

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Thomas Boughton VAS2562  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Essex County Va Feby 4<sup>th</sup> 1834

I Carter Croxton [S9250] of the County of Essex and state aforesaid aged seventy three years was an old soldier in the Revolutionary war and was well acquainted with Mr. Thomas Boughton of the County of Essex. That the said Thomas Boughton was in the regular service both in the state and Continental. That he the said Boughton inlisted under Capt. Webb [John Webb BLWt2052-450]. That they met in Williamsburg – from there they went to York, thence to Hampton. from thence to the South. That we were together at Bluford's defeat [defeat of Col. Abraham Buford, Battle of Waxhaws SC, 29 May 1780; see endnote], at Gates' defeat [defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates, Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] ware at the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781] and at Guilford Courthouse [15 Mar 1781]. The we returned to york to the Capture of Cornwallis [Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781]. That we were together about three years and six months. That the said Boughton acted as Quarter Master. And when he the said Croxton Came home he the said Thomas Boughton inlisted and went to the north [sic] – and that the said Croxton heard the said Thomas Boughton say he served to the end of the war. And this deponent has always believed Thomas Boughton did serve during the war. Given under my hand this day and year first stated above.



I Carter Croxton of Essex County and State of Virginia, aged seventy one years in march last do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Thomas Boughton of Essex County and State of Virginia. That the said Thomas Boughton enlisted in the Continental Service under John Webb about the year 1775 and went to the North – that he marched under Capt Webb as an Orderly Sergeant and went to Valley forge [winter 1777-78]. There the Companies were consolidated and he the said Boughton was promoted to that of Lieutenant under the Command of gen'l Washington and served in that capacity until the end of the war.

With the rest of the recruits from the Counties of Essex and King & Queen was Thomas Marshall [VAS495] of Essex and Michiam Gresham of King & Queen and after the Close of the war, when they were discharged I was frequently in company with the said Marshall and Gresham and heard them applaud the said Boughton for his bravery and good conduct as Lieutenant – under whom they said they fought – for when they were marching on the frozen ground he the said Boughton would say “never mind boys we are fighting for liberty”. This was often repeated by the said Marshall and Gresham in the presence of my self and the said Thomas Boughton to whom we often drank a hearty toast for the achievement of our liberty.

Given under my hand this 18 day of Feb 1834



To the Executive of Virginia

The undersigned heirs of Thomas Boughton Sr. beg leave respectfully to present their memorial for land bounty to the Executive of Virginia, they do submit the following statement not from any knowledge they themselves possess, but from what they have been informed, which they believe to be so. That the said Thos. Boughton Sr. was a regular soldier in the revolution That he enlisted and went out as orderly sergent and that in the time of service, he was promoted to Lieutenant and did serve from the time of his

enlistment to the end of the war, in support of which statements, they beg leave to submit the certificate of Bartlett Brizendine [Bartlett Brizendine R1225], a Highly respected citizen, and soldier of the revolution your memorilist further begs leave to say that this claim has been once rejected, but hopes that it will be reconsiderd as they have been enable to obtain additional testimony, of the greatest importants. Your memorilist would beg leave further, to present their memorial for land Bounty for the services of Thos Boughton Jr. a soldier in the revolution to which they are entiteld to, from what they have been informed, we do therefore respectfully ask that the above cases may be considered and that such a disposition may be made thereof as their right and Justice may be done

A S. Boughton/ B B Boughton/ Thos. Boughton/ John Boughton/ Basockes Boughton

Edward Harte & Mariah hart his wife/ Weston harte & mary harte his wife

John Boughton/ myia[?] Campbell/ Braxton Boughton

Vincent Ramsey and martha his wife/ Henery Simco and Ann his wife

Thos Boughton

[certified 15 June 1834]

Mr. John H Smith

Sir. You will deliver to Seth Saunders, the papers left by me at your Office in support of the claims of Lieut Thomas Boughton and Q.M. [Quarter Master] Thomas Boughton Jr and his rec't. will be good ag't. Yrs Resptfly/ A. S. Boughton/ 27<sup>th</sup> June 1834

1834 July 29 Rejected

The name of no such officer of soldier has been found on the Army Rolls. The evidence is very unsatisfactory to show service entitling to Land either in the State of Cont. Lines. The [rest undeciphered]

Essex County to wit

I Bartlett Brizendine of the County of Essex and state of Virginia, aged about seventy four and an old soldier in the Revolutionary War, do hereby Certify that I was well acquainted with Thomas Boughton sen'r and Thomas Boughton jr his son both of the County of Essex and state aforesaid That I served in the Revolutionary war eighteen months

That the said Thomas Boughton Sen'r served during the war that he went out as an orderly Sergeant. That the said Thomas Boughton jr also served during the war as a private. That I was discharged at York at which time and place the said Thomas Boughton sen'r was acting as Lieutenant and the aforesaid Thomas Boughton jr was acting as a soldier That I left them in service. That after my return home I went to see the family of said Thomas Broughton sen'r and found they had moved to Mr. Joshua[?] Boughton's (father of said Thomas Boughton sen'r) That after the end of the war I heard that the said Thomas Boughton sen'r and Thomas Boughton Jr had returned home. I went to see them and found them packing up their goods and Chattles that Mrs. Boughton (wife of Thomas Boughton Sen'r) had [undeciphered word] to Mr. Joshua Boughton's in order to move [undeciphered word]. Then we had much conversation about the hard services in the war and of the many severe engagements they had been in.

Given under my hand this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February 1835 Bartlett hisXmark Brizendine SS

NOTE: In his own pension application, Carter Croxton did not mention having been at the Battle of Waxhaws. It is very unlikely that Thomas Boughton would have been sent North after the surrender of Cornwallis.