Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Booth (Boothe) R1018 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Kentucky

Woodford County, Sct:

This day James Boothe appeared before me, a Justice of the peace for said County, & made oath that he was on the 11th day of February 1778 in Richmond County at Richmond Court House in the State of Virginia. He was then and there enlisted for three years in the Company commanded by Capt. Thomas Pollard in the first Virginia Regt. of Artillery commanded by Colo Thomas Marshall, and that he served the three years in the Virginia service and was Honorably discharged in February 1781 at Richmond (now the City of Richmond) by Capt. Christopher Roane, that he now resides in Woodford County Kentucky, that he has never rec'd. no land from the State of Virginia nor authorized any person to receive it for him and begs the Gov & Council of Virginia to grant him a warrant for so much land as he is entitled to by a law of Virginia granting land to the officers and soldiers who served in the Revolution. And from the length of time has lost his discharge. Given under my hand this 28th day of September 1818.

[signed] James Booth

[This is apparently the same James Booth who filed pension application S30880 on 9 Aug 1832. William Pullen, pension application W8538, deposed that he had served in the same company with James Booth for three years.]

[The file includes the pension application dated 10 Apr 1846 by Caty Booth, 74, of Pike County MO, the widow of James Booth. She stated that James Booth died on 12 Dec 1817. If this date is correct, then her former husband could not have been the James Booth who filed the above application or the one in 1832. Yet the following deposition by her suggests that they were the same person. In addition, the file includes a copy of a bond signed in Richmond County VA on 15 May 1787 by a James Booth and John Lewis for the marriage of Booth to Caty Draper.]

State of Missouri }
County of Pike }

Statement of Mrs. Caty Booth taken before Henry W. P. Horton, a justice of the Peace in & for the County of Pike and State of Missouri:

My husband's name was James Booth. He enlisted Feb 11, 1778 at Richmond C. H. Va. for three years in Capt Thomas Pollard's Company of the 1st Va Regt of State artillery under Col. Marshall, & discharged in February, 1781. Peter Moore was the Recruiting Officer by whom my husband was enlisted. James Clannahan a cousin of my husband was enlisted at the same time. William Tune is the name of a soldier that enlisted for three years & was with my husband during the war. My name before marriage was Caty Draper. My father's name was John Draper, who married Jean Tune. I resided in Richmond Co., about 2 or 3 miles from the Rappahanock [sic: Rappahannock] river, on Farnum [sic: Farnham] Creek, close by what was known as Farnum's Church. I was married to James Booth in Richmond Co., Va. May 15th, 1787. We resided in Richmond Co. from May until Sept. & then moved to Faquier [sic: Fauquier] Co. Va, where we resided six or seven years, from there we moved to Bourbon Co., Ky on Stony Creek where we resided about twenty years, when we came to St. Charles County, in Missouri, where my husband died. My husband was between twenty-five or six years of age at the time we were married & I was eighteen.

My pension claim was prepared in 1846 by one Robert Green, in Pike County Mo, & the acknowledgement was taken before John Price at that time an acting justice of the Peace for this County.

John Jordon who resides in this County knew us well. We became acquainted with him soon after we came to Missouri. Robert Barnett, Joseph Barnett, also residents of this County were acquainted with us during my husband's life time. I cannot recollect the names of persons with whom we were acquainted in Va. Henry Ewall, James Fry, & the family of Spears who reside in Bourbon County, Ky., were well acquainted with us. William Mountjoy & Charles Mountjoy & Ezekiel Ferrel now resident of this County knew us well in Ky.

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