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Pension Application of Benjamin Bibb W5821

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Virginia Louisa county SS

On this 9th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the court of the county of Louisa now sitting Benjamin Bibb a resident of the said county and state aged eighty seven 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 1832

That he entered into the service of the United States in the Militia of the county of Louisa and State of Virginia in the commencement of the year 1780 was drafted into the company of Capt Hopkins, Thomas Duval Lieut and served at Albemarle barracks in guarding the British prisoners a tour of two months as he thinks – there were some regular troops and [Francis] Taylor was Colo. – that as well as he recollects in the next fall he substituted himself for William Arnold and served he thinks a tour of two months in the company of which Robert Mosby was captain and Harry Johnson [Henry Ashton Johnson] Lieut. – marched into the lower country, crossed the [James] river near Cabin point [in Surry County] marched down towards Norfolk, was stationed there some time. returned to Petersburg and after staying there some time was discharged. he was in no battle. remembers no regular officers or troops except Major McGill [probably Charles Magill] and DeClomen [sic: Christian Charles de Klauman] and no Militia in particular. That he cannot fix the period of the next tour, but he was drafted and served a tour of two months at least in the company from Louisa first under Capt [William] Hughes and then under Capt White rendezvoused below Richmond. marched to Hanover Court House thence down the river below New Castle [now Old Church] – thence back to Hanover, then to Caroline Court House then back to Hanover Court House and was there discharged. that Colonels Nelson and Minor commanded. he saw some other militias but cannot recollect particulars. was in no battle and saw no regular troops. That in the summer of the year when the British were at York [1781] he was again drafted and served a tour of three months in the company of Louisa Militia under Capt. [Henry] Garrett first and then under Capt Michie. rendezvoused near Richmond marched thence to West point and there crossed the river [Mattaponi River] – thence through King William King and Queen to Glouster [sic: Gloucester]. that there he served his tour some times went out near the enemies lines to reconnoiter and was frequently marched and counter marched through that country. that he does not recollect any militia regiments or officers nor any regular troops or officers except Colos Taylor and Ennis [sic: James Innes] and Major Campbell. was in no battles but the cannonade at York had begun [9 Oct 1781]. That he served from the county of Louisa and was a private in each tour except the last when he was a Sergeant. that his memory has become treacherous so that he cannot detail events of that period with [illegible word]. that he has no discharge nor any documentary evidence. That Henry Bibb [pension application S6651] can testify to the facts of his service having served with him two tours and knowing of the other tours and that he refers to Capt Peter McDaniel and Capt John Graves for his character

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension lists of the agency of any State or Territory

Question 1st where and in what year were you born?

answer My register states I was born in the year 1746 in the County of Louisa

2^d Have you any record of your age; and if so where is it?

answer The register of my age is at my house

3^d where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

answer. I lived in the County of Louisa when called into service & have lived there ever since

4th How were you called into service, where you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom? Answer. I was drafted for a part of the time and at another time was a substitute for William Arnold

5 State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such continental and militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service

answer It is stated in the above declaration

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service & if so by whom was it given and what has become of it? Answer. I never Received a Written discharge.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood & who can testify as your character for veracity & their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Answer. Capt Jno Graves & Capt Peter McDaniel. sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.
Benjamin hisXmark Bibb

I Henry Bibb a resident in the county of Louisa, hereby certify that Benjamin Bibb who has subscribed the foregoing declaration lived in the same house with me during the revolution, that he was in actual service four times, the first of which under Capt Hopkins I was not with him, but I verily believe he served in this tour. That the second I also believe he served out the time though I was not with him. that the third I served with him the whole tour under Capt Jack White in the lower counties and the fourth I was also with and that he served out this tour first under Capt Garnet, then under Captain Thompkins in Gloucester

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid Henry hisXmark Bibb

NOTE: On 14 Feb 1842 Agness Bibb, 71, applied for a pension stating that she married Benjamin Bibb on 5 Aug 1790, and he died 14 Jan 1835. With her application is a copy of a bond signed by Benjamin Bibb and Uriah Tate for the marriage of Bibb to Agness Tate. On 12 Dec 1848 her age was said to be 79. On an application for bounty land dated 7 Mar 1855 her age was said to be 82. On 11 Nov 1865 she applied for restoration of her pension, which was suspended during the Civil War, stating that during the suspension her subsistence was provided by "her son with whom she lives." On 18 June 1869 Richard G. Bibb, 65, administrator of the estate of Agnes Bibb, applied for the part of her pension that was suspended during the Civil War up to her death on 27 Mar 1867.