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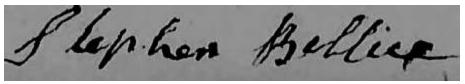
Pension application of Stephen Billiu (Ballew, Billew) W2745 Mary fn23NC Transcribed by Will Graves 8/30/10

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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County

On this 25th day of February 1833 personally appeared in open Court Before the Court of pleas and quarter sessions now sitting Stephen Billew a resident of the State and County aforesaid aged about seventy-six years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declarations in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He was drafted in the fall of 1777 and served a tour of six weeks under Captain Hagins [sic, William Hagan or Hagens?] in Colonel Ezekiel Polk's Regiment General Rutherford Com[mander] and went in that tour after the Cherokee Indians and return sometime in November, 1777 and then he enlisted in the fall of 1778 as he thinks under Captain Pettigru [Pettigrew?] in Colonel Jack's Regiment and served Tower of twelve months and in that Tower he traveled to the State of Georgia after the Creek Indians & was stationed on Little River and there he received a Furlo [sic, furlough] in the fall of 1779 and returned back to North Carolina and in the same fall he enlisted under Captain Buckhannon [Buchanan?] in the Continental line General Linkholn [sic, Benjamin Lincoln] Camder [sic, commander] and served a tower of twelve months and in that tour he traveled into South Carolina to the Black Swamps and from there to Golphin [also spelled Galphin] then he went on to Charleston to reinforce General Mootry [sic, William Moultrie] and from thence he went near Bacons Bridge and onto the battle of Stono and was then that Battle and taken a prisoner and was carried on to John's Island and from thence to prison ships which lay at the mouth of Stono and there he made his Escape and returned to the Army commanded by General Lincoln and from thence on to North Carolina in the fall of 1780 and then in the same fall of 80 he volunteered under Captain Kilbrith [sic, ?] and served a tour of three months and he served as near as he can recollect two years four months and two weeks and he has no documentary Evidence of his service for his paroles and discharges is all lost and destroyed. He hereby relinquishes it every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the year aforesaid.

S/ Stephn Belliu



Interrogatories

where and in what year were you born

I was Born in the County of Caswell State of North Carolina on the 24 of September 1756 have you any Record of your age and if so where is it

I had a Record of my age and it is lost

Where were you living when called into service and where have you lived ever since the revolutionary war and where do you now live

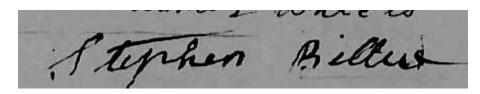
I lived in the County of Mecklenburg and State of North Carolina when called into service and have lived in the same State and County ever since

How were you called into the service were you drafted did you enlist or were you a volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom

I was drafted and enlisted and was a volunteer

Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so what has become of it I received a Furlough from a man by the name of Long when I was discharged in the State of Georgia on Little River and I have no other evidence of my service except the affidavit of George McWhirter¹ which is below

S/ Stephen Billeu



State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County: I John McWhirter of the County and State aforesaid do hereby certify that I was personally knowing to the servitude of Stephen Billeu in the Tour under Captain Buckhannon and also in the Tour under Captain Kilbrith and under Captain Petigue and his statement as it stands stated in the body of the declaration is true. Sworn to and subscribed this 25th of January 1833

S/J. M. Ingram, JP

S/ George McWhorter

[fn p. 21: Isaac Grier, a clergyman and John M Ingram gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 11: on January 7, 1852 in Mecklenburg County North Carolina Stephen Billeu, 48, filed a claim seeking the pension due his mother as the widow of Stephen Billeu, Sr.; he states his mother's name was Mary; that she married the veteran March 5th, 1797; that the veteran died May 23, 1837; that Mary died August 9, 1848 leaving Stephen Billue, Jane Wilson and James Billue her only surviving heirs. He never states that the veteran was his father. On the same day he filed a separate statement saying that the family record attached to his application is in the handwriting of the Reverend William Blackstock, now deceased.]

[fn p. 14: family record verbatim transcription]
Births

¹ Sic, George McWhorter S9011

Samuel Billue, born July 19th 1782

Thomas Billue, born May 17th 1784

Elizabeth Billue, born Nov. 15th 1786

Rosanna Billue, born Jan. 20 [could be 28 or 26]th 1790

William Billue, born August 25th 1792

George McWhirter Billue, born Jan. 20th 1795

Agnes McWhirter Billue, born Jan. 15th 1798

Jean McCaw Billue, born Feb. y 8th 1799

Stephen Billue; born August 23d 1800, lived seven weeks, and then departed this life

Mary Richman Billue, born August 31st 1801

Stephen Billue, born March 8th 1803

Hugh Richman Billue, born Nor. 4th 1804

Susanna Billue, born April 10th 1807

James Richman Billue, born Sept. 16th 1809

Elizabeth Taylor born Feb. y 15th 1795

Marriages

Stephen Billue was married to Agnes McWhirter Oct.r 16th 1781: she being deceased, was again married to Mary Richman March 9th 1797

Stephen Billue Departed this life on the 24 of May 1837

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 2 years service in the North Carolina militia and Continental line.]