

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Michael Bock S6679

VA

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State of Virginia } SS

Harrison County }

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 1833 personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Micheal Bock aged 76 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<sup>th</sup> 1832 —

That he was born near Frederick Town in the state of Maryland in the year 1757 as he has been informed for he has no record of his age that in the year 1769 he removed with his Father to the Monongalia river [sic: Monongahela River] in the state of Virginia where he continued to reside untill the close of the Revolutionary War.

In May 1776 he volunteered his services in a company of Militia under the command of Capt. Bickman[?] & marched up the Monongalia river to Pricketts Fort [now Pricketts Fort State Park 4 mi NE of Fairmont in Marion County WV]. remained there six week from thence to Fort Pitt [at present Pittsburgh] where he was discharged verbally having served three months. In April 1778 he volunteered again in a company under the command of Capt Swinler [possibly Samuel Swingler] march to Wheeling [“Jarrets Fort” interlined; see endnote] thence to Fishing creek thence to Middle Island creek & was discharged orally having served one month

In May following he volunteered again under Capt. Wetsel [probably John Wetzel] & was engaged in guarding the frontier settlement between the Ohio and Monongalia Rivers for the term of three months when he was discharged orally by his Capt.

Immediately after he was drafted for one year in a company commanded by Capt. Neal. he then employed a substitute named Nicholas Claenehow[?] who marched with said company under the command of General McIntosh [Lachlan McIntosh BLWt1549-850] but deserted soon after. Some time after he thinks in the year 1779 he was called upon to perform his tour of duty in lieu of his substitute who had deserted. he accordingly entered the service under the command of Ensign Winslock [possibly Joseph Winlock W3060] was marched to Col. Gibsons [John Gibson S41578] Regiment and stationed at Fort Pitt for the term of twelve months. he obtained a discharge in writing which has since been lost. He remembers Col. Broadhead [sic: Daniel Brodhead VAS1812] who commanded at Regt. at the same time & place also Adjutant [Jacob] Coleman & others. In June 1782 he was again called out & placed under the command of Capt Myers Marched to Evans Fort in the Monongalia River & was discharged having served one month.

He has no documentary evidence nor dose he know of any living witness by whom he can prove the above service. In the year 1810 he removed to Harrison County Va. where he now resides. In all the above tours he served as a private. He hereby relinquishes every claim claim to a pension or annuity & declares that his name is not on the pension list of the Agency of any state

Jos. Johnson J.P.

Micheal hisXmark Bock

We Joshua Hocking a Clergyman in the county of Harrison & state of Virginia and Anthony Koon [sic: Anthony Coon S9213] residing in the same place do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Micheal Bock who has signed the above Declaration that we believe him to be 76 years of age. that he is reputed and believed in the neighbourhood where he resides to have been a Soldier of the Revolutionary War & that we concur in that opinion Jas Reed T Hawkins Anthony Koon.

[The following report is by District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated many pensioners from Harrison and other counties of present West Virginia. For details see my appendix in the pension application S6111 of David W. Sleeth.]

Michael Bock. \$66 - 66/100 [annual amount of pension for 20 months service as a private]

on the 23<sup>d</sup>. July Bock made the following statement to Wit – is in his 77<sup>th</sup> year of age, a native of Maryland – Removed to Pennsylvania when 12 yrs. old with his Father who settled west of the mountains on Georges Creek in Fayette Cty [sic: Fayette County PA, then considered part of VA] he lived there until within the last 24 yrs.

When in his nineteenth year of age he was at Prickets Fort in Monongalia County. remained there and about the fort scouting & ranging for 3 months & this was in the Spring of 1776 – Went from there to his Fathers & remained with him until he was 21 yrs. of age. in that year 1778 he volunteered under Capt Whitzel for 3 months, his company was scouting through Monongalia & Harrison – he had sometimes as many as seventy men – at other times a less number, – in the same year 1778 he was drafted for a twelve months tour. the services to be done and performed on the East side of the Alleganey [sic: Allegheny] mountains ( he then lived in Mongalia) against the British – “Genl. McIntosh came along with instructions to take the men that had been drafted for service on the East side of the mountain (he (Bock) being one) – with him to the west – he Bock hired a substitute – who went on with McIntoshs army staid four months and deserted. – two years after the desertion of his substitute to wit in 1780 – he (Bock) was called on to perform the tour which his substitute had undertaken to perform he went to Fort Pitt and served out the 12 mo. tour – Col. Gibson commanded at Fort Pitt – he (Bock) had no captain was under one Ensign Winlick – after returning home he serv a tour of one month at Garretts Fort. Leut. Swingly commanded – afterward served one other month at Evans Fort [on Monongahela River near forks of Cheat River near Point Marion PA] under the same officers

Col Joseph Johnson wrote his declaration. gave the same narative of his services that he now gives

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In witness that the forgoing statement contains the Truth he hereto subscribes his name Witness –  
W T Morgan[?] Michael hisXmark Bock  
N. Goff [Nathan Goff, pension agent at Clarksburg]

[Singleton wrote “Fraud” on his report on Bock. On 10 Mar 1835 the Pension Office wrote to Nathan Goff to notify Bock and 24 others that their names had been stricken from the pension roll. A typed summary in the file states that Bock was dropped because “it was shown he did not render the alleged service,” but no support for this assertion is in the file. A copy of a note dated 15 Feb 1838 merely states that Bock was dropped because of Singleton’s report, “from which it appeared that Bock’s statement as to his service was not true.”]

State of Virginia County of Marion SS

On this 9th day of August 1860 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the county and state aforesaid John Bock administrator of Michael Bock deceased and being duly sworn according to law declairs that he has been duly appointed administrator of Michael Bock deceased who was a private in the revolutionary war and who was placed upon the pension rolls in the year 1833 under the act of June 7, 1832 at the rate of SixtySix dollars Sixty Six and two thirds cents per annum. that said Michael Bock died on the 23<sup>d</sup> day of March in the year 1838 in that portion of the county of Harrison now embraced within the bounds of the County of Marion leaving no widow and without making a will, but left the following named children and heirs at law to wit: the affiant, Michael Bock, Nicholas Bock, David Bock, Solomon Bock, Abigail Shaver, Margaret Ensmonger, Sarah Bock, Hannah Barker wife of John Barker, Catharine Shaver who has since died leaving three children viz: Michael, Sarah and Margaret Shaver, that said Michael Bock also had one other daughter Elizabeth who intermarried with Jacob Wolf and died before the said Michael leaving the following named children viz: Margaret, Aron, Susanna and Sarah Wolf.

That said Michael Bock drew his said pension for about two and a half years and that for some cause or other the payment of the same was stoped or suspended in the year 1835.

That he makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining for himself and the other heirs of said

Michael Bock whatever arrears of said pension they may be entitled to.

That he claims that said pension was improperly stoped or suspended that the said Michael was legally entitled thereto by the acts of congress enforce at the time of his death. the said Michael having served in the revolutionary war about thirty one months [sic], twenty-two months of which was fully proved by the evidence of Peter Haught [pension application S6981] which he supposes is now on file in the Pension office [not found].

That for the purpose of establishing his right as administrator as aforesaid to the arrears aforesaid for the purposes aforesaid he asks that the original application of said Michael Bock now on file in the pension office and the evidence therewith, or referred to be again examined and that said Micheal served in the state of Pennsylvania as he thinks under Colonel Campbell, to the rolls of whose regiment he also refers to –

That his Post office address is Farmington Marion Co Va. he desires a certificate to issue for whatever may be ascertained to be due & forwarded to J. G. Watson Fairmont Va.

[signed] John Bock

NOTES:

There was a Jarret's Fort in Monongalia County, but Bock appears to be referring to a location farther west, near Middle Island and Fishing creeks in present Wetzel County WV, south of Wheeling.

On 7 May 1860 in Marion County Michael Bock, Jr. was certified as administrator of his father's estate, with Martin M. Randall as security.