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Pension Application of Robert Boyle S15755

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Bedford County Virginia to Wit:

This day Thomas Eubank aged about Eighty five years, a soldier of the Revolutionary War as he states, personally appeared in Bedford County Court and made solemn oath that he knows the fact that Robert Boyle now an insane man of said County who is eighty two years of age, was a soldier in the revolutionary war against Great Britain. The first tour he said Boyle served was under Capt. Thomas Buford of said County of at least three months, he thinks over principally at the point the mouth of the great Kanawha against the Indians &c. under General Andrew Lewis [Battle of Point Pleasant, 10 Oct 1774], and was in or at said Bufords defeat [sic: see endnote]. Colo. Charles Lewis of Augusta was also an officer over said Boyle The next tour served by said Boyle was under an enlistment under Cap'n. Charles Gwatkin of Bedford who enlisted a company & marched to Boonsborough [sic: Boonesborough] in Kentucky in 1777 in August or September. he this deponant did not serve said tour but had two brothers who did, and he is confident said Boyle served at least six months in said last tour. the year of his first enlistment and services he cannot recollect. The next service he knew of by said Boyle was under said Cap'n. Charles Gwatkin, and he was in Guilford Battle [Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] under said Gwatkin, and in that tour served at least six weeks; the date he cannot precisely recollect, but two of this deponants brothers were soldiers with him in all his services except at the point under Buford and was always understood from them he was a first rate soldier. Said Boyle also served a tour at and about Petersburg and in lower Virginia under Cap. Jacob Early. he was a soldier and was under said Early at the Seige of York and surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] how long he does not know the precise date. he was under Colo. Charles Lynch at Yorktown.
Bedford County Court 23rd September 1833. Sworn to in Court by Thomas Eubank.

Virginia Bedford County to Wit. [22 Sep 1833]

I Samuel Mitchell [pension application W3851] of Bedford County Virginia a Soldier of the Revolution aged Seventy two years do hereby certify that in the year 1779 - 80 Robert Boyle of Bedford County Virginia served a Tour of three months in the service of the United States at Petersburg Virginia with him the said Samuel Mitchell under Cap'n. Jacob Early and Colo. Charles Lynch.

Sam'l. Mitchell

The Court doth certify that Robert Boyle, now and for many years past a resident of this County for whom application is about to be made to the war department for a pension, is now, and has been for a considerable time past, a person of insane mind, and that his person and property is now and has been for a considerable time in the care of John Boyle his son, who was appointed his committee by this Court.

NOTES: Robert Boyle is among the soldiers listed in Capt. Thomas Buford's company at the Battle of Point Pleasant, where the troops under Gen. Lewis defeated the Indians under Chief Cornstalk. Eubank evidently confused Thomas Buford with Col. Abraham Buford, whose Continental soldiers were defeated at Waxhaws SC on 29 May 1780. For details on the tour in lower Virginia, see the pension application of Samuel Mitchell (W3851).