbee's Land very cheap & Sumner replied that he gave him a Horse for the Land That he would have fooled it away any how & He had as well have it as anybody else & subsequently I heard the said Solomon Bibbee a coloured man say that he had sold his Land to Master Ned Sumner for a horse & that the said Bibbee was an inmate of his Father's Family in the year 1788 or 1789 & that he is by profession a Blacksmith & he further deposes that he is the identical Solomon Bibbee who is now contending for a pension & further this deponent saith not. Given under my hand & seal this 15th July 1842



State of No. Carolina }

Warren County }

I David King [S46055 and W20347] a resident of the County & State aforesaid a Revolutionary Soldier Certify On Oath, that I was well acquainted with Solomon Bibbee (coloured man) who was a soldier of the Revolution the said Bibbee & myself served together for Twelve Months in the N. Carolina Continental Line, commencing in May 1781 – we Both belonged to Capt. Yarbroughs Company of the 10 Regt.

After the War was over Bibbee informed me that he has sold his Land Warrant to Col. Edward Sumner & had taken in part, payment, a Horse. Some short time afterwards Col. Sumner informed me, while in Conversation, upon the war &c that he had Bought Solomon Bibbee's Land Warrant.

I never knew or heard of any other Solomon Bibbee, but this one, & I know that Solomon Bibbee the present applicant for a Pension is the Identical Person that was a Soldier, & Drew a Land Warrant, that sold it to Col. Sumner.

David his Xmark King

Sworn to & subscribed before me the 25<sup>th</sup> day of July AD. 1842

NOTES:

Solomon Bibby is on the roster of the 10<sup>th</sup> NC Reg. under Col. Abraham Shepard and Capt. Edward Yarborough as having enlisted in that regiment for 12 months beginning 17 May 1781. On 16 June 1843 Bibbie stated that he had belonged to the company commanded by Capt. Yarborough.

A record in the file of William Fawn states that he was captured at the surrender of Charleston on 12 May 1780. He therefore could not have served with Bibbie "all the time," as stated by Aaron Devaney.

Nathan Jean stated in his pension application that he served in the Continental Line only during the year 1779. If he was at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse it must have been as a militiaman.

In his own pension application Aaron Roberts did not mention having been at the Battle of Camden.