

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Stephen Bishop S37770

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At a Superior court of Law held for Buckingham county on Monday the twenty first day of September Eighteen hundred and eighteen.

Stephen Bishop an inhabitant of this county, and a citizen of the united states appeared in court and declared under oath that in the month of March 1776 he enlisted in the war of the Revolution in a company [raised in Sussex County VA] commanded by Capt Nathaniel Mason in the 4th Virginia Regiment on continental establishment in which he served the term of two years, about the expiration of that term he enlisted with Colo. William Washington of the Cavalry for three years in the service of the United States and served under Capt William Barrett and was regularly discharged at Harrisburg in North Carolina, and his discharge he has not now in his possession, nor any other evidence of his service. That he was in the battles of Princeton [3 Jan 1777], Trenton [26 Dec 1776], Brandy Wine [Brandywine, 11 Sep 1777] and in several skirmishes. And further that he is in reduced circumstances and needs the aid of his country for support. John Johns also appeared in court and being sworn certified that he is well acquainted with the circumstances of the s^d. Bishop & believes his statement relative to that fact to be true – which is ordered to be certified

State of Virginia

Buckingham county Sc.

On this ninth day of October 1820 personally appeared in open court for the county of Buckingham it being a court of record for the said county, Stephen Bishop aged sixty five years, a resident of the said county who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: That in the month of march 1776 he enlisted in the war of the revolution in a company commanded by Capt Nathaniel Mason in the 4th Virginia regiment on continental establishment in which he served the term of two years, about the expiration of that term he enlisted with Colo. Wm. Washington of the cavalry for three years in the service of the United States and served under Capt Wm. Barret and was regularly discharged at Harrisburg in North Carolina. That he was at the battles of Princeton, Trenton, Brandy Wine, and in several skirmishes, as he has heretofore declared before the Judge of the Superior court of this county on the 21st day of September 1818, and in consequence of that declaration a pension certificate has issued, numbered 7517. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

34[?] acres of Land. 6 cups & saucers. 1 quart bowl. 1 quart pitcher. 1 cream pot. 4 tea spoons. 5 plates. one coffee pot, one tea pot, one set knives and forks (Virginia made) 1 iron pot. 1 small oven. 3 butter pots. 1 set coarse shoemakers tools. 1 pole axe. one hilling hoe, and 1 grubbing hoe. 1 pr iron wedges. 1 ¾ auger, 1 old hand saw, one looking glass, one loom, 2 jugs. 1 drawing knife, 1 set plough gear, one plough hoe, shovel and tongs.

Stephen Bishop

The declarant is a coarse shoemaker by trade, has a wife Charlotte aged 68 years who is entirely unable to support herself.