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Pension Application of Machen Boswell R19364

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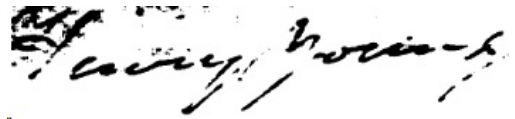
[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Richmond 11th Jan'y 1783

I certify that Capt. Machen Boswell was appointed an officer in the Continental line the 18th November 1776 & that he was taken on the Establishment of the state of Virginia in February 1777 & continued in service until the 6th of February 1781 when he was return'd as supernumerary

Benj Harrison

Henry Young/ Capt 5 Virg'a Reg't



[From [Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection](#)/ Gloucester County]

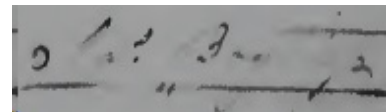
To the honorable the Speaker & other the members of the house of Delegates

The petition of Machen Boswell for himself & others in his situation humbly sheweth that in the year 1776 he was appointed a Lieutenant in the continental service that he raised his quota of men & served till the year 1777 in which year the company to which your petitioner belonged in the new raised Troops with five others that were raised in the Eastern Quaters were attached to a regiment raised for the immediate defence of this State, & six companies belonging to the State which were stationed on the Western Waters were orderd to join the Continental regiment in lieu of those six companies which had been placed in the state service & which were raised for continental service – that those six companies to which your petitioner belonged in the Spring 1778 marched to join'd the grand Continental army, in which service your petitioner continued till the year 1780 when the regiment to which your petitioner belonged was order'd to Virginia where he continued in service till March 1781 in full pay at which time by the reduction of the regiments your petitioner became supernumerary Captain & in the month of May 1781 your petitioner was ordered into service & had the command of a militia Battalion as major in which command your petitioner served & continued till the final reduction of the posts at York & Gloucester when he was again discharged from service – Your petitioner prays that your honorable body will allow him either half pay for life or five years whole pay as commutation & your petitioner as in duty bound &c –

Machen Boswell

Col. Boswell entered into the continental army in 76 or 77 served therein till 80 when he was ordered to virginia with the regiment to which he belonged in Octob'r 80 became supernumerary by the reduction of his regim't. & in the invasion in 81 was called out to to the command of a Militia Battalion as Maj & served till the final reduction of the posts of York & Gloc. he was a Captain in the Cont'l. army

I do hereby Certify that Machen Boswell esq'r left the 7th Virg'a Continental Regiment, in consequence of an appointment by the County of Gloster of Lieutenancy in one of the last six Regiments that were raised for that service. Given under my Hand this 22nd day Nov'r. 1790
[James Baytop S37701]



20 Dec'r. 1790 Ref'd. to C'ts [Courts?] of Justice

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

To the Hon. the Executive of Virginia

Your memorialist heirs of Capt Machen Boswell an officer of the war of the Revolution humbly represent that their ancestor drew in the year of seventeen hundred and eighty three (1783) four thousand acres of land, when in fact he was entitled to additional land bounty – it appears that Capt Boswell entered the service in the year of seventeen hundred and seventy six (1776) and was made supernumerary in the year of seventeen hundred and eighty two (1782) see returns of second State Regiment. Your memorialist therefore humbly ask that your Honourable body will take this matter under consideration and make to them such allowance as you may think just and right, and your memorialists will ever pray
[14 June 1839] Martha Roy/ T. M. B. Roy

[The following is from the federal pension file. Because of poor handwriting the following transcription should be used with more than usual caution.] To the Hon. Willoughby Newton [Whig member of the US House of Representatives 1843-45]

Dr Sir/ I received a communication indirectly from Henry Northrops of Washington city that my grand father Machen Boswell was entitled to a further sum of interest on the amount which his heirs have received as a revolutionary claim, at least on the amount that was due before 1783. If not on the whole amount he reports to be due some 83\$[?] and proposed to undertake the claim and cites a similar case where a like amount has been recovered in the case of Thomas Wat the 3^d of may 1841. Now Sir I know nothing of Mr. Northrop and have taken the liberty of writing to you and making the request of you to examine into the whole matter at some [illegible word] moment which you may have to spare. I cannot conceive if there is any amount due at all to my grand father [illegible word] that so small a sum [several illegible words] the amount received by Mr. C. Johnston of Richmond atty for Thomas Boswell adm of Machen Boswell was upward of 3000\$ and the interest on any part of that amount would exceed more than is reported to be due in my judgement, should there be any possibility of getting any thing after an examination it will be necessary to have a qualification on the estate, as my uncle Dr Thomas Boswell the last adm. is dead

The Adjs[?] of meddling are waxing their armour bright and ready for the spring campaign while the democrats are quite [illegible word] of success. But al that is necessary is general turn out to ensure your election

The [one or two illegible words] are getting up instruction to our representatives in the house of delegates to vote for a democratic senate or in other words a Taxes man. Should they succeed to get a majority of the votes [three illegible words] He [two illegible words] come home and be elected again to their mortification

permit me to tender to you my great respect and high consideration
[one or two illegible words] Jany. 24th 1845 T. M. B. Roy
[Mailed from Urbanna VA]

NOTE: A letter from C. Johnson dated Richmond, 5 Feb 1833, states that “the 10th December 1793, will be assumed as the day of Captain Machen Boswells death.”