

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Bishop W9356

Elizabeth fn34SC

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State of South Carolina Spartanburg District: to wit

On this 5th day of March 1832 [sic, 1833] personally appeared in open Court, before the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and Sessions now sitting for the District aforesaid -- William Bishop a resident of Spartanburg District aged seventy-two 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 7th, 1832 -- that he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. "In the last of February or first of March 1779 I entered the Service in Fairfield South Carolina, under Colonel Winn who was then commanding as Captain: and marched to Liberty Hill, near the Savannah River opposite to Augusta, in aid of General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] who was then encamped at that place. I then joined the "Independent Companies" in the company commanded by Captain John Moore, -- Colonel Winn and General Williamson. From this point, we crossed the River at Augusta, and marched down to Georgia side of the River and recrossed below the mouth of Spirit Creek: and moved to Parkers Ferry on the Edisto, and thence to Bacon's Bridge where General Lincoln took command -- and thence to Ashley Ferry, thence to Quawquaw Swamp, where we lay until the Battle at Stono in which Battle I was engaged -- after the Battle, we returned to our camp at the swamp, where I was taken sick, and being unfit for duty was dismissed and returned home in the first of October in the same year -- After my recovery, and after the fall of Charleston I fled to North Carolina, and about the first of October 1780, I volunteered for a tour of three months under Captain Murray in Colonel Grimes' Regiment in Lincoln [County] North Carolina -- and marched to the Grindal Shoals on Pacolet River and joined the troops under General Morgan where we remained, until the day before the Battle of the Cowpens, when we marched to that place, and defeated Tarleton [sic, Banastre Tarleton] and his troops -- I then moved with General Morgan, with the prisoners to Beatty Ford [sic, Beatties Ford] on the Catawba River where the militia were discharged by General Morgan and I immediately joined Colonel Dickson with whom I served until the last of February or first of March 1781 when I was dismissed by Colonel Dickson and finally left the service. I have no documentary evidence of my services and know of no person who served with me now alive -- I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever 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. To the interrogatories put by

the Court, I answer,

1st & 2nd I was born in Granville County North Carolina on the 26th March 1760 and believe I have the record at home.

3rd -- I. lived in Fairfield South Carolina when I entered the service and have lived in Spartanburg since the war.

4th I always served as a volunteer

5th see the within Declaration

6th I received a discharge from General Morgan but have long since lost it.

7th I refer to the Rev. Mr. Grambling and William Trimmier.

Sworn to in open Court before

S/ R. Garrett

S/ Wm Bishop, X his mark

[John Grambling, a clergyman, Edmond Bishop, and William Trimmier gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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South Carolina Spartanburg District: On this 9th Day of October 1833 personally appeared before me, the Subscribing Justice, William Bishop, who being sworn in due form of law, on his oath, saith, in addition to the Declaration herewith attached; That, he served nine months under his first tour, when he entered under Colonel Winn, who commanded as a Captain, at the first of this Declarant Tour, which was in 1779 -- In 1780, he served a tour of three months under Captain Mury [sic, Murray?] in Colonel Grimes Regiment, which services are set out more at length in his original Declaration. That he never served as an officer, and only claims as a private.

S/ William Bishop, X his mark

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A List of the ages of William Bishop & Elizabeth his wife their children

Elijah Bishop the son of William Bishop & Elizabeth his wife was born December the 19th Day 1783

Mary Bishop was born April the 2nd Day 1785

George Bishop was born April the 25 Day 1787

Lucy Bishop was born August the 20 Day 1789

Jencey Bishop was born January the 20 Day 1790

Sally Bishop was born May the 27 Day 1793

Charrity [sic] Bishop was born March the 20 Day 1795

Peggy Bishop was born November the 8 Day 1797

Syntha Bishop was born May the 10 Day 1800

Rhody Bishop was born September the 10th Day 1802

William Brown Bishop was born July the 9 Day 1804

Edmd Bishop he was born January the 5 day 1775

[fn p. 12: on February 15, 1845 in Spartanburg District South Carolina, Elizabeth Bishop, 81, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of William Bishop, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$33.33 per annum; that she married him April 1, 1782; that they were married by Thomas Sherwood Esquire on the waters of Tar River in North Carolina; that her husband died in Spartanburg district South Carolina February 22, 1836 and

that she remains his widow. She states that she has a family record of the ages of her children made by Edmond Bishop, a near relative of the family whose age appears at the bottom of record.]

[fn p. 13: Rhody Bishop, 42, gave evidence on February 15, 1845 in Spartanburg District in support of the claim filed by her mother.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for six months service in the revolution as a private.]