

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Scruggs R9328

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### Virginia

At a Court held for Buckingham County at the Courthouse on Monday the 12th day of December 1853

On this day Charles S Scruggs produced a declaration in these words:

State of Virginia County of Rockingham: SS

Charles S Scruggs a resident of the County and State aforesaid, who being duly sworn according to law, declares as appears from the records that he is the executor of the last will and testament of John Scruggs who died on or about the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_ A.D. 1835, that he believes the said John Scruggs served as a private in the war of the Revolution for at least six months, and was entitled to receive a pension and therefore under the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June A.D. 1832, that it appears from the copy of a letter herewith filed (the original of which is on record in the Pension Office of the United States in the City of Washington) dated January 16th 1837, that a certain J W Bouldin<sup>1</sup> then a member of Congress from Virginia filed certain papers in the Pension Office in order to obtain a pension for the said John Scruggs for services in the War of the Revolution, that on the said 16th day of January 1837, said papers were returned by the Commissioner of Pensions to the said J W Bouldin, with the intimation or declaration that unless the regulations of the Department were more fully complied with, a pension could not be granted to the said John S Scruggs [sic] for more than six months service, that it is evident from this, that at that time, the Commissioner of Pensions was satisfied from the evidence contained in the aforesaid papers that the said John Scruggs was entitled to a pension for at least six months service in the war of the Revolution – that said papers have since been lost that all evidence of the service of the said Scruggs in the war of the Revolution is now unobtainable except that existing in the Pension Office at the City of Washington – that he believes his testator John Scruggs is the identical person named in the Copy of the letter above mentioned – that the said John Scruggs his testator enlisted, volunteered or was drafted in the County of Buckingham State

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<sup>1</sup> BOULDIN, James Wood, (brother of Thomas Tyler Bouldin), a Representative from Virginia; born in Charlotte County, Va., in 1792; attended the common schools; studied law; was admitted to the bar April 12, 1813, and commenced practice at Charlotte Court House, Va.; member of state house of delegates, 1825-1826; elected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-third Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Thomas T. Bouldin; reelected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-fourth Congress; reelected as a Democrat to the Twenty-fifth Congress; and served from March 15, 1834, to March 3, 1839; chairman, Committee on District of Columbia (Twenty-fifth Congress); resumed the practice of law and also engaged in agricultural pursuits; died at his country home, "Forest Hill," Charlotte County, Va., March 30, 1854; interment in the private burial ground on his estate.

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of Virginia, and that he resided there after his return from military service up to the time of his death, that at the time of his death he was about eighty-nine years of age, and that he believes that his said testator received no pension whatever during his life.

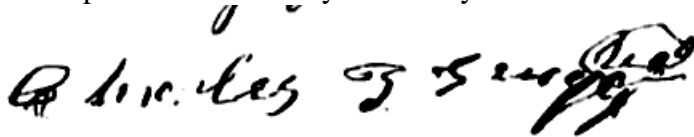
The said Charles S Scruggs as Executor makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining from the Department of the Interior or the Commissioner of Pensions (for the benefit of the estate of his testator) whatever pension the said John Scruggs deceased me have been entitled to receive under any of the several Acts of Congress more particularly that of the 7th of June 1832.

And the court do declare their opinion from the evidence before them, that the above named John Scruggs deceased (of whose well Charles S Scruggs is the duly qualified Executor) is the identical person spoken of in the letter mentioned in the foregoing declaration –

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Teste: R. Eldridge, C. B. C.

[f p. 8: Power of attorney dated December 12, 1853 in Buckingham County Virginia whereby Charles S Scruggs, executor of John Scruggs appointed an attorney to pursue the claim of the estate for a pension for military service by the testator.



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[f p. 12: a copy]

War Department Pension Office January 16th, 1837

Sir:

The papers in the case of John Scruggs, deceased, have been examined, and they are herewith returned to you. The tours of service as a militia man of Virginia, are not specified as required by the enclosed printed regulations, nor all the witnesses sufficiently explicit, as to the duration of each tour of actual service performed by the deceased, and the Officers under whom he served. Unless the regulations can be more fully complied with, a pension cannot be allowed, for more than 6 months service.

The widow should appear in open Court, and prove her relationship to the disease, and the time of his death.

I have the honor to be  
very respectfully

your Obedient Servant

S/ J. L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions

Hon. J. W. Bouldin  
House of Representatives US