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Pension Application of Joseph Bullock R1423

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State of Virginia                 }  
County of Spotsylvania    } SS

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August 1843 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the aforesaid County and State Martha Bullock, a resident of the said County and State, aged seventy seven years who being duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 1838 entitled, "an act granting half pay, and pensions to certain widows." That she is the widow of Joseph Bullock, who was a private of militia in the army of the Revolution. That her husband, the said Joseph Bullock, informed her during his life, that he was draughted in the early period of the war for six months, and performed that tour of duty under Col. Thomas Minor [pension application W5374] late of the aforesaid County of Spotsylvania, but who at that time only ranked as Captain – and that her husband aforesaid was in a mess with one James Williams [W6515] late of the aforesaid County and who was drawing a Pension at the time of his death. She further states, that the aforesaid Col. Thomas Minor frequently told her, this declarant, during his life (being at that time her near neighbour & friend, that her husband the said Joseph Bullock, had served one tour of duty under him and had served another tour of either two or three months she cannot recollect which, under some other officer whose name she has forgotten. She recollects also, that her husband, the said Bullock told her, himself, during his life, that he had performed some one or two other tours of duty but what the time was she cannot state, nor can she state at what period of the war it was, but one of the tours was performed about the time of the Siege of York [Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], and that her husband was at that siege either at York Town, or on the Gloucester side she does not recollect to have heard his say or if she ever did, she has forgotten – She further states, that her husband, aforesaid, was a Blacksmith by Trade and that she had heard him repeatedly speak of having a good deal of that kind of work to do whilst in service, such as shoeing Horses, and other necessary work. She further states, that she has no documentary evidence of his services, nor does she at this time know of any person now living who can testify as to his services – but as the public records & papers may probably shew she respectfully refers to them. – She further declares, that she was married to the said Joseph Bullock on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of December seventeen hundred and eighty three, and that her husband the aforesaid Joseph Bullock died on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of Sept eighteen hundred & twenty two. That she was not married to him previous to his leaving the service but that the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four Viz: at the time above stated

Martha herXcross Bullock

I John Bullock of the County of Spotsylvania in the state of Virginia hereby certify that I am a son of Joseph Bullock deceased, late of the aforesaid County and that he died on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of Septem one thousand eight hundred and twenty two in the aforesaid County. I further Certify that I frequently heard my Father say, during his life, that he served in the Revolutionary War about twelve months putting his several tours of duty together. I recollect perfectly well, that I heard him say that he served two tours of duty as a private soldier, and that the first tour was for six months and performed during the early period of the war, and I think he said that he was under Capt. Thomas Minor, but of this I am not certain. This second tour performed by my Father, I think he stated, was for three months & I heard him speak of the siege of York but whether he said, that he was engaged in that Battle or was stationed on the Gloucester side of the River I donot now recollect. I also recollect of hearing him say that being a Black Smith by Trade, that he had frequently to shoe the Horses belonging to the troops &c and that at one time he was

pressed into that services and made to work at his trade for about two or three months – as well as I now recollect in one William Duncans shop in the Town of Fredericksburg. I also heard my Father say that he messed with one James Williams, Philip D. Redd and a man by the name of Cason, & some others whose names I cannot now recollect.

Given under my hand this 4<sup>th</sup> day of Augst 1843

[signed] John Bullock

NOTE:

The file contains a copy of a bond signed on 24 Dec 1783 by Joseph Bullock and William More for the marriage of Bullock to Patsy Fletcher.

The file includes an original family record, transcribed as follows:

Charlotte Bullock was born Feb 14 1784

John Bullock was born Jan'y 1<sup>st</sup> 1786

Thomas Bullock was born Oc't. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1787

James Bullock was born Sep. 7<sup>th</sup> 178[page damaged]

Nancy Bullock was born Agst 11<sup>th</sup> 1792

Polly Bullock was born Sep. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1794.

Betsy Bullock was born 2<sup>nd</sup> Agt. 1796.

[Above entries hand printed; the following in cursive:]

Jane Bullock was born April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1815

Thomas Bullock was born June 20<sup>th</sup> 1816

william edmunds bullock was born February 24<sup>th</sup> 1823

~~charlotte bullock was born feb 14 1784~~

~~John bullock was born Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1786~~

Thomas Bullock was born oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 1788

[page torn] James Bullock was born Septm 7<sup>th</sup> 1790

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