

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Miles Bottom S21651

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State of Tennessee } SS.

County of Warren }

On this the 29th day of January 1834, personally appeared in open Court it being the Circuit Court for the County aforesaid the honourable James C. Mitchell presiding it now sitting Miles Bottom aged about Eighty two years a resident of the County aforesaid, viz Warren County in the State of Tennessee, Who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit, of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers and served as herin stated:

In the latter part of the Spring of 1778, there was a call in Amelia County in the State of Virginia for Malitia to guard and defend Petersburge [sic: Petersburg] in that State where and when applicant was for that purpose drafted for Three Months, rendezvous'd at Milliton Roach's Tavern in Amelia County Va. and on the road from Amelia, to Petersburge He was attached to a company, commanded by Capt Richard Jones, from the place of rendezvous the Company except applicant marched immediately to Petersburge, he was permitted to go by his residence, for some necessaries. but the next day joined his company, in Petersburge he went on horseback, sent his his horse home by a negro boy. he was then well off but is now poor, in going to their place of destination he crossed the Apomatock river [sic: Appomattox River], at Petersburge his Company was attached to a Regiment commanded by Col. [Edmund] Booker, thinks his given name was Edward. he is not certain that he remembers the name of the major but thinks it was Jones. if there were any other officers attached to the regiment he does not recollect their names. he is inclined to think there was no more nor does he remember the given names of the Major who was in command. he with his regiment were stationed in Blanford [Blandford] old Church near the Town, and were then detained for the space of three months, where in the latter part of the summer as applicant now believes in the year of 1778 he was then & there verbally discharged by his Captain Richard Jones he in this Tour served at least three months, from Petersburge he returned to his residence in Amelia.

Early in the Spring of 1779 there was a call for malitia from Amelia County in the State of Va. to guard and defend the Town of Williamsburge [sic: Williamsburg] in that State for the purpose applicant at that time was drafted into the service for Three months, and rendezvous'd at Greens Church [Greenes Church] in Amelia. he was attached to a company commanded by a Captain Booker, but does not recollect his given name [probably George Booker], he thinks he was a son of Col Bookers, from the place of rendezvous he with his company marched to Williamsburge. in going to which they went through Richmond as he thinks and crossed the Chicahomana river [sic: Chickahominy River]. in Williamsburge they were joined by other companies but not by enough to make a regiment. he thinks there was a Major in command but does not at this time recollect his name. he does not think there was any Col. in this Tour he with his company were stationed as a guard and so remained fro Two months and a few days over two weeks at the expiration of which time the officers in command were by their superior officers as he understood and believes ordered to discharge the troops there, wherefore applicant was verbally discharged by his Captain Booker, in Williamsburge in the State of Virginia in the latter part of the spring in 1779. in this Tour he served at least Two months and a half from Williamsburge he returned to his residence in Amelia.

In the latter part of the summer of 1779 he volunteered into the service for Six Months and joined a company of Cavaldry Commanded by a Captain Walker, he does not recollect his given name, he

rendezvous at a place on James River called the Point fork [sic: Point of Fork at the confluence with Rivanna River]. one Bratchet then lived there. it was in Amelia County [sic: Fluvanna County] in the state of Va. and near the Grubb Hill Church. from the place of rendezvous he with his company were marched to Albemarle in the same state where they were furnished and supplied with pistoles, swords, spurrs, and capps by the government of the U.S. Captain Walker was there as applicant understood ordered to march back to the place of rendezvous, and with his company act as rangers upon James river which he did, and to obstruct the advance of the foraging parties and others of the British some of whom were during this tour upon that river they made the Point fork their place of head quarters or station and were generally employed ranging up and down both sides of James river, for about the distance of Twenty miles, untill the last days of February 1780 when his time of service expired. he served in this Touer at least Six months, and was in the latter part of February as he now thinks in the year of 1780 verbally discharged by his Captain Walker at the Point fork in Amelia county in the State of Virginia. from there he returned to his residence in that County.

About Eight weeks before the surrender of Lord Corn Wallace at Little york in the State of Virginia [sic: Cornwallis at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781], he was in Amelia County in that State drafted into the service for three months to go to little york he rendezvous'd at a little Town called then Manchester near Richmond in Virginia after he was drafted he was taken sick, and went on horse back to Manchester, not thinking himself able to walk, upon his arival there he was still verry unwell, he was however attached to a Company and regement, but does not recollect the names of any of the officers. as he was so much indisposed that he paid but little attention to any thing that transpired from there he was marched to little york, upon his arival there he was still verry sick and in a few days was placed in a Hospital, here he remained for a month, and not improving in health his brother got permission to carry him home which he did whilst in the hospital he was attended on by a surgeon by the name of Rucker he was out in this Tour at least one month & a half, this ended his millitary service he has no documentary evidence of his services and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify as to his services.

- 1 He was born in Amelia County in the State of Virginia about or in the year of 1751.
2. He has nor never had any record of his age hearing at it at this time from a knowledge of his age when he first went into the service
3. He was living in Amelia County in the State of Virginia when called into the service and lived there untill the end of the revolutionary war and three years after, he then moved to charlotte county in Va. then to Franklin County in same State and about five years ago to this Warren County State of Tennessee where he at present lives
4. The first Touer he served he was drafted into the service & served 3 months  
The second Touer he served he was drafted into the service & served 2½ Months  
The third Touer he served he volunteered into the service & served 6 Months  
The fourth Touer he served he was drafted into the service & served 1½ Months
- 5 Before he was put into the Hospital at Little york he saw General Washington and various other regular and continental officers, but does not now recollect their names nor can he state any continental or malitia regements that he there saw being then sick. that is at york, and now old from which cause his memory has become verry feeble & treacherous, and owing to this misfortune he cannot state any more of the circumstances of his service than he has.
6. He never received a written discharge from the service. he was for all of the Touers except the last verbally discharged by his Captains as above stated &
7. he is acquainted with two clergymen who live in his present neighbourhood and is known to them that is George Stublefield and William Thompson, and also to John Chastine George Frazier Thomson O. T. Heald and others who can and will as he thinks testify as to his character for veracity and of their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or anuity except the present and declares that

his name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any State Sworn to and subscribed the day and year  
aforesaid [signed] Miles Bottom

NOTE: A document in the file states that Bottom died on 12 Sep 1841.