

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Bibb S9100

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State of Virginia }

Louisa County } SS

On this 12th day of November 1833 personally appeared in open court before the court of the County aforesaid, now sitting, Thomas Bibb, a resident of said county and state aged Seventy nine 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 7th 1832. that about the beginning of June in the year of Gate's defeat [defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates at Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] he was drafted from the Militia of Louisa County and marched as private in the Company of which John Byars was Capt Thomas Shelton Lieut and James Winston Ensign to the South, passed Hillsborough [North Carolina] and joined Gate's Army near Cambden the day before the battle – was in the battle in the front of the left wing. The battle was fought before sun rise. Observed that the enemy had extended their line so much that there was several yards between the men – thinks 50 men by attacking in flank might have broken the enemy – fired once and retreated. The officers began the retreat. retreated to Hillsborough and after waiting some time for officers he returned home. was directed to return and rejoin the army – on his return met his officers and by thier command returned [home] and was discharged. And in this tour he served six months. [Joseph] Spencer was Colo and [Edward] Stevens Gen'l. saw some of the regulars after the battle flying but know nothing of them. Recollects Colos [George] Stubblefield and [Holt] Richardson Major Mosby and Capt Goodale of the Militia. That in the Summer when Cornwallis was in Virginia [1781] he was again drafted from the Militia of the same county and marched as private in the company of Capt James Watson of that county to Richmond. At that place he assisted to move the stores of flour &c, when the British were expected, and was there when they came to Manchester [30 April] and recollects that a cannon was fired at them. Served at Richmond and in the neighbourhood two months and was discharged. Minor was Colo. does not think they joined the [Continental] army and does not recollect any other officers or troops. That of his next tour his memory is rather indistinct. That he marched in a company from a distant part of the county and with strangers and does not remember his officer's names. That he was drafted in the same manner and marched as private to the western part of the state – passed a court house where there were a great many pictures of men so natural that he bowed to them – served in Gloucester County principally, he thinks in marching backwards and forwards to check the enemy and he sometimes saw them, and thier fires – does not think he joined the army at all and recollects no officer's names. thinks he heard the firing of distant cannon sometimes served two months and was discharged. he thinks one Forest Green was Lieut. That he can prove some part of his services by his brother Henry Bibb and knows of no other witness. That he never had a writen discharge, has no documentary evidence and that he refers to John Graves and Peter M Daniel Esqrs for his Character and the reputation of his neighbourhood as to his services in the revolution.

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 or Territory

To Question 1st he replies. [I was born] In Louisa County Virginia in 1754 or 5 I believe.

To Question 2^d I have a family register.

To Question 3^d I have always lived in Louisa.

To Question 4th I was drafted each time

To Question 5th Answered to the satisfaction of the Court

To Question 6th I never had a written discharge

To Question 7th Capt John Graves and Peter M Daniel

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Thomas hisXmark Bibb

Virginia Louisa County ss

Personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the said county Thomas Bibb, a resident of the county aforesaid aged 80 years, and being duly sworn according to law, doth on oath make the following amendment to his declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7 1832. That he thinks he was correct in stating in his former declaration, that he entered the service under Capt Byars in the month of June. that he recollects no additional particulars in relation to that tour. That during the whole time between his entering the service and being discharged, he considers himself in the service. That he marched to Hillsborough and remained there as long as there was any hope of the army collecting again, and returned home only when he could see no further use in remaining. That immediately on his arrival at home he was sent back and does not think he should be considered out of service during any part of that time, and that he still believes that this time would amount in the whole to at least six months. But that if he should be deemed to be out of service during the time he was at Hillsborough and returning home, he believes he served at least four months in that tour —

Sworn and subscribed this 14th day of April 1834

Thomas hisXmark Bibb