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Pension Application of Goodrich Boush R19365      Mary Boush      VA Half Pay  
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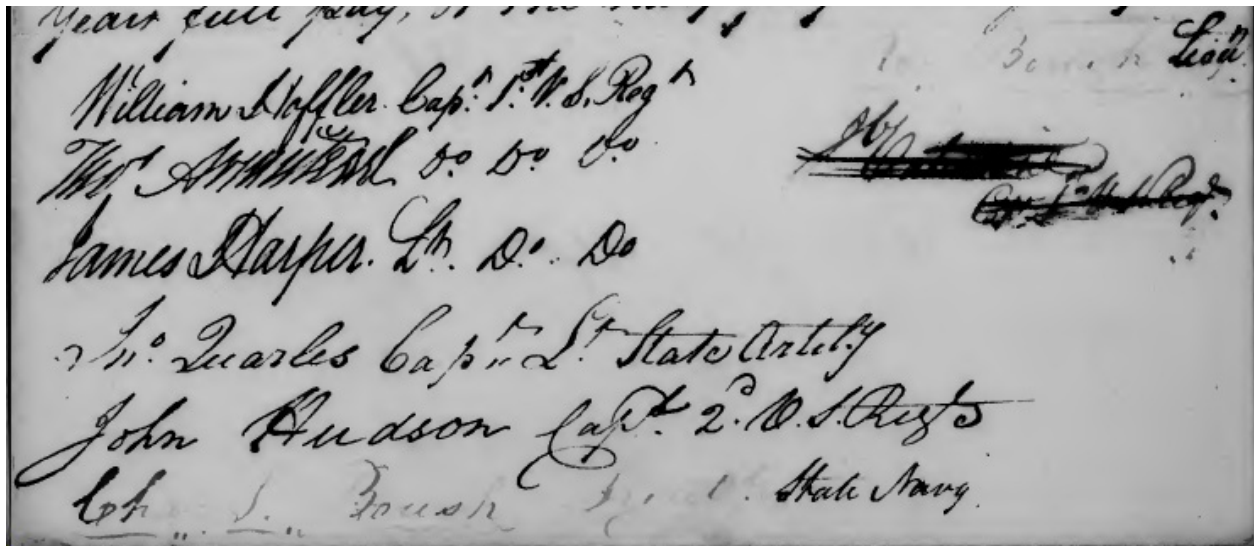
[From [Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection](#)/ Norfolk (City) – Officers of the Virginia State Line]

The Hon'ble Speaker & Members of the General Assembly

The Petition of the Officers of the Virginia State Line now residing in the County of Norfolk

We your Petitioners having served with the Officers belonging to the Virginia Line on Continental Establishment in the Army of the United States, during the War, with Great Brittain. And as State Officers during that time ware deprived of our Rank, according to the dates of our several Commissions, Which of itself was sufficient to have disgusted us with the Service, had not the Glorious cause exited us to have continued. And shall you Gentlemen add to this great mortification, by depriving us of those Emoluments that have been granted to the Officers of the Virginia Line of Continental Establishment Notwithstanding we ware promised every Emolument, that they received, That is the five years full pay, or the half pay during Life

[undeciphered] Boush	[apparently erased] Lieu't [possibly Goodrich Boush]
William Hoffler Cap'n 1 <sup>st</sup> V. S. Reg't	[pension application S38047]
Thos Armistead D'o D'o D'o	[Thomas Armistead R12157]
James Harper Lt. D'o D'o	[BLWt2148-200 and R14859]
Jno. Quarles Capt, Lt. State Artil'y.	[John Quarles R17250]
John Hudson Capt 2 <sup>d</sup> V. S. Regt	[R15350]
Chas S. Boush Lieut. State Navy	[R12]



16<sup>th</sup> Nov'r. 1789 Ref'd. to prop[osition]s/ rejected/ rep[orte]d

[From [Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection](#)/ Norfolk County – Boush, Mary.]

Norfolk Borough      At a Hustings Court continued and held the 22<sup>d</sup> day of April 1788  
The Court recommends to the Governor Mary Boush Widdow of Goodrich Boush late a captain in the Navy, it appearing to the Court that the said Goodrich Boush died in the service of this State, leaving the said Mary Boush with four Children, who were at the time of the death of the said Boush very young,

that they now are of the following ages, three Girls, of Twenty, Eighteen and fourteen years of Age, and one Boy of sixteen, that the said Mary is in very Indigent Circumstances, and from her Situation, Ought to be placed on the Pension List a Copy./ Teste. Alex'r Moseley CNC

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the General Assembly.

The petition of Mary Boush widow and relict of Goodrich Boush, Humbly Sheweth, That your petitioner's Husband entered into the service of his Country as a Captain in the Navy of this State at a very early period in the late war & continued in the same untill the time of his death; that your Petitioners Husband being a resident of the Borough of Norfolk at the time the Town was burnt [1 Jan 1776], sustained very considerable losses as well by the destruction of his Houses there, as by the loss of his Slaves carried away by the British; your Petitioner beg leave to observe that she was left a widow in the year of our Lord 1779 with six small Children, that by her Industry & care she was in hopes of struggling thro' life without being burthensome to her friends or her Country; But finding her self considerably involved for actual necessary's for herself and five remaining Children, she is compelled to apply to the Legislature of her Country for releif; your Petitioner therefore prays, that as she was left destitute near Eleven years past without any support but what provided from her own Industry, she intreats the clemency of the Legislature to enable her to extricate herself from the difficulties in which she is involved and grant her such other further releif as to your Honourable Body shall seem Just & she as in duty bound will ever pray &c. &c.

Nov'r 13<sup>th</sup> 1790 ref'd to Claims/ spec'l. reasonable 1<sup>st</sup>/ 7 y[ear]s half pay 2<sup>nd</sup>/ rep[orte]d 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec'r 90

The petitioner has not received the benefit of the pension law – the Act of '80 referred in the Report from the Committee of Claims nor any provision in lieu thereof.

Auditors Office/ 23 Nov '90

J. Pendleton

N.B. Goodrich Boush rec'd £190.8.— for his depreciation as a Captain in the Navy.

J. P.

[Late in 1796 when her pension was about to expire, Mary Boush successfully petitioned for a continuation.]

[The following are from [Revolutionary pension papers in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do, with the advice of Council hereby certify, that Mary Boush, widow of Goodrich Boush, late a Captain in the Navy of this state and dec'd in the service of this Commonwealth, is put on the list of Pensioners pursuant to the Act of Assembly passed at their last Session with an allowance of the half pay of a Captain of the state Navy yearly for seven years commencing the first day of January One thousand seven hundred and ninety one.

Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia at Richmond this 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 1791.

Sam. Coleman.

Beverley Randolph

Norfolk Borough At a Quarterly Session Court continued and held the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June 1791. Mary Boush presented to the Court a Certificate from the Governor Certifying that she is Intitled to the sum of of seventy four Pounds five Shillings as a pension for the year 1791. Ordered That the Seargeant pay the same.

Cert'd 12<sup>th</sup> Jan'y '92 [illegible initials] a Copy Teste Alex'r. Moseley C.N.C

May 24<sup>th</sup> 1793. Pay the within Pention to Robert Brough or order & oblige:

To the Auditor of Publick Accts.

[signed] Mary Boush

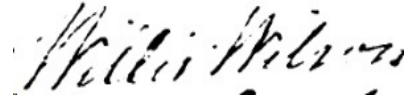
Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> 1793. Received of Wm. King Esq'r. Sheriff of Norfolk County full payment for the within  
pention  
£74.5.0. Rob. Brough

[The Virginia pension file contains other documents similar to the above; the last legible date is 24 April  
1804. The following is from [bounty-warrant papers in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Norfolk County Feb 21 1791.

I hereby certify that Goodrich Boush was appointed a Captain in the late Navy of this State and Dyed  
possessed of his commission as such.

Willis Wilson Capt [pension application R109]  
In the late Navy



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

The Representative of Goodrich Boush is entitled to the proportion of land allowed a Captain in the State  
Navy for the War.

Council office/ March 1<sup>st</sup> 1791  
Beverley Randolph

Sam Coleman

A Warrant for 5333 $\frac{1}{3}$  acres issued to the Representative of Goodrich Boush the 1<sup>st</sup> of March  
1791 Land Office Va

I certify that the above is a true copy from the record.

As witness my Hand 16 apr 1830 [signed illegibly]

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 1777

Goodrich Boush is recommended to his Excellency the Governor and the humble the Council as a proper  
person to be appointed to the command of the Washington Galley.

Ordered that a warrant issue to Goodrich Boush for one hundred and eighty pounds upon account to  
recruit seamen for the use of the Navy – who gave Bond for his faithfully applying the said money &  
rendering a just and true account thereof when required.

(from page 169)

The foregoing is truly copied from the journal of the Navy Board

Given under my hand at the Auditors Office this 23th March 1840. Jas E Heath/ Aud

Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 1778

Ordered that the keeper of the public store deliver to Cap. Goodrich Boush & Wilson Brush as much  
thir[?] stuff as will make each of them two pair of Breeches and a Jacket on their paying for the same.

The foregoing is a true extract from the Journal of the Navy board filed in this department Aud'rs  
Office/ 24 Dec'r. 1831 Jos'a. Jackson A of Accts

Captain Goodrich Boush entered the Navy at the begining of the war & continued to the end thereof at  
which time he died. See certificate filed in Council officer March 1<sup>st</sup> 1791 – which proves that he entered  
the navy at the begining & continued to the time of his death, which must have been about the period of  
the termination of the war, as the Executive certified that he was entitled to land bounty for services to  
the end of the war. Being a period of full seven years. His rank was [equal to] that of a Colonel in the  
army & he became entitled to 7777 $\frac{2}{3}$  acres of land, of which he has recd. warrant No 4519 for 5333 $\frac{1}{3}$   
acres which deducted from the 7777 $\frac{2}{3}$  leaves a balance of 2444 $\frac{2}{3}$  acres due him. He died previously to

the passage of the present law of descents & his eldest son Wilson Boush was his representative & recd his warrant. Nov'r 18<sup>th</sup> 1830/ J W Murdaugh for the heirs of Wilson Boush the Representative

Goodrich Boush was commissioned a Captain in the State Navy in January 1776 (See Exe Journal) & continued to the end of the war, when he died (see former advice of Council herewith filed) He Rec'd. Warrant No 4519 for 5333 acres – having served seven years four months is entitled to the additional bounty for one year & four months. J W Murdaugh/ April 1831

To the Governor of Virginia

The Petition of Frances M Robinson, heir and grand-child of Capt Goodrich Boush of the Navy, respectfully states that Capt. Boush entered the service early in the war and died in service. In 1791 the allowance for 3 years was made[?], on the certificate of Captain Willis Wilson, that Capt. Boush died in service.

The evidence now filed shews he was in service from the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 1777 Your Petitioner therefore asks the Bounty from that day to the end of the War, deducting the allowance already received.

Respectfully submitted by T. Green Atto. for petitioner  
P.S. The vouchers on which the land was allowed in '91 are misplaced and cannot be referred to. But Commissioner Smith, states that he had seen the evidence of Capt. Willis Wilson he had certified that Capt Goodrich Boush died in service. As this is a matter of fact, certified by Comm'r. Smith, and not a matter of opinion it is presumed, the statement, (in the absence of the Vouchers) will be recieved as satisfactory on that point. T. G.

[The following is from the federal pension file.]

Portsmouth Va. Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 1854

L. P. Waldo Esqr/ Com'r. of Pensions

Dr Sir Goodrich Boush who was a Capt in the Virginia Sate [Navy] died intestate during the War and while in service he left a widow who died intestate in the year 1800, leaving four children, all of whom have died, one of whom however left an only child who is now living, under the resolution of the 24<sup>th</sup> Augt 1780, the widow of Capt Boush became entitled to 7 years half pay. My object in writing in writing is to ascertain the mode of presenting this claim for payment. Must the application be made by the surviving grand child, or must it be made by the administrator on the estate of Mrs Boush? Are you not the proper officer to settle and adjust this claim.

Be pleased to let me have an answer to this letter

Yours Respectfully/ James Murdaugh

NOTE: The state pension file includes a printed "List of Pensioners Continued by the Honorable the Executive, for the year 1800, to be paid out of the Revenue for that year."