

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Boadley (Bowdley) R970

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State of Tennessee Monroe County: County Court December Sessions 1823

On this 15th day of December in the year of our Lord 1823 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record having the power to fine and imprison for said County of Monroe John Bowdley aged sixty-seven years a resident Citizen of said County -- who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows -- that he the said John Bowdley in the month of March in the year 1780 enlisted for the term of ten months in the State of South Carolina in a Company Commanded by Captain Joseph Robbins, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Henry Hampton in the line of the State of South Carolina that he continued in the Service of said Corps until the end of said term of ten months, when he was discharged at ___ in the State of South Carolina. That he served in said Company Regiment and line under Captain Robbins and Colonel Hampton in the following battles to wit the battle of Cedar Springs [most likely the engagement known as Wofford's Iron Works or 2nd Cedar Springs, August 8, 1780 although none of the officers named by the veteran are known to have been in that engagement], the battle of Briar Creek [March 3, 1779], the battle of Bocks ferry on Edisto River, the battle of Stono [June 20, 1779], the battle of Orangeburg -- Siege of Ninety Six [May 22-June 19, 1781] and Battle of Dorchester [perhaps the engagement at Four Holes Bridge, July 12, 1781], together with many other skirmishes. His discharge is since lost nor has he any other evidence now in his power of his said Services

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

S/ John Bowdley¹

Schedule of property -- two cows and calves \$26 two hogs worth \$4.00, one plough and one hoe \$1.75 two axes worth \$2.25 total amount \$34.00

valued by Martin Webb and Elisha Clayton Citizens of said County. The Declarant is a laborer

¹ The veteran's signature is rendered in the same handwriting as the body of the application leading me to believe he did not personally sign the application.

by occupation but is unable to follow his occupation -- his family is composed as follows a wife named Betsy aged eighty years a daughter of Salley aged 28 years deformed that renders her unable to labor -- and one son named John aged 22 subject to fits nor is any of his family able to assist him in providing a support.

S/ John Bowdley

State of Tennessee Monroe County: On this 23rd day of March 1826 personally appeared in open Court to wit the Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions of Monroe County opened and held at the Court house in Tellico in said County it being a Court of Record expressly made so by the Statutes of said State and having the power of fine and in imprisonment John Boadley aged about seventy-two years resident in said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that [he] served in the revolutionary War as follows

Immediately after the Declaration of Independence he served a campaign against the Indians which being over he volunteered in the militia from Ninety Six in South Carolina under Colonel William Wofford and served out his period of service six months then in 1777 or 1778 he enlisted for two months under Captain Joseph Robbins in Colonel Henry Hampton's Regiment and during his period of service was successively under the command of General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter], General Pickens [Andrew Pickens], and General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], and at the expiration of said ten months was honorably discharged but has lost his discharge by having his house papers etc. consumed by fire, after the term of service as aforesaid expired he joined the company of Rangers to which he belonged at the commencement of the War, and served as a soldier throughout the whole contest until peace was made. And was during the war at the Battles at Cedar Springs, Briar Creek, Ninety Six, Orangeburg, at Dodge Chester [sic, Dorchester], Stono and at Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781], and at Stono received a wound from a Rifle ball passing entirely through his body, that he has no other evidence of his Services that he knows of but the affidavits accompanying this declaration and never has received any pension from the United States or any other of them --

And I the said John Boadly [sic] do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed --

1 cow \$10.00 1 Sow & 2 piggs \$2.50-- \$12.50

1 Heifer three dollars 1 four Gall pot \$2.00--\$5.00

½ doz. pewter plates \$3.00, 2 chairs \$.50 each \$1.00 2 yearlings worth \$2.50--\$5.00

S/ John Boadley, X his mark

necessary bedding and clothing of myself and family excepted -- I am by occupation a farmer but am very infirm that I cannot make a support my family consists of my wife Betsy aged about 81 has been for four years totally blind my daughter Sally aged 24 years but is a cripple and has been from two years old -- and unable by her own labor to make a sustenance for herself my son John aged 22 is sorely afflicted with fits & has been for five years past and is thereby disabled & disqualified from making a support my grandson Alexander aged 10 years --

Sworn to & declared in open Court 23rd March 1826

S/ Wm S. Blair, Clk

S/ John Boadley, X his mark

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State of Tennessee Sct

Be it known that on this 23rd day of March 1826 personally appeared John Sims aged about 61 years a credible witness for some time a citizen of Monroe County now Resident in Roane County Tennessee before me Samuel Jameson an acting Justice of the peace in and for said Monroe County: in the said John Sims being duly sworn, deposed & saith that he has been long acquainted with John Boadley a resident Citizen of Monroe County, that said Boadley is a man of veracity, and is in reduced circumstances. This deponent, became acquainted with said Boadley shortly after the commencement of the Revolutionary War, that said Boadley was then in the Service of the United States against the Common enemy; that said Boadley did continue in said Service during the whole war in some Corps or other this deponent has no doubt; that he saw said Boadley very frequently during the war, that they were together in the Battles at Dodge Chester [sic, Dorchester] and at Eutaw Springs, and many other skirmishes; and this deponent does verily believe and has no doubt, that said Boadley performed the services which he states in his declaration this day made in order to obtain a pension from the United States.

S/ John Sims, X his mark