

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Jacob Antill W8328

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State of Kentucky }

Henry County     } Sct

Be it known that on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 1839 personally appeared before John Chilton a Justice of the peace in and for Henry County Ky and one of the Judges of the Henry County Court Dorcas Antill a resident of said County aged seventy six years and upwards who being duly sworn according to law upon her oath made the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 1838

This declarant states that she is a resident of Henry County Ky. and has been for a number of years past – that she was 76 years of age on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September last – that she is the widow of Jacob Antill deceased who died on or about the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year 1800 as well as she now remembers, and that she has not been married since his death but still remains his widow.

She states that she was married to the said Jacob Antill in Barclay [sic: Berkeley] County Virginia on or about the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year 1781 – that her maiden name was Dorcas Dawkins.

She further states that previous to her marriage the said Jacob Antill her said husband as she was informed and believes enlisted into the Service of the United States as a regular Soldier and did enter the service as such and did continue in the service for some three or four years and was taken a prisoner of war by the British at or near Charlestown [sic: Charleston SC, surrendered 12 May 1780] – this she understood before her said marriage and also understood that he had fortunately made his escape from them and since her said marriage she has often heard her said husband speak of the same matters and make the same statements. She also states that it has been her understanding that when he was mustered into the service he entered into the Company commanded by one Capt. Geo. Rice [George Rice]. I recollect to have heard him often say that he was in the Battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and Germantown [4 Oct 1777] and some others.

This declarant says that she has lost the family record and has now to rely upon her memory for the dates above named assisted by the ages of her children.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Dorcas her–mark Antill

[Elizabeth Bishop, 71, deposed that her father, William Ellis, had lived in Berkeley County and that she had been at the wedding of Jacob Antill and Dorcas Dawkins, who was the daughter of John Dawkins.]

Also the deposition of Elisha Bishop [pension application S30867] taken on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 1839 who being duly sworn according to law deposes and says that he is a resident of Henry County Ky and is now upwards of 81 years of age and that he is on the pension Roll of the United States as a soldier of the revolution – he states and deposes that he was well acquainted with Jacob Antill in the time of the Revolutionary War and he knows that he served as a regular soldier for at least three years and perhaps a good deal more this deponent says that he saw him frequently in the service and he now labours under the impression that he the said Antill at one time was in the Company of one Morgan Alexander and attached to the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment of Continental troops from Virginia – he further states that said Antill lived at the time of his enlistment in the County of Barclay & State of Virginia and that after he left the service and in the year 1781 perhaps February of that year he the said Antill was married to Dorcas Dawkins (in the same County & State) daughter of John Dawkins who lived in the same neighbourhood in which this deponent lived. This deponent does not remember certainly whether he was at the wedding & witnessed the ceremony but presumes that he was because the wedding &c is vividly impressed upon his mind & he

has known them & they have been all the while since known as man & wife and he has been upon the most intimate terms with them. He says that about the year 1800 the said Jacob Antill died leaving his said wife Dorcas his widow who still survives and who has not married since his death and who resides in Henry County Ky.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first above named                      Elisha hisXmark Bishop

NOTE: Mary Dawkins, about 69, deposed that she had married a brother of Dorcas Antill. On 21 Mar 1853 John Antill, as one of the children of Jacob and Dorcas Antill, both deceased, assigned power of attorney to obtain any available benefits.