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Pension Application of William Booth R11

VA Sea Service/ VA Half Pay

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Northumberland County

State of Virginia SS

On this thirtieth day of October in the Year of Our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and forty one personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the County and State aforesaid John Smith Kesterson of said State & County who being duly Sworn deposeth and Saith That He was personally acquainted with William Booth That said Booth served on board of the Protector Gally commanded by Capt John Thomas [R100] in the war of the Revolution That said Gally was fitted out by the State of Virginia That he the deponeth knew William Booth whilst he was on duty and on board of said Gally. The deponeth further declares that William Booth served as Sailing Master and Poilate [sic: Pilot] That he knew the aforesaid Booth after his discharge that he lived in the aforesaid County and State and that he died in the month of September in the year of Seventeen Hundred and Eighty Nine and That said Booth Left no heirs nor has he any Living in this County but The deponeth says She has herd William Booth speak of a brother by the name of Thomas Booth of Somerset County and State of Maryland

[signed] John S Kesterson

[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#).]

This is to Certify that William Booth Inlisted with me the 1st day of February 77 and served the terme of three years truly and faithfully as Master and Poilate and is her by Discharged

Given under my hand this 1st day of February 1780

John Thomas Capt.
Protector Galley



[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) in two files.]

To the Gov. & Council of Virginia:

The petition of the Heirs at Law of Wm. Booth respectfully represents that the said Booth entered the Va. Navy Feb. 1st 1777, & became supernumerary Feby. 1st 1780, having been on that day discharged by order of Government.

Annexed is the affidavit of James Burk [S6649] proving his rank as sailing master, and the certificate of Capt. John Thomas, that said Booth was discharged Feby 1st 1780. The original certificate of Capt. Thomas is on file in the Executive, to which reference is asked.

Having become Supernumerary, his service was equivalent to a service for and during the war, and the said Booth becomes entitled to an additional allowance from Feby 1st 1783, the end of his sixth year, to the end of the war, a period of nearly 10 months.

The heirs of the said Wm. Booth therefore pray an additional allowance of bounty land from Feb 1st 1783 to the end of the War.

The affidavit of James Burk taken before me R. G. Banks, a Justice of the Peace in & for the county of Elizabeth City, in the State of Virginia, this 28th day of Dec'r 1832: The said affiant being sworn deposeth & saith, that he, this affiant, was well acquainted with William Booth during the Revolutionary war and for twenty five or thirty years thereafter; that the said William Booth served several years, this affiant will not undertake to say exactly how long, as a Sailing Master of the Virginia State Navy in the War of the Revolution, principally, this affiant believes, onboard the ship Dragon; that this affiant

frequently met with the said William Booth while in actual service and often conversed with him about their revolutionary service; that this affiant was himself an officer of the Virginia state navy in said War & served three years, for which service he received said bounty from the State of Virginia; that the said Booth resided some years after the War in Warwick county in this state a near neighbour to this affiant, and removed thence to Somerset county, on the Eastern Shore of "Maryland".

Sworn to this 28th day December 1832

R. G. Banks J.P./ Eliz. City County

State of Maryland

Somerset County, towit,

At an adjourned meeting of the Orphan's Court of Somerset County, held at the Town of Princess Anne on the 23^d day of May Anno Domini, 1833, among other proceedings are the following. It is ordered to be certified that it appears to the Court by satisfactory evidence that Thomas Booth of Somerset County in the State of Maryland is the brother and only heir at law of William Booth formerly a Master in the State Navy of Virginia in the Revolutionary war [copy certified 28 May 1833]

I certify that, on the 20th day of August 1835, Warrant No. 8232 for 2466 $\frac{2}{3}$ acres additional issued to Thomas Booth heir of William Booth.

S. H. Parker Reg. L. Office

Registered Aug 28 1847.

1847 Aug 28 Rejected

Act of 1782. S. IX. 1/6 part of 6 years Bounty allowed for every years the soldier may have continued, or shall hereafter continue, in service beyond the term of 6 years.

Act of Nov. '81. Sect 4. reducing the Navy – directed it to be sold (except Look out Boat Liberty) and the officers & Soldiers to be dismissed.

Booth belonged to the Dragon & was dismissed in 1781 not made supernumerary.

Besides he was then dismissed before the acts passed [several undeciphered words] & before the Law passed giving the 1/6 additional over 6 yrs to those who have or shall continue in service over 6 years!

Rejected R. L. Daniel/ L. Gov.

NOTE: A document in the federal file dated 17 May 1837 states that William Booth died in Somerset County MD.