Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Bond W23657 Mary Bond NJ Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of New York, Seneca County Ss:

On this first day of May 1818, before me the Subscriber, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Seneca in the State of New York, personally appeared William Bilson [pension application W16192], aged Sixty five years resident in the town of Ovid in said County of Seneca, who being by me first duly sworn according to Law, doth, on his Oath, make the following declaration. That Joseph Bond enlisted at Boundbrook [Bound Brook] in the State of New Jersey in Captain (afterwards Major) [Henry] Lee's Corps of "Partizan Dragoons" (so called), some time in the year One thousand seven hundred and Seventy seven. That he, the said Joseph Bond continued to serve in the said Corps untill the 23^d day of May 1780, at which time this deponent was discharged, from the said Corps. That the said Joseph Bond was with the said Corps, at the Brandywine Battle [11 Sep 1777], and at the taking of Stoney Point [sic: Stony Point, 16 Jul 1779]. That the said Joseph Bond was with the said Corps when it was marched to the Southward, after which time this deponent had no knowledge of him or of the said Corps, untill the end of the Revolutionary War. That since that time he this deponent has been intimately acquainted with the said Joseph Bond. That he, the said Joseph Bond now lives in the Town of Ovid in the County of Seneca & State of New York. That for several years past the said Joseph Bond has been deranged in his intellects and is so at this time. That he the said Joseph Bond is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of assistance from his country for support. WilliamBilson

District of New York } Ss On this fourth day of October 1821

Seneca County } personally Appeared in open Court being a court of Common pleas and a Court of record for Seneca County & having a Seal an invested with the power of imposeing penalties fines and imprisonments &c Joseph Bond aged sixty seven years Resident in the town of Ovid in said county of Seneca who being duly sworn acording to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows (viz) that he enlisted in Captain Lees company in Colonel [Theodorick] Bland's regiment of Virginia Dragoons sometime in the Spring of the year 1775 & afterward served in Lees Legion untill the close of the war when he was Discharged at the Eutau Springs [sic: Eutaw Springs] in South Carolina

And 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 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.

A Schedule of the real & personal Estate of Joseph Bond

real Estate ten acres of unproductive land an old Log House & old Log Barn an some personal Estate two cows worth about ten dollars each one hog worth about two Dollars Six Sheep worth about one dollar pr head two beds & Bedding worth ten Dollar & fifty cents Six chairs worth about two Dollars Six tea Cups & Saucers one tea pot one tea kettle Six plates & three Dishes Six pewter table Spoons five old knives Six old forks two Iron pots one pan one trammel two pails one tub two wheels one pair tongs 2 bowls one old candle Sticks one old chain Cash due to me one dollars & fifty cents also due to me forty Six dollars it being money rec'd by my agents for my pension not paid me – Amount of debts owing by me five Dollars The ocupation of Joseph Bond is a Corderanus[?] his constitution is much impared is much affected by the rheumatism so a to be unable to Labour & has been so unable to labour for the space

of fifteen years past He has no family except his wife who is forty nine years old and in bad health Sworn Octr 4th 1821 in Open Court Joseph Bond

NOTES:

The court valued the property declared in 1821 at \$282. Generally the pension would be suspended if the property was valued at more than \$200.]

The <u>bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia</u> has an index entry for Joseph Bond of Seneca County NY with a document by James Heard (S540), who was a Captain in Lee's Legion, but the online image is for a soldier of a different name and service.

On 30 May 1839 Mary Bond, about 68, resident of Lodi in Seneca County, applied for a pension stating that at age 14 she married Joseph Bond in New Jersey, and that her husband died about 21 Nov 1823.

On 25 June 1839 Thomas Covert (W10671) stated that as a child Mary Bond had lived in his family and that Joseph and Mary Bond traveled with him while moving to Seneca County in 1792 as far as Wilkes Barre PA, where they were delayed about three weeks by a flood, and that the Bonds remained there for about two years before proceeding to Seneca County. On 8 Sep 1842 Thomas Covert stated that he was born in 1754 and knew Joseph Bond when he was a boy apprenticed to a shoe maker.

On 1 Sep 1842 Mary Bond gave her age as 72 and stated that Joseph Bond had served as a Sergeant as well as a Private, and that she was married to him in March 1785 by a Baptist minister named Rura Runion, and that her husband died in the fall of 1822.

On 8 Sep 1842 Jane Covert, born in 1762, stated that her sister, Mary, aged 72, married Joseph Bond in March 1785 in Middlesex NJ, that on returning from the marriage on horseback the newlyweds stopped at her house, and that they lived in Middlesex County NJ until about 1794, when they moved to Seneca County. On 6 Oct 1842 Rachel Covert, another sister of Mary Bond, born in 1767 in New Jersey and living in Monroe County NY, also certified the marriage.