Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Booz S35198

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State of Kentucky – Woodford Circuit. Sct –

— On this 14th day of September 1820 personally appeared in open court, towit the Woodford Circuit Court being a court of record for the commonwealth of Kentucky John Bose alias Booze aged 78 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th march 1818 and the 1st may 1820 that he the said Booz enlisted for the term of three years on the [blank] day of march in the year 1777 in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by captain Edward Garland [company raised in Lunenburg County] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Charles Lewis in the line of the state of Virginia on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps until about christmass of the year 1778 when he enlisted for and during the war in the said state in company commanded by Captain Winston in the Regiment commanded by Colo. [Burgess] Ball on the same establishment that he continued to serve in the said corps & under Genl. Muhlenberg as a waggoner until the close of the war, when he was discharged honorably from the said service in Frederick County & state of virginia that he does not know what has become of his discharge - that it has been lost or mislaid & that he cannot find it - That he was in the Battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] Germantown [4 Oct 1777] & Stony Point [16 Jul 1779] & that he has no other evidence now in his power, except two patents to him of one hundred acres each for his services in the war, the patents bearing date 12th march 1810 for land lying north west of the Ohio & recorded in the department of state to which he refers —

- and in pursuance of the act of the 1st of may 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income whatever, nor property except the tracts of land aforesaid which yield him nothing That he has never seen said tracts of land or either, nor paid any tax or taxes on them, & that he is well informed & verily believes, that said lands have been long ago sold for the taxes & are irretrievably lost to him. That he has no family with him, he is by occupation a Cooper but is too infirm to pursue it – He further further swears that he made a declaration on the 9th day of June 1818 preparatory to receive a pension agreeably to the first act which he believes was enclosed to the war department, but he has received no account from it whatever and now begs A Pension to commence from the 9th day of June 1818 the date of his original Declaration which appears by some means to have been lost, and that he is now in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support. that the county court of Woodford have ceased to make him any allowance under it belief he would receive Pension [signed] John Booz

NOTE: For additional details see the pension application R1026 of John Booz's son, Richard Booz.