

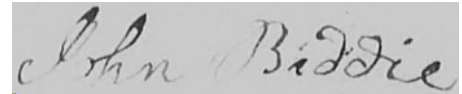
Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Biddie S10374 Sarah Biddie SC
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 2 July 2014.

State of South Carolina }
Union District } To wit

On this 3rd day of October 1832. personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and Sessions now sitting for said District John Biddie, a resident of Union Dist. aged seventy one 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 the 7th June 1832. that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated "I entered the service under command of Lieut Hill in Union District, and marched to the Savannah River and found the Regiment of Col [John] Thomas under the Command of Gen'l. [Andrew] Williamson opposite to Augusta where I remained about six weeks [possibly including Feb 1779] and was discharged. In October 1780 I again went into the service under Captain Sam'l. Atterson [sic: Samuel Otterson] in Colonel Brandons [Thomas Brandon's] Regiment in York District in which service I continued untill the Battle of the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781] in which action I was engaged. I was employed afterwards in various servay and scouting tours untill a very short time before the end of the War. I have no written evidence of my services. And refer to Maj Thomas Young & Christopher Brandon to prove my services. I do hereby relinquish every claim to a Pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

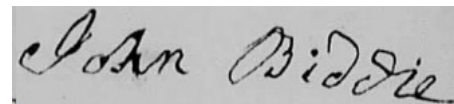
In answer to the interogatories put by the court, I answer
1st & 2nd. I was born 17th July 1762. in in Lunenburgh [sic: Lunenburg] County, Virginia and have the Record of my age at home –
3rd I lived in Union District when called into service and have lived here ever since
4th I served as a Volunteer
5th See within.
6. I never received a written discharge.
7. I refer to the Rev'd Mr. Genings [sic: Jennings] and Maj'r Young to prove my character for truth and moral deportment.



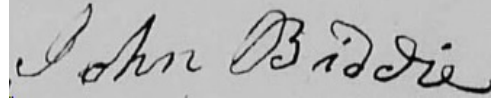
State of So Carolina }
Union District }

John Biddie came personally before me and deposeth as follows to explain & make more explicit his application for a pension under the act of June 7th 1832. Who saith that he entered the Service under Lieut Hill and served a Tour of duty of six weeks – but cannot be positive as to the year. In Oct'r. 1780 I again joined the servic under Capt Otterson in Col. Brandons Regiment and remained in service untill the Battle of the Cowpens in which I was engaged I still remain in service untill the conclusion of Peace having served at this time from Oct'r. 1780 to some time in the fall of 1782 which must have been Two years from my best recollection. and this deponent further saith that the was in repeated skirmishes ding said time.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 22nd June 1833



So. Carolina }
Union District } John Bidy deposeth that he was one of the Refugees of So. Carolina that he never took protection [pledged loyalty to the Crown] & consequently after the British overrun So. Carolina [summer 1780] he was continually out and that no regular tours of Duty was required of the refugees as they were continually on the [illegible word] from necessity retreating from So. Carolina to No. Carolina & back & from one station to another untill a short time before the British left Charlton [sic: Charleston] & in December 1782 – I believe October 1782. this deponant herewith in Closes the abstract from the Cap'le.[?] Gen'l. office as to the amt of [illegible word] due him to set out the term of his service & the same has never been received
Sworn to & subscribed before me this 7th July 1834.
Isaac Going (QU)



Issued 10th May '86 to Mr John Bidy for £78.11.5 duty in Brandons Regiment p. a/c audited No. 112
Principal £778.11.5. Interest £5.9.9
[Copy certified 25 June 1834.]

NOTES:

John Biddie made another application on 5 Nov 1833 that adds nothing to the above.

In the 1830 federal census of Union County SC John Bidy is recorded as a “free colored person.”

On 6 Dec 1837 John Biddie applied to have his pension transferred to Alabama, having moved to Marshall County from South Carolina because “he was dissatisfied with that country and first removed to the State of Mississippi Pontotoc County from thence to the State of Alabama Marion County, and from thence to Marshall County in this same State being unable to settle himself in the other named places to his satisfaction.”

On 5 Nov 1842 in Marshall County AL Sarah Biddie applied for the pension due her late husband, John Biddie, from the last payment till the day he died. A supporting deposition states that Sarah and John Biddie were married “upwards of thirty two years ago” in Union District SC, and he died 14 Oct 1841.