Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Bohon S14975 VA
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State of Kentucky } On this 3^d day of December in the year of our Lord 1832 personally in Open court before the Justices of the county court of Mercer County now sitting John Bohon senr aged 76 years December 25th 1832 a resident

Citizen of s'd county and state 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 the 7th day of June 1832. That he entered the service of the united states under the following named officers and served as herein stated Vitz I John Bohon sen state on oath that I am 76 years of age December 25th 1832 That I was born in the county of Orange in the state of Virginia where I resided when the revolutionary war commenced That early in the war before the declaration of Independence I believe late in the fall 1775 (say October) I enlisted in Capt Joseph Spencers company of Minute Militia and we immediately marched from Orange county In Col Tallifiers [sic: Lawrence Taliaferro's] Regt from Orange county to James Town at which place Col Tallifiaro left us or resigned and Lt Col [Edward] Stevens succeeded him, after being stationed at James Town several weeks we marched to Norfolk and before we reached that place we had a Battle at a place called The long Bridge [sic: Great Bridge, 9 Dec 1775] with some troops sent against us by Lord Dunmore we killed some of the Brittish officers and captured a number of their men and Lord Dunmore then retreated to his ships and we took possession of Norfolk when I completed three months of my service when I received a furlough to return home, Capt Spencer was promoted and raised a Regt or Battallion to march to the south. I had been at home but a short time before I was orderd back to Norfolk under Capt Edmundson, we had no Colonel that I knew of until we got to Norfolk and there Col Burly [probably Zachariah Burnley] commanded us and I was stationed at Norfolk and in marching between that place James Town and Williamsburgh [sic: Jamestown and Williamsburg], and during which time and when I was there the first time we had frequent skirmishes with the Brittish vessels. I had[?] served out my time of twelve months of actual service and was honorably discharged - my Lieutenants name was Moses Hawkins after I returned to Norfolk.

My next tour of duty was at the Albemar Barracks In the month of February 1778 [sic: Albemarle Barracks, not constructed until late 1778] I was drafted for three months in Capt Buckners [probably William Buckner's] company to guard prisoners [Hessians surrendered at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777 and kept at Albemarle Barracks from Jan 1779 through Feb 1781] at the above named Barracks and I faithfully discharged my duty for three months. I do not recollect what Colonel or whether any Colonel commanded while I was at the Barracks [Col. Theodorick Bland and Col. Francis Taylor] again in the summer 1779 I served another tour of three months under the same captain as a Guard at the Albemarle Barracks

and In the year 1780 in the spring I volunteered as a guard at the same place in Capt Buckner for three months and faithfully discharged my duty and was honorably discharged I do not recollect the name of any Colonel who commanded at these Barracks If a colonel commanded The frailty of my memory on account of my age does not now enable me to give the name but I solemly aver that I performed three several tours of three months each at the Barracks in the years above named

My last tour was in the spring 1781 about the last of May I was drafted in Capt Moses Hawkins company of Col Mathews [possibly Sampson Mathews's] Regiment, and we marched to Williamsburgh where I was stationed and in escorting prisoners to the main Army when Cornwallis invaded Virginia and after marching and countermarching in trying to intercept Lord Cornwallis my time expired near Williamsburgh and I was honorably discharged during this last tour Genl [Anthony] Wayne and La Fayette [sic: Lafayette] were sometimes with us. I further declare that I have no documentary evidence that I have long since lost my discharges considering them of no account, and I do not know of any person by whom I can now prove my services except George Threlkeld and Wharton Ramsdale [signed]

"Wharton Ransdell"] both of whom lived my neighbors in Virginia and since I removed to Kentucky in the year 1787 where I have ever since resided. I am not now a pensioner of the united states or of any state and I hereby relinquish all claim that I may have to any pension or annuity except the present. Witness my hand this 3^d day of December 1832

John hisXmark Bohon

[From Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection/ Orange County – Bohon, Benjamin]

To the honourable the Speaker & gentlemen of the house of Delegates, the petition of Benj'a Bohon Humbly Sheweth

That though your Petitioner is Aged, Infirm, and in Very low Circumstances, he Chearfully concented to his sons going into the Minute Sirvice, in which service they and William Tevisdel (A companion of theirs) was taken Sick and Rendered unfit for Duty – at some Expence I got them to my house in Orange County, my Son William after a tedious Illness died there, my Son John lay Sick and Helpless about four, and my Son Benjamin [Benjamin Bohon W8375] and Tevisdel Ab't seven months before they could do any thing for themselves, and then not able to make me Any satisfaction for the trouble and Expence That [one or two illegible words] Been at with them, which indeed is too much for me to Bear, as I pay rent for land, and my Labour the only Dependence I have for a maintainence

Your petitioner therefore desires that you would Take his case Under your consideration, and grant him such relief as you in your wisdom shall think Reasonable

And as in duty bound will pray &c

Benjamin Bohon

Orange County, Benjamin Bohon Came Before me this day & Made Oath to the Trooth of the Within Petition Likewise James Jamison a Near Neighbour made Oath the he Believes the same. Certify'd Under My hand this 16th Oct'r. 1777 Rowland Thomas

Oct 30 1777 Ref'd to Claims/ reasonable/ £23.13.4

NOTE: For additional information on John Bohon see the pension application of the widow of his brother, Benjamin Bohon W8375.