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Virginia Bounty-Land Application of Benjamin Doggett VAS998

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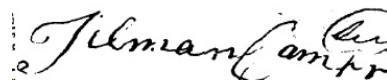
[The federal bounty-land application of Richard Doggett (BLWt1983-300) contains a copy of a power of attorney assigned on 3 Nov 1832 by Thomas Doggett of Bath County KY to obtain bounty-land for the services of his uncle, Richard Doggett, and of his father, Benjamin Doggett.]

[From [bounty-warrant records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

To His Excellency/ The Governor and County of the State of Virginia

The Petition of Thomas Doggett Humbley sheweth that your Petitioners Father Benjamin Doggett enlisted as a Soldier for three years in the Virginia Continental line during the War of the Revolution and died in the Service of his Country about the year 1778 such is fully prov'd by the Deposition of Tilman Camper [pension application S8573] [illegible word] Substantially Corroborated by the Affidavit of Willis Morgan both of which is herewith enclosed, and the Petitioner would further state that Record proof and evidence in open Court of his Heirship will be found fil'd in the papers of Captain Richard Doggett in the Register office
Thomas Doggett by D Briggs his agent

The Deposition of Tilman Camper taken at the office of the clerk of the Fayette County Court in the State of Kentucky on the seventh day of November 1832 who being in the 74 years of his age and duly sworn deposes and saith that he enlisted as a soldier in the revolution under Capt. Helms [sic: Leonard Helm] in Colo. George Rogers Clark's Regiment of of the Virginia Continental line and at the time of said Enlistment was an inhabitant of Fauquier County and State of Virginia and that he was well acquainted with Benjamin Doggett, the eldest son of Bushrod Doggett of Fauquier County aforesaid who also Enlisted as a Soldier for three years in the virginia Continental Line and died in the service during said Enlistment some time in the year Seventeen hundred and Seventy Eight (1778)



Affidavit of Willis Morgan taken at the Washington Hotel in the City of Richmond this 21st day of Nov'r. 1832 who being of lawful age and duly sworn deposes and saith

That his mother was the youngest sister of Benjamin Doggett the son of Bushrode Doggett, and that he has often heard her state that her Brother Benjamin was her eldest Brother and that he died in the service as a Soldier during the Revolutionary War and that that her next eldest Brother Richard was a Captain and was slain at the Battle of Stono in South Carolina [Stono Ferry, 20 Jun 1779] and that her next eldest Brother George [George Doggett] was also a Soldier in the Revolutionary and got shot through the knee by the accidental discharge of a Musket as he was lying in Camp

And said Deponant further states that he well knows Thomas Doggett the only son of Benjamin Doggett, who has been often at his Fathers house during his mother's life time, and was there known acknowledg'd and stated by this deponants Mother to be her Nephew the son of her Brother Benjamin Doggett and this Deponant further states that those facts were made fresh in his memory by hearing them talk'd over by his Mother during the late war with great Britain. and further this deponant saith not.

Willis Morgan

[The following are among [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#):]

The Deposition of Willis Morgan taken at the Office of Daniel Bradford in the City of Lexington on the 7th day of October 1833 Deposeth and saith

That being call'd on by Thomas Doggett the only son and Heir at law of Benjamin Doggett Dec'd. to State what he knows of his Fathers Revolutionary Services says he knows nothing of himself being too young at the Death of Benjamin Doggett to know any thing, But will say that his mother now Dec'd. was the youngest sister of Benjamin Doggett, and that he has often heard her state that Benjamin Doggett Richard George & Joel Doggett [VAS1001] her four Brothers all went into the Army during the War of the Revolution and that her eldest Brother Benjamin Doggett was appointed a Wagon Master and died in that Service and that she used to state the circumstances of his death as follows that he had been sick and was on the recovery and riding in a Wagon and that by some Accident the Wagon got into deep water by which he got wet, relaps'd and died. This Deponant further states that the statement of his Mother as before mentiond he has heard her make occasionally from the time he could recollect untill her death about 12 or 13 years past and further this Deponant saith not Willis Morgan

The Deposition of Richard T. Doggett taken at Harrodsburg on the 25th day of December 1833 in Mercer County state of Kentucky who being of Lawfull age and duly sworn Deposeth and saith. That being call'd on by Thomas Doggett the only son and heir at Law of Benjamin Doggett Dec'd states that he knows nothing of himself but what he has lernt from his Father – That Benjamin Doggett was his father Eldest Brother and that he enlisted as a Soldier in the Virginia Continental Line and during his service he was taken from the Line and appointed Waggon Master, and had under his Controul or management a Brigade or detachment of waggons and while in services as a Waggon master he had been sick and was returning from the South The Waggon got into deep warter by which he got wet relaps'd and died. These circumstances he has often herd his Father state when talking of his Brother's death and further this Deponant saith not Rich'd T. Doggett

[7 Oct 1833] The Deposition of William Gibson taken at his own house in Garrard County State of Kentucky who being in the 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 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 engaged in playing at the game of Fives together, And that said Bushrode Doggett with his sons liv'd in Fauquier County at the Commencement of the Revolutionary War, and towards the latter end and close of the War, the Old Man removed into Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] County. This Deponant further states that Benjamin Doggett the Elder son married and remain'd in Fauquier County, and that early in the commencement of the Revolutionary War Benjamin Doggett Enlisted for three 3 years in the Virginia Continental line and that some short time after he Enlisted he was appointed a Wagon master and was engag'd in Superintending a Brigade or detachment of Wagons in going or returning from the South where he was taken sick and died on the march, and my wifes Cousin Harry Settle married his Benjamin Doggetts Widow whose maiden named was Peach and one of her relations of the name of Peach married my Daughter I state these particulars to the Gentlemen taking my Deposition that the reason I know so much about Benjamin Doggett was that our family was married all through other which would naturally make us know more of one anothers affairs and further this deponant saith not William hisXmark Gibson

[1834] The Honorable Governor and Council of the State of Virginia

The Petition of Thomas Doggett respectfully sheweth

That he is the only Son and Heir at law to Benjamin Doggett Dec'd. of Fauquier County Virginia who Enlisted as a Soldier for three years in the Virginia Continental line during the War of the Revolution, was appointed a Wagon Master and died in Service which is fully proven by the Depositions

of William Gibson herewith enclos'd, and also circumstantially proven by Willis Morgan the Nephew of my Father Benjamin Doggett

The Petitioner would further state that about 12 months past he laid in the claim of his Father before your Honorable body for to get the Bounty lands due him as a Soldier which claim was passed upon the testimony then exhibited and a 100 Acre Warrant then rec'd which Proof if necessary he begs may be refer'd to. Your Petitioner would further state that since receiving the 100 Acre Warrant for his Fathers Services as a Soldier he is inform'd that he should have laid his Claim as Wagon master which entitles him to a larger Bounty in land than is allow'd to a Private Soldier. This your Petitioner did not know at the time although he well knew from the information of his mother and others that his Father was a Wagon Master, and died as such in the Service of his Country during the war of Revolution. The Petitioner therefore prays that his Fathers claim as Wagon master be allowed and the 100 Acre warrant rec'd. deducted therefrom and your Petitioner will &c Thomas Doggett

NOTE: The rejected-claims file includes a copy of a certificate made in Fauquier County VA on 23 Nov 1778 naming George Doggett administrator of the estate of Benjamin Doggett.