Pension Application of Nicholas Bishop S17847 SC

The State of South Carolina } On this 26th day of March 1836 Personally appeared in
Anderson District } open court, before J. B. O’neal presiding Judge of the Court of General Sessions of the peace &c[ now sitting Nicholas Bishop a resident of the State & District aforesaid, aged seventy five 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 made by the act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832 That he entered the service of the United States in Chester District S.C. a private in the foot service, by volunteering before he was of sufficient age to be required by Law to do duty. That he believes he was in his sixteenth year. That he volunteered for a three month tour. That he marched under the command of Capt. Hugh Whiteside to Charleston S.C. from there to the two sisters ferry on Savannah river, and was there stationed to the end of the three months and was there continued in service for several days longer, waiting for recruits. That he cannot recollect the higher officers he was under, but does distinctly recollect Capt. Hugh Whiteside, he being raised in the same neighborhood with himself. That sometime after performing the above tour, but how long after this deponent has now forgotten, he was drafted for a three months tour and he believes under the command of Lieut. Cooper, and marched from Chester Dis SC to the fourholes [Four Holes, Orangeburg County] in S.C. was there stationed and continued doing duty to the end of the three months tour and was there dismissed but whether he rec’d a written discharge or not cannot now recollect. That after the fall of Charleston S.C. [12 May 1780] and at the time the British marched into the Country he volunteered under his, this declarants Brother, Capt. Henry Bishop and marched to Clems branch in N.C. and there joined Gen’l. Sumpter [sic: Thomas Sumter], and marched from there to and engaged the enemy at rocky mount in S.C. [30 Jul 1780]. from there marched to the hanging rock. at that battle [6 Aug 1780] this deponents Brother, Capt Henry Bishop & Capt [sic: Col.] John Mclure received their death wounds. That he was then put under the command of Maj’r. Michael Dickson and continued with Gen’l. Sumpter untill Sumpter’s defeat [Battle of Fishing Creek, 18 Aug 1780]. That he then returned home to provide for and protect his aged parents, who had been oppressed[?] by the British & tories, and reduced from affluence to poverty. That his Father, then an aged man, had been taken and imprisoned for no other cause assigned, but that of his having four sons in what they called the rebel army. That he cannot recollect how long he served in the last tour. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of any Agency in any State.

In answer to the interrogatories prescribed by the War department the said Nicholas Bishop sayeth

1st. I have been told by my parents that I was born in the State of Pensylvania near Philadelphia and that they removed me at the age of about six years to Chester District S.C.

2nd. I have seen a record [of his birth] in an old Family Bible in the possession of my Mother about forty years since, at which time she removed to Kentucky and I have not seen it since

3rd. In Chester District S.C. removed from there to my present residence in Andersen District S.C. where I have resided forty four years.

4th. First a Volunteer for a three months Tour. the next drafted for a three months Tour. he next Volunteered for an indefinite time in which Tour I was at the battles of rocky mount Hanging rock & Sumpters defeat

5th. I do not remember any of the regular officers except Gen’l Sumpter neither do I remember to what regiment I belonged but recollect of serving under Capt Hugh Whiteside Lieut Robert Cooper, Maj

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Nicholas Bishop
Michael Rickson & Gen’l. Sumpter  I have stated the general circumstances of my services in my declaration.

6th. I do not remember [whether he received a written discharge]

7th. William Walker, Samuel Maverick, Samuel Cherry, E. M. Benson Esq’r. Doctor F. W. Symms, the Hons. John C. Calhoun, James C. Griffen Esq’r. – Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

State of S. Carolina } Personally came Elijah Browne Esq’r. Before me the Subscribing Justice
Anderson District } and made Oath in Due Form of Law and Saith that he was personally acquainted with Nicholas Bishop the present applicant for a pension in the time of the American Revolution – that he believ’d him to be a true whig – and that he saw him bearing arms in Gen’l. Sumpters Army at the four holes in this State in defence of the United States and that he serv’d a tour of Duty of three months

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this 27th day of August 1835

NOTE: On 15 Aug 1835 John Craig (pension application W22864) certified that Bishop was a true Whig and that he had seen him bearing arms under Sumter. On 16 Sep 1835 Thomas Henderson (W10102) certified that he had seen Bishop in the service under Sumter.