

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Bostick R1040

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State of Tennessee Davidson County

Be it known, That on this the 8th day of March 1853 personally appeared before me John S Brien, Judge & Chancellor of the Chancery Court for the middle Division of Tennessee, Hardin P Bostick, aged forty-eight years, a resident of the County & State aforesaid, (with whom I am well and intimately acquainted, and who I certify is a man of veracity, good repute and high standing) and made the following Declaration in order to obtain for the children of Captain John Bostick the benefit of the provisions of the Act of Congress of June 7th 1832.

That he is the Son and Executor of John Bostick Deceased, who as Declarant always understood from him was engaged in the military Service of the United States in the latter part of the Revolutionary War, for the State of North Carolina, and, as appears from his Commission herewith presented, was a Captain of Cavalry in the Regiment for the District of Salisbury commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Stokes, and that he was appointed Captain on the 20th day of March in the year 1783 by Governor Richard Caswell of North Carolina as appears from said Commission –

That he continued in the service for a considerable length of time, but the exact duration of his service, Declarant is unable to state, having never heard his father say as he remembers, but relies on the Records of military Service in North Carolina to show that fact.

That after the close of the War, he removed from North Carolina to Williamson County, State of Tennessee, where he continued to reside until his death which event occurred on the 20th day of September in the year 1850, that he left no Widow, but the following named and only surviving children to wit: James A Bostick, Bathenia Patton, Elizabeth Bell, James Wilson, Christina Coltart and Declarant, who is also the Executor of his father. That during his father's lifetime, and since the passage of the Act of 7th of June 1832, he has often as to his father, and heard others ask him, why he never drew a Pension and whether or not he was entitled one, that he always replied that he was entitled to a Pension, and had papers to prove his service, but that he had a competency, and did not desire one, and that he did not serve his Country for that purpose, and Declarant has often heard him reflect upon his neighbor and relative Thomas

Hardin Perkins¹ for receiving a Pension the said Perkins being a very wealthy man. Declarant further swears that he has in his possession no other record or documentary evidence in support of the claim than the commission of his father here with presented nor does he know of any unless the Records of the State of North Carolina should show his father's service, Declarant prays that the Pension be granted and made payable to him as Executor for the benefit of himself and the other heirs.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the day & year above written, and I certify that I am not interested or concerned in the prosecution of the claim, nor in the result thereof

S/ John S. Brien, Chancellor &c

S/ Hardin P Bostick

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State of Georgia Muscogee County: On this 31st day of July 1854 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for said County Mr. Hillary B. Bostick a resident of said County aged eighty-two years and made oath in due form of law that he is a cousin of Captain John Bostick late of Williamson County Tennessee that they was boys together in Surry County North Carolina although he was a few years older than affiant and was engaged in the Service of the United States in the Revolutionary war. That during his service he lived in Surry County North Carolina that he was engaged in the militia service as a private for several tours of duty after which he was appointed or elected Captain of a militia company in which capacity he continued to serve as Captain to the close of the war which was in the year 1782 or 1783, duration of each tour of service, affiant cannot recollect but that he performed several tours of Service as a private and as a Captain all of which was in the latter part of the war. That after the close of the war of the affiant's father moved to this State and settled in Richmond County and shortly afterwards or in a few years after affiant & his father settled in said Richmond County the said Captain John Bostick came from Surry County NC to Georgia on a visit to see his uncle affiant's father where he became acquainted with a Miss Polly Jarvis of Richmond County Georgia to whom he was married. Affiant does not recollect the particular date of his marriage but knows it was several years before affiant was married that affiant was married to Elizabeth Jarvis a relation of Captain John Bostick's wife in the year 1798 at [sic, that] after his marriage he returned to North Carolina from which place he removed to Williamson County Tennessee in the year 1808 where he remained until his death which took place sometime in the year 1850 as affiant was informed. That at the time of his death he left several children (Hardin P Bostick & others names of all of the affiant does not know or recollect that Captain Bostick's wife died some time before he did as affiant understood he is also informed that Hardin P Bostick is the executor of his father John Bostick who affiant is certain is the same identical Captain John Bostick who served in the Revolutionary war as above stated. Affiant further makes oath that he is not interested in any way in the pension salt by said heirs of Captain Bostick as he is informed. Sworn to & subscribed before me the date above

S/ Jordan L Howell, JP

S/ H. B. Bostick

¹ Sic, Thomas Harden Perkins FPA S3680

THE STATE OF NORTH-CAROLINA

To *John Baker* GREETING:

WE reposing special trust and confidence in your patriotism, valour, conduct and fidelity, do by these presents, constitute and appoint you *Captain of the 2nd Regt of Militia standing in the County of Surry in the Regiment of the District of Salisbury*

You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of *Commander* by exercising and well disciplining the officers and soldiers under your command, and by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging: And we do strictly charge and require all officers and soldiers under your command, to be obedient to your orders as *Captain* and you are to observe and follow such orders and directions from time to time as you shall receive from your superior officers, according to the directions of military discipline and the laws of the State.

WITNESS RICHARD CASWELL, Esquire, our Governor, Captain-General, and Commander in Chief, under his Hand, and the Great Seal of the State, which he hath caused to be hereunto affixed, at *Winston* the *10th* Day of *March* Anno Dom. 1787 and in the *11th* Year of our Independence.

John Baker
Commander *R. Caswell*