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Virginia Rejected Application of Joel Doggett VAS1001

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To his Excellency/ the Governor & Council of the State of Virginia

The Petition of Richard T. Doggett Respectfully sheweth

That your Petitioner Richard T. Doggett is the only Child and Heir of Joel Doggett Dec'd. who was a Lieutenant in the Virginia Continental line and serv'd more than Three years and to the end of the War of the Revolution, which is fully proved by the Deposition of William Gibson, who liv'd in one and a half miles of said Doggett when he enter'd and return'd from the Army during the War of Revolution, And it is Also Prov'd by Joseph Hackley who liv'd about the same distance from said Doggett that he was a Lieutenant, in the Virginia Continental line and serv'd to the end of the War of the Revolution, And it is further prov'd by Willis Morgan, That said Joel Doggett was and Officer and came from the War of the Revolution, to visit his said Morgans Mother who was the Sister of said Doggett in the year 1783, And said Petitioner further states that he could procure much proof of the same kind was it necessary, and said Petitioner will state of his own knowledge (although no proof) that his Father Acted as Adjutant in the Regiment of Militia in the County where he liv'd untill his Death and he has often heard him observe to the men when going on Parade that he would not put them through the Continental Service, and your Petitioner &c

Richard T. Doggett

State of Kentucky }  
Mercer Circuit Sct } September Term 1833 [Certified 1 Oct 1833]

Captain Jesse Smith being in Court & being sworn states that he was well acquainted with Joel Doggett late a resident of Culpepper County in the State of Virginia that he said Doggett died he believes about twenty five or thirty years ago leaving but two children towit Richard T. Doggett and George Doggett his only heirs. That said George Doggett afterwards departed this life without leaving any child or children as he believes or being married. That affiant was intimate in the family of said Joel Doggett & frequently saw said children in the family & Heard them by said decedent recognised as his children.

That George Doggett came to Kentucky & died in the Service of his Country in the Army in the late War with Great Britain, which is ordered to be Certified.

The Deposition of William Gibson Taken at his Own house in Garrard County State of Kentucky on Monday the seventh day of October 1833 who being in his Eighty second year of his age and duly sworn deposeth and saith.

That he Lived in about One and a half miles of Bushrode Doggett the Father of Benjamin, Richard, George, and Joel Doggett [Benjamin Doggett VAS998, Richard Doggett BLWt1983-300, George Doggett, and Joel Doggett] his four sons, and that they were rais'd and brought up in the same Neighbourhood Together untill they were all men grown, and usd to be much engag'd in playing at the game of Fives Together. And that the said Bushrode Doggett with his sons Liv'd in Fauquire [sic: Fauquier] County at the Commencemint of the Revolutionary War and towards the Latter end and close of the war, the old man remov'd into Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] County, but previous to which time his sons had all gone into the Army and this Deponat Gibson being call'd on to state what he knows of the services of the youngest son Joel Doggett in the Army during the Revolutionary War states that he went into the Army in the year '76 or 77 but knows not in what capacity he enter'd the service, but well recollects that he return'd home on

Furlough some short time after he enter'd the Army dress'd in the Regmentals of an Officer and understood he was some officer under a Captain and that he came home, once or twice soon afterward. And he Deponat understood he was a Lieutenat and Adjutant and that he well recollects that said Doggett Remaind in service untill the end of the War or near the end thereof and that he was in service as an Officer much Longer than three years and further this deponant saith not.

William hisXmark Gibson

The Deposition of Willis Morgan taken at the office of Daniel Bradford in the City of Lexington Fayette County Kentucky on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October 1833 who being of Lawfull age and duly sworn Deposeth and saith

That being call'd on by Richard T Doggett only Child and Heir at Law to his Father Joel Doggett to state, what he knows of his Fathers Revolutionary services, Sayeth that his Mother was the Sister of Joel Doggett, and said Doggett came to see his said Deponants Mother sometime in the latter end of 1782 or the begining of 1783 but believes it was the latter attended by his waiter Will and he well recollects his Uncle was dress'd in Regimental Clothing and his Waiter Will wore a Leather Cap Cover'd with small Chains and he deponant like most other Boys being desirous to know what Will had the Chains on his Cap for made enquiry of his Mother, who replied they were to keep the sword from Cutting his head. The reason why I can be so particular as to dates my Father came to Kentucky from Fauquier County Virginia in the fall of the year 1782 and return'd home in the Spring or Summer of 1783 and removed his family to Kentucky in the fall of the same year and it was during my Fathers Absence in Kentucky that my Uncle Joel Doggett return'd from the War, and visited my Mother. These dates are of Record in the family Register of Births as their was one child born in the family on the Boat descending the Ohio and another soon after the family got to the Station where we resided in Kentucky. The said Deponant knows not what Rank or Commission said Doggett bore but knows he was an Officer and in service at or near the Close of the War and further this deponant saith not

Willis Morgan

The Deposition of Samuel Hackney [pension application S36001] taken at the house of Thornton Kemper on the 20<sup>th</sup> December 1833 in Garrad County State of Kentucky who being in the seventy ninth year of his age, and duly sworn Deposeth and saith – That being call'd on by Richard T. Doggett the only son and heir of Joel Doggett Dec'd to state what he knows of his farther Revolutionary Services – I was acquainted with him and I was a Revolutionary soldier in the Virginia Continental Line. I saw the said Joel Doggett Dressd in Regmentals and was acting as Leutenant in the Virginia Continental Line, but do not recollect what Rgt. he belong to. I was soldier at the seige of York [Yorktown 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] when I saw Joel Doggett again Dress'd in the same manner Acting as adjutant and further this Deponant saith not

Sam'l Hackney

The Deposition of Joseph Hackley taken at his own house in Lincoln County State of Kentucky on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day December 1833. Who being in the 82<sup>nd</sup> year of his age and duly sworn deposeth and saith. That being Called on by Richard T. Doggett the Only Son and heir of Joel Doggett dec'd. to state what he knows of his Fathers Revolutionary Services – Says that he lived in about one and half miles of Bushrode Doggett the Father of Benjamin Richard George & Joel Doggett. This [illegible word] and they all then Resided in Fauquire County Virginia and the four sons all went into the Army during the war of the Revolutionary. And that the youngest son Joel Doggett on whose acct. he is call'd upon to give this Deposition was a Leutenant in the Virginia Continental Line and enterd the services about the year 76<sup>th</sup> and he Returnd home Twice on furlough Dress'd in his Regmentals while in Services, and that he conversd with him each time, and informd by him that he was a Leutenant in the Virginia Continental Line, and he well recollects that said Doggett remaind in the services to the end of the war. And further Deponant saith not

Joseph hisXmark Hackly

Petition for bounty Land.

Heirs of Lieut Joel Doggett of the Contl. line.

The facts in this case are – Wm. Gibson, a witness, says that Joel Doggett entered the service in 1777 or 1779; but does not know in what capacity he entered – afterwards, he understood, he remained in service as Lieutenant & adjutant, and that he was in service until the end of the war, or near it; and much longer than three years.

Joseph Hackley – another witness, says – Joel Doggett was Lieutenant in the Virginia Continental line; & was in service to the end of the war.

Willis Morgan, another witness, says – that in the latter part of 1782, or beginning of 1783, (he believes the last) he saw Joel Doggett, with his servant, both in uniform. He does not know what rank of Commission Doggett held; but knows he was an officer, and in service, at or near the close of the War. These witnesses are all respectable: and their Depositions or aff'ts. are all the evidence which is relied upon in support of this claim.

Your Excellency is informed, that the name of this officer has not been found on the Army Register; nor on any of the Rolls of the army, which are on file in the public offices of this State.

The proof which has been offerd, in support of this claim, unaided by any evidence of Record, is insufficient to sustain it; of this, however, your Excellency will judge.

If bounty land should be allow'd, it should be for a service from 1776 or 1777 (according to the evidence) to the close of the war.

To his Excellency/ Gov'e. [Littleton Waller] Tazewell

Respectfully Submitted/ John H Smith Com'r &c  
April 12<sup>th</sup> 1834

[A small vertical section is missing from the middle of the online image of the following:]

State of Ky/ Garrard County

This day came before Isaac Marksbury a justice of the peace in and for the County af'd David Lain aged nearly sixty eight year, a respectable and credible witness & made oath that when quite a youth not exceeding ten or 12 years old in the state of Virginia County of Culpepper he was acquainted with Joel Doggett very well – that he was born & raised in two miles of him. That he frequently saw him dressed as an officer & was often so dressed where deponent lived during the time of the War of the Revolution that he well remembers several times when the said Doggett took cattle for the use of army of the United states. That he was accompanied in making the [illegible word] by armed men he believe to have been soldiers. He does not know what grade the said Doggett held in the army, but he believes from all he can recollect that he was an officer belonging to the U States, in the Regular Service, but as before stated he would not undertake to say of what grade.

David hisXmark Lain JP

Lieut. Joel Doggett./ 1838 May 3

The evidence in this case is not satisfactory to shew that Joel Doggett was an officer in either the Continental or State line Statements such as are made by the witnesses in this case, could be made about the service of many militia officers [not eligible for bounty land from Virginia].

Rejected/ DC

NOTE: On 30 Sep 1833 Richard T. Doggett of Mercer County KY appointed Willis Morgan of Muhlenberg County KY his attorney to obtain bounty land or money for the service of his father, who died in Culpeper County VA. The file contains a copy of the last will and testament of Joel Doggett that is mostly illegible in the online image. It appears to be dated 28 March 1802 and was made in Saint Marks Parish in Culpeper County when he was in good health. It mentions his wife, Sarah.