

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Frederick Bish S8071

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State of Pennsylvania, Greene County Ss.

On the 19th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty-three personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting, Frederick Bish of resident of Greene County Pennsylvania aged seventy-five 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 of June 7, 1832.

Deponent was born in Strasburg in Germany [now Strasbourg, France] in July 1758 and removed to America when he was about six years of age. He has no knowledge of any record being kept of his age & only knows it by verbal information from his father.

Deponent first entered the service of the United States about two years before peace was declared [sic], as a substitute for Leonard Mowrey who was drafted for three months in the company commanded by Capt. Crookshanks [John Crookshank] in the Regiment of Col. Brown. Deponent then lived in Shenandoah County Virginia. During the above three months of service Deponent was in the battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778]. After serving out his three months mentioned above Deponent was discharged, but has since lost his discharge.

About one month afterwards Deponent again engaged as a substitute for Samuel Rodeheffer who was drafted for three months in the company commanded by Capt. Lewis in Col. Archibald Ridifords Regiment and marched from his home in Shenandoah county, Virginia, to Norfolk, Va. where Deponent served out his three months & was discharged, but has since lost his discharge.

Deponent then returned home & after remaining three months again started as a substitute for Matthias Soring who was drafted for three months in the company commanded by Capt. Welsh in Col. John Brown's Regiment Deponent marched to Yorktown and served in that Battle [siege, 28 Sep – 19 Oct 1781] during these three months service. After his three months mentioned above was served out he immediately enlisted for and during the war under captain Kelly in the Regiment commanded by Col. Bowman & served in the above company and Regiment till peace was declared between Great Britain and the United States of America

Deponent has no documentary evidence of his services, and now knows of no person living by whom his services can be proved.

Deponent recently removed from the eastern part of Virginia, to a remote part of Greene County Pennsylvania, in which there is no clergyman, to whom he can refer but he refers to Mr. Abijah N. Johnston and Daniel Hook Esqrs to prove his veracity & reputation and belief of his having been a Revolutionary Soldier

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Frederick hisXmark Bish

Pennsylvania            }

Greene County Ss.    } Personally appeared before me one of the Justices of the Peace of the County of Greene aforesaid the aforesaid Frederick Bish, who after being duly sworn, deposeth & saith in addition to his Declaration above sworn to. That shortly after the Battle of Yorktown, all those persons who had gone with him from his home in Shenandoah county, Va. during his last three months of service in the militia company of Capt. Welsh returned home except himself, & that after remaining some two weeks, he enlisted as before stated in the company of Capt. Kelly, and that consequently he is unable to

prove his enlistment, or service by any of them, and that he now knows of the residence of none of Capt. Kellys company or any others, or whether they are living by whom his services as enlisted soldier can be proved. He also further states he sometimes was called by the name of "Bush" instead of Bish, and that he may possibly may have been entered on the roll by that name

Sworn & subscribed before me this 20th of December 1833

Frederick hisXmark Bish

NOTE: On 22 March 1839 Frederick Bish applied to have his pension transferred to the Ohio agency, having moved to Highland County for the following reason: "His children & friends had removed to Ohio & being old & unable to help himself & having no friends or relations near him upon whom he could rely for assistance he was forced to come to the west & Highland County were some of his friends reside particularly his son Jacob under whose protection he now lives."