Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Bacot ¹ S39166 Transcribed by Will Graves

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South Carolina, George Town District: In the court of Equity

Personally came and appeared before me William D. James, one of the Judges of the honorable the Court of equity of the said State Peter Bacot who being duly Sworn deposeth and Saith that he is a native of the Said State of South Carolina and at present a Citizen of the same and a resident of the district of Williams Burgh [sic, Williamsburg], this deponent further Saith that shortly after the commencement of the revolutionary war this deponent was upon application appointed & duly Commissioned an Ensign (He believes Some time in the month of September) Anno Domini 1776 and immediately thereafter was attached to a Company of infantry of the first Regiment of the North Carolina line, that he rose regularly to the rank of Captain the 18th day of September A.D. 1781 and was Commissioned as such the 23rd day of February A.D. 1784 as will appear by the Commission herewith transmitted, that this deponent continued in the Continental Service holding the rank of Captain until the Army was regularly disbanded at the close of the war, this deponent further Saith that unfortunately for himself that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his Country for support and further deponent Saith not.

Sworn to before me this 2nd day of June A.D1818.

S/ Pet^r Bacot

S/Wm D. James, Judge in Equity

South Carolina, Georgetown District

On this 10th day of November in the year of our Lord 1820 personally appeared in open Court, in the Court of Common Pleas, being a Court of Record for the District aforesaid, Peter Bacot, aged Sixty five years, resident in Georgetown, in said District who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: he entered the service in the year 1776 as an ensign and regularly rose to be a Captain in the line in the year 1780 from which time he served as such until the close of the Revolution.

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, 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 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 do not, nor

¹ BLWt291-300—Capt. Issued Dec. 31, 1796. No papers

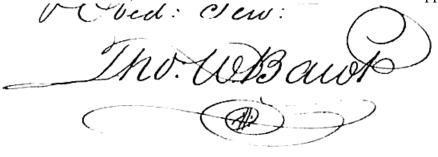
has any person in trust for me any property or securities, contracts, or debts to you to me; nor have I independent of my pension any income whatever and no property real or personal, by clothing excepted. And the said declarant further makes oath, that he has no occupation nor is he able to pursue any, that he has no family, and that he is in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support himself without the assistance of his Country.

Sworn to and declared on the day and year first above written, before S/C. J. Colcock, Presiding Judge

S/ Peter Bacot

[In the file, there is a commission appointing Peter Bacot a Captain in the Continental line of NC. The commission appears [it is very faint] to be dated 23rd February 1784 [the Eight year of Independence] and signed by Thomas Mifflin, as President of the Continental Congress.]

[The file contains correspondence to J. C. Calhoun [John Caldwell Calhoun] then Secretary of War from Thomas W. Bacot, who identifies himself as a 'kinsman' of the applicant.



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per month commencing June 2, 1818, for service as a Captain in the North Carolina Continental line.]