

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Adam Bible W18596

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State of Virginia        }  
Rockingham County    }

On this 30<sup>th</sup> day of May 1839 personally appeared before me Sam'l Cootes a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Magdaline Bible a resident of the County of Rockingham and State of Virginia aged 75 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of Adam Bible, who was a soldier in the revolutionary war and belonged to the Virginia line; that the said Adam Bible was enlisted into the army of the United States in the month of Feby in the year of 1775 [see endnote] in the County of Augusta in the State of Virginia for the period of 2 years, he was enlisted by a Lieutenant John Gratton and belonged to the 8<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. Mullenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg]. that whilst in the service under Col. Mullenburg he served first a tour or two of duty to the South, and declarant has often heard her late husband say he marched as far as Charlestown in South Carolina [probably including the Battle of Sullivans Island, 28 June 1776] and that he afterwards marched to the north, and was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777]and Germantown [4 Oct 1777], and a part of the time whilst in the service as aforesaid he was commanded by Gen'l. [Charles] Scott. She must refer to the muster rolls in the War Department and to the testimony accompanying this declaration as for further proof of the services of her husband, as a soldier in the war of the revolution as aforesaid. She further declares that she was married to the said Adam Bible on the [blank] day of September in the year of 1785 that her husband the aforesaid Adam Bible died on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Feby 1826 that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January seventeen hundred and ninety four. Viz at the time above stated

Magdaline herXmark Bible

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On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 1840 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Henry Shoemaker aged sixty two years and made oath in due form of law, that he was well acquainted with Adam Bible and Magdalene Bible his wife, and he has a perfect and distinct recollection (altho a small boy, only five or six years of age at the time) when Adam Bible and Magdalene Bible was married, and when Bible and his wife returned from the parsons after the marriage; he well recollects that there was a dinner given them at his Fathers house and he was present at the dinner party; he believes that the said Adam Bible and Magdalene has been married at least fifty seven or fifty eight years, past. They have always lived together as man and wife and acknowledged each other as such to the death of said Bible, he is very well acquainted with the children of the said Adam Bible and Magdalene his wife and he is very certain that their oldest son is fully fifty six or fifty seven years of age, he cannot give the exact date of their marriage; but he does believe that they were married according to law; and he further testifies that he has often heard the said Bible relate that he had Enlisted in the army in the revolutionary war, under a Lieutenant John Gratton and that he had served in the war three years, and was in the Battles of Camden and at the Siege of Charlestown [see endnote] and was afterwards in the Battle of Brandywine [4 Oct 1777], he further sayeth not

Henry hisXmark Shoemaker

[On 1 July 1840 John Bible, 51, son of Adam Bible and administrator of his estate, presented a written discharge found among his father's papers and transcribed as follows:]  
Adam Bible - A Soldier of the 8<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment, having servd his time for which he enlisted, is hereby discharg'd

Given under my hand at the Valley Forge 8<sup>th</sup> Feb'y. 1778  
Ch's. Scott B.G.

NOTES:

The 8<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment was authorized on 1 Dec 1775, but Bible's company, commanded by Capt. David Stephenson, was not organized in Augusta County until March 1776.

"The Battle of Camden" refers to either the Battle of Camden SC on 16 Aug 1780 or the Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC on 25 Apr 1781. If Bible was at either of those two battles it would not have been during his first enlistment. He may have been there as a militiaman. "The Siege of Charleston" usually denotes the siege in the spring of 1780, but sometimes it refers to events surrounding the Battle of Sullivan's Island. The latter meaning is suggested by statements that Bible was in the Battle of Brandywine afterwards.

The file contains a copy of a bond signed on 17 Sep 1783 by Adam Bible and Samuel Paret (or Parrot) for the marriage of Bible to Madelean Shoemaker, daughter of George Shumaker.