

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Peace W3861

Elizabeth Bishop

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State of Virginia in Lunenburg County to wit

On this 13th day of February 1846, personally appeared before me Samuel Maddox a Justice in and for the County and State aforesaid, Elizabeth Bishop Peace, a resident of said County and State aged eighty 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, 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows."

That she is the widow of Joseph Peace, deceased, who was drafted in the month of February 1781 for three months and marched as a private under Captain Joseph Knight or Captain Ellison Ellis (I am not certain which) to Petersburg Virginia and to some point in Virginia East of Petersburg, he served a tour of three months was discharged and returned home.

He was again drafted in the month of August, 1781, for three months and marched as a private under Captain Joseph Knight or Captain Ellison Ellis (I am not certain which) to York Town, and he was engaged in the memorable battle of Yorktown, in the month of October, 1781, not long after that battle he was discharged and returned home.

She further declares that she was married to the said Joseph Peace, on the 10 day of February, in the year 1791, that her husband, the aforesaid, Joseph Peace, died on the 29th day of April 1829; 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 1794, to wit at the time above stated, and that she has never married since the death of her husband, but remains the widow of Joseph Peace deceased.

S/ Elizabeth Bishop Peace, X her mark

State of Virginia in Lunenburg County: S.C.

The affidavit of Samuel Peace, who was born in the County and State aforesaid, on the 25 day of April 1773 – taken this 13th day of February 18 46 at the residence of Mrs. Elizabeth Bishop Peace, in the County and State aforesaid, to be read in evidence on the application for a Pension of Elizabeth Bishop Peace, widow of Joseph Peace deceased who was a Soldier in the war of the Revolution.

This affiant being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist – deposes and says that he was well acquainted with the said Joseph Peace, as he was his brother, that he was born and raised in the County and State aforesaid, and if now living would be eighty-two years of age. That the said Joseph Peace was drafted in the month of February 1781 for three months and marched as a private under Captain Joseph Knight or Captain Ellison Ellis (I do not remember which) to Petersburg Virginia and to some point in Virginia East of Petersburg, he served a tour of three months and he was discharged and returned home.

He was again drafted in the month of August 1781 for three months and marched as a private, under Captain Joseph Knight or Captain Ellison Ellis (I do not remember which) to York Town and he was engaged in the battle at York Town, as he informed me when he returned home.

This affiant further saith, that he is well acquainted with and has been since his earliest recollection with Elizabeth Bishop Peace, widow of Joseph Peace deceased: that she was born and raised in the County and State aforesaid and she is about eighty years of age. She is the daughter of Humphrey and Hannah Garrott both of whom he knew from his childhood; the said Joseph Peace and Elizabeth Bishop Garrott were married on the 10th day of February, 1791 at the residence of Parson Craig, the marriage ceremony was performed by Parson James Craig a clergyman in the Episcopal Church, I was present and witnessed the marriage ceremony, and I recollect distinctly the names of eight other persons who were present at the marriage, namely John Peace, John Garrott, John Callyham, Overstreet Wyatt, Sally Callyham, Polly Garrott, Elizabeth Peace and Dolly Garrott and after the said marriage, the said Joseph Peace [indecipherable word] acknowledged and introduced into society the said Elizabeth Bishop Peace as his lawful wife, and she has so considered and [indecipherable word] by the community.

The said Joseph Peace died in the County and State aforesaid on the 29th day of April 1829, leaving the said Elizabeth Bishop Peace his widow and five children namely Nancy, Polly, Hannah, Joseph and Samuel. The said Elizabeth Bishop Peace is still living in the County and State aforesaid. She has never married since the death of her husband, but is still the widow of Joseph Peace deceased. That said Elizabeth Bishop Peace is a highly respectable and economical old Lady but in very moderate circumstances.

S/ Samuel Peace Sr.



[f p. 10: Copy of a marriage bond issued in Lunenburg County Virginia and dated February 7, 1791 issued to Joseph Peace & Mason Garrott conditioned upon the marriage of Joseph Peace to Elizabeth Bishop Garrott.]

[f p. 12: Colonel David Street, 75, gave testimony in Lunenburg County Virginia on March 9, 1846 that he was well acquainted with the veteran and his wife; that the veteran served as set forth in the above affidavits; that the veteran was discharged by Major Anthony Street, the affiants father as he has been informed by his father in his lifetime.



[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband's service as a private in the Virginia militia.]