

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Robert Boush R19366

VA Half Pay

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Pension Office/ April 10th 1849

I hereby certify that I have examined the claim of the legal representative of Robert Boush under the act of Congress of the 5th July 1832, entitled "An act to provide for liquidating and paying certain claims of the State of Virginia" and that I find the said Boush reported as an Ensign in the Virginia State line entitled to half pay for life in consequence of serving to the end of the war. I also find that he died on the 15 October 1809, and that Dr. James Cornick is the administrator on his estate. I am therefore of opinion that the claim should be allowed at the rate of One hundred and twenty dollars per annum from the twenty third of April seventeen hundred and eighty three to the fifteenth of October eighteen hundred and nine, the day of his decease, and that there should be deducted from that amount, five hundred and twenty six pounds, one shilling, and four pence, Virginia Currency, which he received from the State of Virginia as commutation with interest, and that the balance should be paid to Richard Smith Esq Attorney of the said Administrator Dr. James Cornick.

House of Delegates, Dec. 11th 1849

My Dear Sir:

I called on Mr. Heath [probably James E. Heath, Auditor of Virginia] to-day, to make inquiry in relation to the pay of Paymasters in the Va. Line and received from him the following references: Act. 27th May 1778. Journals of Congress. 2^d. Vol. pp. 567:

Paymaster per month – \$20}

Adjutant 13} In addition to their pay as officers in the Line.

Q'r. Master 13}

Act of Jany 12th 1781. Vol. 3^d. pp. 555.

Regimental paymaster and Clothier, in addition to his pay as an officer in the line is, by this Act entitled to \$30 per month.

Act of March 23^d. 1779: Vol. 3^d. pp. 232.

This Act provides that "the Office of Paymaster and Clothier shall always be Executed by the Regimental Paymaster." Thus the 2 officers are one & the same.

Mr. Heath concurs with me, on these acts, that the pay of a Pay master in the Va. Line, is \$30 per month. He adopts this opinion. Indeed, he informs me that he has already addressed an official letter to Mr. Edwards [J. L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions], to this effect.

Besides the pay of a paymaster, has been in the Va. Courts a matter of judicial adjudication.

By a decree of the District Court of Va (see Barbour's Report) Windsor Brown [BLWt1816-300], Captain and paymaster was allowed £1260 to wit

As Captain £720.00

As Paymaster 540.00

On reducing the English into Federal money you will find that the pay of a paymaster to be \$30 per month.

Robert Boush then is entitled at the rate of \$30 per month, & he is entitled to 5 years full pay, as Paymaster to wit £540 – \$1800, with interest, to be credited with the amount of half pay some time since received. There can be no doubt of this there is no new principle involved. It was so decided in Greaves' case, he receiving his Commutation both as Cornet & Q'r. Master.

I ask that you present the claim as one for Commutation.

And I hope Mr Edwards will do me the favor to take up this case and decide it at once particularly as it is perfectly free from difficulty.

I certainly have not been fortunate enough to receive much dispatch at his hands, though I have

not complained. I have made all allowance knowing well the diversified & laborious character of the duties of his office.

As the papers have been mislaid in Turnbull's case, and it cannot be disposed of until I get other copies of the Court papers, I will take it kind in him to take up Boush's case, in lieu of Turnbull's.

F. A. Dickins, Esq. Very Truly, Yours/ Signed Jos. Segar.

Pension Office/ March 14th 1850.

I hereby certify that I have examined the case of the administrator of Robert Boush deceased, who claims half pay under the act of 5th July 1832, for service of the said Robert Boush, as Paymaster to the State Garrison Regiment, in the war of the revolution, and continued in the service as such until he became supernumerary, by the reduction of said regiment. I am therefore of opinion, that Dr. James Cornick, administrator of the Estate of said Robert Boush, deceased, is entitled to receive, under the act of 5th July 1832, half-pay for the service of said Robert Boush, as Paymaster as aforesaid at the rate of fifteen dollars per month (half pay for his service as Ensign having been heretofore allowed) from the 22^d day of April 1783, to the 15th day of October 1809, the day of said Robert Boush's death. And that the amount is payable to Francis A. Dickins, substituted Attorney in fact for said Administrator of Robert Boush, deceased.

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

Norfolk Borough/ At a Hustings Court held the 28th day of July 1835

The Court doth Certify that it has been made appear to the Court by Satisfactory evidence, that Ann A. the wife of Doctor George T Kennon and Catharine B. the wife of Doctor James Cornick are the sole heirs of Robert Boush deceased formerly of the Borough of Norfolk, and a reputed Officer in the Virginia Line, in the Army of the Revolution. A Copy - Teste Jno. Williams CC

To the Executive of Virginia [10 Aug 1835]

The memorial of Doc'r George T Kennan and Ann A his wife and Doc'r James Cornick and Catharine B his wife respectfully states that Robert Boush as they are informed and believe was an officer in the state line of Virginia in the War of the Revolution and that he served seven years or upwards in the said War. By reference to the List of Officers of the army & Navy who have received land from Virginia for Revolutionary services returned to the Legislature in the Session of 1833-'34, it will be proved that the following entry is [undeciphered word] –

Robert Boush. Sub[?] – State – 2666 $\frac{2}{3}$ [acres] 25 Aug't 1784 – 7 years entitled to additional

Your memorialists have had no opportunity of examining the original papers and therefore cannot speak positively as to the rank of the said Robert Boush or the length of his service in the said War, but respectfully refer the Executive to those papers as disclosing these facts

The accompanying certificate of the clerk of the Borough Court of Norfolk will shew that the female memorialists are the sole heirs of the said Robert Boush.

The respectfully ask that a warrant for so much land as they may be legally entitled to may be issued and forwarded on to Washington City to await the appropriation in such cases made and provided by Congress.

James Cornick for self and Wife

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

The petition of the heirs of Robert Boush respectfully represents that the said Boush served as Ensign and Paymaster in the Virginia State Line in the Revolution, for which service he has received his land bounty as Ensign, but not his land bounty as Paymaster to which they are advised his heirs are still entitled

They there for ask the additional allowance usually made to Pay masters of the Line

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That it appears from a list in this office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State *Line* as settled their accounts and received certificates for the balance of their Full Pay according to an act of assembly, passed the November session 1781, directing the Auditors of Public Accounts to settle and adjust the pay and accounts of the said Officers and Soldiers from the 1st January 1777 to 31st December 1781 (see Hening's Statutes at Large, vol. 10, p. 462,) that a settlement was made on the 17th day of July 1783 in the name of Robert Boush as Ensign &c and evidence of the indebtedness of the State to him for £121.12.10 and was delivered to himself but as the original settlements or copies thereof are not to be found in this office, the term of service embraced therein cannot be stated.

Given under my hand at the First Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 28th day of Feb'y 1851.

Ro Johnston/ First Auditor

I also further certify that it appears from a List of Officers names who have received Certificates for one and two years advanced pay agreeable to Act of Assembly passed November Session 1781. That a Certificate issued on the 6th February 1782 for £90.0.0 in the name of Robert Boush an Ensign of Infantry in the State line, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself

Given under my hand at the Auditors Office Richmond this 28th day of February 1851.

Ro Johnston/ F Auditor

Council Chamber June 18th 1784

I do certify that Robert Boush is entitled to the proportion of land allowed a Subaltern of the State line for three years service

Thos. Meriwether

Benjamin Harrison

Three Warrants issued Robert Boush, one for 1666 $\frac{2}{3}$ acres No. 3411, another for 700 acres No. 3412 and the other for 300 acres No. 3413 issued 25th August 1784.

A Copy for the Records of the Virginia Land Office/ Teste S. H. Parker Reg. L Office

Richmond, Virg'a the 16th July 1783.

Army. Warrant to Robert Boush for [two or three undeciphered words]: on a certificate, dated this day no. 390, in part of the bal. of his pay as Pay master &c of Inf. in the State line. £1.11.1

First Auditor's office/ Feb. 25th 1851. The foregoing is truly copied from a Journal in this office. (page 423)

Ro. Johnston

Allowed for a service of three years as pay master – deducting any allowance heretofore made for this service

J B Floyd [Governor]

1851 March 1. Cert. issued