

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John E. Bills W25243

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State of Virginia }
Hardy County } Ss

Personally appeared before me the subscriber one of the Acting Justices of the peace in and for the County of Hardy and State of Virginia, John E. Bills, Aged 70 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 provision of the Act of Congress passed the 7 Day of June 1832 That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, that about the First of the fall of the year 1779, Affiant was drafted for a Tour of six months and placed under the command of Captain Henry Enoch John Fee Lt. (in the County of Hampshier [sic: Hampshire],) the Company Rendesvousd at Romney, and marched by the nearest and Best Rout to a fort called Jackson fort (Now called Waynsburg [sic: Waynesburg PA]) At this fort Affiant joind his company, having obtaind leave from his captain, (who was affiants uncle) to do so at this fort the Command of Captain Enoch was stationed, and ordered to Range the frontiar, both up and Down the Ohio River. in this service affiant was engaged during his Tour of Six months at the Expiration of this Term this Affiant Volenteerd for a Further Tour of Six months. Affiant's uncle being determined to stay and continue in the service affiant concluded to stay also and volenteered as afore said. During this Last Tour affiant was appointed by his captain a Sargent. And was principally engaged as issuing Sarjant, and to keep the Books of the Issuing department in this Service affiant was engaged and served his last mentioned Tour of Six months when he was Honourably discharged having served Twelve months. This Affiant Then Returned home to the County of Hampshiar. That in fall of 1782 affiant was again Drafted and as well as affiant Recollects for a Tour of Three months. The Company Rendesvous'd. at Romney and was placed under the Command of Captain Joseph Berry. ___ Hornvback Lt. We ware marched to the Barracks near Winchester, where we ware engaged in guarding the British Prisoners Stationed at that place untill we Received Orders to march with the Prisoners to Shephards Town [sic: Shepherdstown] where we delivered the Prisoners to the Meraland [sic: Maryland] Troops. On the night of this Service two of the British Soldiers froze to Death It being an Extreme cold night after this Service we ware again marched to the Barracks where we Remained guarding the publick property untill the Expiration of my Tour. When this affiant was discharged having served three months. This affiant Relinquishes every claim what ever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State

Sworn and Subscribed this 7 day of December 1833 [signed] John E Bills

I was born in the County of Hampshear in the year 1763

I have a Record of my age but the Book in which I twas kept has been taken to the Western Country

I was living in Hampshear County and I now live in Hardy owing to the Division of the County of Hampshiar

I was Drafted twice and Volenteered once

I was acquainted with Col. James Marshal [James Marshall] and Capt Enoch, in the West, I Recollect Col. Holms and Captain Roberts at the Barracks,

I did Receive two Descharges but have lost them the first was signed by Captain Enoch and the last by Capt. Joseph Berry

I Can refer to Jacob Kitterman and Daniel Kitterman who can Testify to their beleafe of my being a soldier of the Revolution [signed] John E Bills

NOTE: On 16 May 1853 Mary Bills, 65, of Wood County, applied for a pension stating that she married

John E. Bills in Hardy County on 2 July 1818, and he died in Wood County on 9 July 1852. The file contains a copy of the marriage record as follows: "Hardy County towit. This is to certify that on the 2ⁿ day of July 1818 I have solemnized matrimony between John E. Bills and Mary Reel. Witness my hand. Valentine Powers Senr." In an application for bounty land dated 16 April 1855 her age is given as 68.