Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Christopher Boston W12323 Elizabeth fn71NC Transcribed by Will Graves 9/22/10

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State of Tennessee Claiborne County: On this 22nd day of June 1825 personally appeared in open court (the same being a Court of record and Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Claiborne County aforesaid the same being a court of record by the laws of the State and have power to fine and imprison) Christopher Boston now a citizen of the County and State aforesaid aged about sixty-five or sixty-six 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 of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820 that he the said Christopher Boston enlisted for the term of one year on the day of the in the year 1781 in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Captain Alexander Brevard in the Battalion commanded by Major Blunt [sic, Redding Blount] in the line of the State of North Carolina and the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in said Corps for one year and was then discharged from said service in Salisbury in the State of North Carolina and the said Christopher Boston further states upon his oath aforesaid that after being discharged he sent his discharge to the legislature of North Carolina and never got it again, that he was in the battle of the Eutaw Springs and at the besieging of Ninety Six and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services, except such as herein set forth; And in pursuance of the act of the first 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons 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 other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

 One milch [milk] Cow
 \$10

 One heifer
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 One axe
 1.50
 \$18.50

S/ Christopher Boston, X his mark

The said Christopher Boston further State upon his oath aforesaid, that his occupation is that of a farmer, and for a long time, he has been unable to perform any labor of consequence, by reason

of his age and infirmity, that he has a wife named Rebecca aged about fifty-six years and that he has no children, the same being sworn to and subscribed in open court.

The court upon hearing said Christopher Boston together with 2 disinterested witnesses, on oath touching the foregoing statement, and schedule of property are of the opinion that the whole is substantially correct, of which together with the opinion of this Court, is ordered to be copied and certified to the Secretary of War the United States.

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State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 22nd March 1824

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this state in the revolutionary war, that Christopher Boston a private in Captain McRee's Company of the 10th Regiment was mustered on the 28th of April 1781 for 12 months, and left the service 28 April 1782.

Given under my hand at Office in Raleigh the date above S/Wm Hill

[Note: "facts" in file: Veteran's widow Elizabeth filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act; that she married her husband in "Munroe" [Monroe] County, Tennessee in November 1834; that her husband died in Buncombe County, NC about the year 1824 [sic][in another document she stated that he died January 9, 1849 in Munroe County, Tennessee]; that her name formerly was Elizabeth Lucon [her name before her marriage to the veteran she stated was Elizabeth Masters]; she stated her age as 48 in a document filed in Cherokee County, NC on June 14, 1855.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 28, 1825, for one year service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]

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¹ Griffith John McRae or McRee.