

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Booth R1020

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State of Indiana ss }

Jefferson County }

On this 11th day of November 1834 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Probate in and for said county & state, now setting John Booth a resident of Jefferson County and State aforesaid aged 66 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7 1832. — That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated viz.

Served eight full months in the virginia line under Captain Louden, Lieutenant John Cain and Serjeant John Runyon Company consisted of eighty men. Entered service at 14 years of age and in the year 1782 but of the year he is not positive & certain, lived in Harrison County [formed from Monongalia County in 1784] Virginia when he entered service. Was born on Booths Creek in said County, served as a private volunteer soldier - marched from Salemtown [Salem] in said County to Neals Station (a distance of 75 miles) on little Kenhawa [Fort Neal on Neal Run on the south bank of the Little Kanawha River nearly opposite Parkersburg], thence back to Salemtown, Thence to Robisons Station a distance of 30 miles, thence to Salemtown, thence to Hackers Creek a distance of 40 miles, thence back to Salem town
Was in no battle during his service.

He has no documentary evidence of his service and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. Has no record of his age

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any state.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

[signed] John Booth

John Booth - late of Harrison County [VA] but now of Indianna

I understand from different sources that this man is an applicant for a Pension and also Jonathan Wamsley wrote his declaration— I am also informed by Jesse Martin a man of character & propriety that Booth was born the 15th March 1775 — this information was derived from an acct of Booths, and was procured by Martin with a view to be used in a threatened Law suit.
W. G Singleton Nov. 19, 1834

NOTE: W. G. Singleton, District Attorney, investigated a large number of fraudulent applications in Harrison and Lewis counties, including several prepared by Jonathan Wamsley. For details see the pension application of David W. Sleeth (S6111). Booth's application was rejected, probably because any service he performed would have occurred after the Revolutionary War.