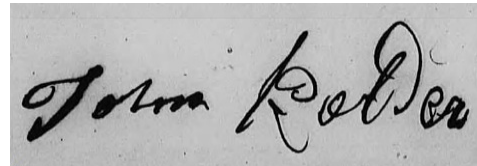


Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Bolden S37597

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

I John Bolden of Wiscasset in the County of Lincoln, District of Maine, State of Massachusetts, a citizen of the United States, seventy three years of age, from reduced circumstances being in need of the assistance of my country for support, do on oath testify & declare that I enlisted as a private in the army of the United States on the continental establishment & did duty against the common enemy during nearly the whole of the revolutionary war. I first enlisted for the term of three years into a company commanded by Capt. William Braley of Col Phebachar's Regiment [sic: Christian Febiger's 11th Virginia Regiment], of General Woodford's Brigade of the Virginia line. After serving therein two years or thereabouts I enlisted to serve during the war. I did duty in Col. [Daniel] Morgan's Regiment for some part of the time, but owing to the failure of my memory I am unable to say for what period. I however served the whole time in the army until I was taken prisoner at Charleston South Carolina [possibly at the surrender on 12 May 1780] – in the neighborhood of which I received two wounds on my head; one from a sabre & one from a musket: I was engaged in the Battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Trenton [26 Dec 1776], Monmouth [28 Jun 1778]; in the storming of Stoney Point [sic: Stony Point NY, 16 Jul 1779]; and also in the neighborhood of Philadelphia & many skirmishes which I cannot now recollect. I am not to my knowledge borne on any pension list.

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature is written in a cursive style and reads "John Bolden".

State of Maine.

KENNEBEC COUNTY, ss.

ON this twenty second day of May, 1820, personally appeared before Nathan Weston Jun. chief Justice of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas, for the Counties of Lincoln, Kennebec and Somerset, being a Court of Record for said Counties, proceeding according to the course of the common law, having original jurisdiction, unlimited in amount, keeping a record of their proceedings, and having the power of fine and imprisonment, John Bolder aged seventy four years, resident in Litchfield in the County of Lincoln within said Circuit, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, viz. in the Company commanded by Captain William Brayley and Regiment commanded by Colonel Phebachar of the line of the State of Virginia upon the Continental Establishment, for the period of six years. I was discharged as belonging to Col. Morgan's regiment of the same Virginia line. I was in the Battle at the storming of stony point, at Trenton & Princeton [3 Jan 1777] and at Germantown [4 Oct 1777] –

that his original declaration was made before Judge Wilde on the nineteenth day of June 1818; that he is now on the Maine Roll, and that his pension certificate is numbered 13135. And I, the said John Bolder do further 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 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 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. John Bolder

The following is a Schedule of my whole Estate and income, necessary clothing and bedding

excepted, viz:

I have no property whatever except the poor clothing on my back. I have no family, and live with my son John, and by reason of my advanced age I am unable to labor. I have no trade or possession.

John Bolder

NOTE: The file includes a letter dated 21 Feb 1850 from Sargant Bolden of Bath inquiring about an amount of pension due his father, John Bolden, at the time of his death.