

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Henry Bishop: W5823

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Virginia Floyd County to Wit

On this 15th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices for Floyd County now sitting in open Court Henry Bishop Sen'r of the County of Floyd and State of Va aged 75 last April 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 he entered the service of the U States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated. He served his first Tour under Capt [Thomas] Burke whose Colo was Colo [William] Preston, he volunteered in the then County of Botetourt at present the County of Floyd and for a time [1777 - 1831] called Montgomery. he does not recollect the year he enlisted but he served for one month against the Indians. He next served under Capt Joseph Cloyd for the Term of one month and again fought against the Indians, Henry Patton was Cloyds Lieutenant, and Colo Preston commanded the whole force. He next served under Capt George Parris [sic: Pearis] but does not recollect the other Officers. He then served under Capt John Taylor all monthly Tours. He then enlisted under Capt John Martin in the year 1779 against the Indians. Shelby was our General [Evan Shelby, then still Colonel]. He served for three months and during this Tour, they destroyed the Indian Village of Chicamogany [sic: villages under Cherokee chief Dragging Canoe on Chickamauga Creek in present Tennessee, April 1779] and drove off all their cattle and returned in the Summer of 1779, when he returned he was sent to the Lead Mines [in present Wythe County] in this State to guard there where he was found by Capt Parris who was going against the Tories, who took him along with him until he became sick, and unable to proceed further, when he was left. Abram Trigg was Colonel of this force. He afterwards served another Tour under Capt Israel Lorton on Walkers Creek [in present Giles or Bland County VA] and was again ordered out by Colo Preston to scout and guard the forts

He has no papers to show his discharges He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity whatever, and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Henry his X mark Bishop

Floyd County Va to wit.

on this 15th day of July personally appeared in open court before the county Court of Floyd county Va now sitting Henry Bishop a resident of the said County & State aged 75 years, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following as an amended declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, who on account of his age and infirmities did not make so full and [illegible word] a declaration as he ought, being verry deaf and hard to make hear. That He served as he states in his original declaration. to wit one month under Capt. Burk whose Col. was Preston. he was then draughted being mistaken in his former declaration in or to [illegible word] in the then county of Botetout [sic: Botetourt]. He served his first tour at Woods fort on Rich Creek [in present Monroe County WV]. His next tour was under Capt. Cloyd afterward Col Cloyd which was also for one month he was then called upon to serve his tours Preston was our Colonel and Patton our Lieutenant. He cannot recollect the years during which he served his two first tours He was discharged in these tours near New River. scouting through the mountains now and then. He then served one month under Capt Geo. Pearis He was draughted. Preston was our Colo at the time He was marched again down New River at Fosters ford [in present Wythe County] and through the mountains. His next tour was under Capt Taylor. Preston was still the acting Col. in the country. This tour was for the time of one month. He was draughted and marched through the same country against the Indians. He cannot recollect the years in which he served these tours his memory having failed him in that respect. He then volunteered under Capt Martin in 1779. Shelby was our Gen. the Col he does not know. and served for 3 months as stated in his former declaration. and fought against the Indians at chickamagre. He served his

next Tour under his old Capt Geo Pearis. The length of this was one month. He was a volunteer in this tour. Preston was our Col as the applicant is induced to believe and not Col. Trigg having mistaken the names of some of his Cols. We were marched against the indians down New River. He believes this was in the year 1780. He then served 3 weeks under Lieutenant Patterson. Preston was our Col. who always gave orders to the Captains and the Captains to the men. He fought during this tour against the Indians who fired upon us at Island Creek Virg [possibly Big Reed Island Creek]. This he believes was in the year 80. He then served one week guarding prisoners at New River, under Capt. Lorton who was [illegible word] on suspicion of Toryism. Preston was still our Col. He served this tour in the year 80. he was a volunteer when this duty was performed we were marched to the lead mines. He went under Capt Pearis and Trigg. Preston was our Col. we were gone 3 weeks on this tour. in the year 80. when he was taken sick and left by the company. He was a private in all his different tours.* His house was burnt some years since and all his old papers were burnt up. believing they never would be of any account he took no care of them. He has no farther evidence of his services except those sent with the papers.

*He afterwards served 2 months against the Indians Lorton was our Capt. Preston was our Col. this was in the year 81. in the spring But he does not recollect the month distinctly He believes it was in April. This tour he forgot in his former declaration. for further particulars concerning his former tour he refers to his former declaration. sworn to and subscribed to the day and year [sic: 1833?] aforesaid.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity and declares his name is not on the pension roll of Va or any other state.

NOTE: On 18 Jan 1841 in Floyd County VA Fanny Bishop, 76, made the first of several applications for pensions. She stated that she married Henry Bishop in May 1785. On 22 Nov 1843 she again applied, giving her age as about 81, and stating that she married Henry Bishop about 1 June 1785, and he died 2 June 1839. The file includes a copy of a bond signed by Henry Bishop and Peter Rife dated 23 May 1785 in Montgomery County VA for the marriage of Bishop to Fanny Simpkins, daughter of Daniel Simpkins. There is also a supporting statement from Bishop's brother, Jacob, and another document by John Bishop, an heir of Henry Bishop. A later pension application was witnessed by a Josiah Bishop.