

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Richard Boucher S36421  
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Circuit Court of Mason, in the } SS  
1<sup>st</sup> Judicial District of Kentucky }

On the 31<sup>st</sup> day of May 1821, before me, the subscriber, sole Judge of the first Judicial District of Kentucky, personally appeared Richard Boucher, aged sixty nine years, resident in the said district, who being by me first duly sworn according to Law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of mar. 1818, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and naval service of the United States, in the revolutionary war"

That he the said Richard Boucher enlisted for the term of one year, in the month of June 1775 to take effect on the first day of July ensuing, in the county of Berkley [sic: Berkeley] in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Capt. Hugh Stephenson, being one of the companies of riflemen, raised by order of Congress from the state of Virginia, and on continental establishment; that he continued to serve in said company, or in the service of the United States until the expiration of the term of his enlistment at which time, the British Fleet appeared off Staten Island (where he, the said Richard Boucher, was with his company, then stationed) and commenced landing its Troops; on the discovery of which, said Boucher, with the whole company, volunteered their further services to General Washington so long as he should deem them necessary; the General accepted the offer, and discharged him the said Boucher (and others) on Staten Island sometime thereafter. That he was at the Siege of Boston [17 Jun 1775 - 17 Mar 1776] at the time that the British were in possession of the Town, and that he continued to serve in said siege until the Town became repossessed by the Americans: That he was one of the volunteer party, commanded by Colonel [Benjamin] Tupper who plundered a considerable number of the Enemies Horses, & Beef Cattle on Georges Island [probably in Boston Harbor]; at the same time setting fire to a large vessel then on the stocks on the said Island.

That after the Enemy left Boston, he, with his company pursued them to New York, where they were stationed on Staten Island, that on Easter Sunday [7 Apr 1776], the Fleet, commanded by Sir Peter Parker, landed a body of men to obtain fresh water, that the riflemen alone drove them off, killed a number of them, took thirteen prisoners, with their Flag, caused the Sloop of War lying along the shore for the purpose of covering their retreat, to cut her cable, and bear off, losing both her Barge, and Anchor. and the said Richard Boucher, further swears, as aforesaid, that he is in reduced circumstances; and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.

Sworn and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid. A Beatty

[On 6 June 1821 Boucher stated that he had submitted a declaration similar to the above on 13 May 1819, but had not received a pension. He presented a declaration similar to the above with the following addendum:]

And I (the said Richard Boucher) do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

One cow and calf worth \$10. One small sow & pigs \$4	\$14.00
5 small hogs worth 1.50 ea. 1 cupboard \$12	19.50

6 chairs worth 1/6 ea. 1 kettle \$2. 1 small d[itt]o 4/6	4.25
1 pot \$1. a few plates, 2 dishes with a few K. & forks all \$2	3.00
1 table \$1.00, 1 teakettle \$1 00	2.00
1 broken set of carpenter's tools worth	25.00
2 small heifers now astray not know whether }	
I shall ever get them again or not worth \$4. each }	
This is all	<u>67.75</u>

By trade a house joiner, but very little able to work at any trade, being old, infirm, and particularly labouring under rheumatic afflictions &c. I have no wife living, I am a dependant on a son for a house, have a single daughter living with me, and owe fully three times as much as is due me.

Nicholas County State Kentucky

Personally appeared before me Daniel P Bedinger a Justice of peace for s'd County George Michael Bedinger [pension application W2992] aged 65 years and made Oath that he enlisted in Berkley County Virginia in Capt Hugh Stephenson Company of Riflemen in which Company Richard Boucher of the County & State afores'd belongd that they marchd from Shepherds Town [Shepherdstown] Virg'a. to the Siege of Boston where they Remained during the Seige before the City till about the time the enemy Evacuated it. that they Enlisted in June 1775 and were dischargd Sometime in June 1776 on Staten Island New York State where they had marchd in pursuit of the enemy that Richard Boucher now being present is the very Identical person of Stensons Company afores'd and that they Receivd Continental pay for their Services and that this is a true statement to the best of his knowledge & belief

[15 Feb 1822]

Geo M Bedinger