Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Bond W5848

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State of Tennessee Williamson County

On this eighteenth day of November 1839 Personally appeared before me James J Bingham one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for the county aforesaid Ann Bond aged seventy nine years a resident of the county and state aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July the 4^{th} 1836

That she is the Widow of William Bond who was a soldier of the Revolution and served the following tours of service. His first tour of service was in the regular service of the state of Virginia this was about the commencement of the year 1777 or in the latter part of 1776. They were called state Minute Men to be under regular officers and ready to march at a minites warning. She was not then married to him but she saw him start when the call was made. They were marched to Northfolk [sic: Norfolk] and York river and stationed at several other places in the state. She cannot state the names of the officers under whom he served this time nor can she state precisely the lenth of service but believes it to be twelve month, the soldiers were in enlisted for two years but she thinks they did not serve so long and she must depend for proof on the particulars of this tour.

After he had returned home she and the said William Bond was marr on the eleventh day of December 1777 seventeen hundred and seventy seven she recolects the day and date and annexed hereto the family record of the ages of her children which is in the genuine hand writting of the said William Bond and in the family ever since has been preserved

The next tour of service was in the militia of Virginia he had just got a substitute but the substitute was gone and the draft was made and her husband had to go in his place was this tour drafted for six months under captain Balleu [sic: Charles Ballew or Charles Ballou, Cumberland County Militia] under Major [St. George] Tucker and commanded by General [Robert] Lawson they were marched to North Carolina to join General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] they were all this service stationed in North Carolina and during this time he was in the battle of Guilford court House [15 Mar 1781] he served this tour six months and a few days as to a discharge she does not know what was done with any of his old papers. She has no documentary or other record proof in suport of her claim but the family record hereto annexed.

She further declares that she was married to the said William Bond on the 11th day of December seventeen hundred and seventy seven by a Protestant preacher by the name of Saunders in Cumberland county Virginia. That her husband the afore William Bond died on the 22th day of July eighteen hundred and thirty 1830 and that she has remained a widow ever since that Period as will be more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed

Ann herXmark Bond

State of Tennessee }
Williamson County }
On this day [18 Nov 1839] personally appeared before me James J

Bingham one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for said County Charlotte Meader aged 73 years who being duly sworn makes oath that she was living about one half mile from William Bond when he entered the service the first time he then lived at his mothers but had been living at Richmond working at his trade (hatter) but returned home and started from his mothers they were minute men and she does not recolect the name of the officers under whom he went Captain Creed Haskins went to Northfolk at the same time and this affiant belives that Bond went under him, Bond was gone down this

year to Northfolk in the service a long time at least six months. Captain Haskins stayed a year or more at least. She recolects that she and the neighbour Girls had to make clothing and send down to them once or twic during this tour not long after Bond returned home he and Mrs Bond his present widow were married they had been promised before he served. This affiant was present and saw them married they were married by a Protestant preacher this affiant cannot say particularly the date but she was about ten years old or eleven when the marriage took place and she thinks it must be in 1777. This affiant beleves that two or three years afterwards Bond was drafted. She recolects they had one or two children and he went to North Carolina to Join the main army under General Green and was in Guilford battle. He was out a considerable time but cannot say but she believes he served out his time which at that Period of the war was six months. She is certain of these two tours and further she cannot state particularly. She has lived a neighbour to them ever since.

Charlotte herXmark Miader

NOTE: The family record was certified on 10 Nov 1839 by John Bond, son of William and Ann Bond, who stated that it was from a Book of Common Prayer, and who gave his age as 61. The page is torn at places marked [*] in the transcription below.

John Bond [*] born ye 4th nov'r. 1778
Page Bond was born ye 23^d novb'r. 1779
Wm Bond was born ye 19th July 1783
Lucy Bond was born ye 8th Sept'r. 1790
Wm Bond 178[?]
Page bond [*]
page bond
Ann [?]
Hill[?] Bond was born ye 23^d of October 1795
The youngest child
Maurice Bond was Born ye on 23 of October 1806