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Pension Application of Zachariah Bowles (Boles) S39201z

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[See endnote for explanation of file number.]

State of Indiana

County of Sullivan SS

On this twelfth day of April 1825 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the first judicial Circuit of the State of Indiana made a Court of Record by the law of this State, Zachariah Boles resident in said County, aged eighty years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818, and the 1st May 1820: that he the said Zachariah Boles enlisted for the term of two years on the [blank] day of [blank] in the year 1777 in Chesterfield County in the State of Virginia in the Company Commanded by Captain Francis Good [sic: Francis Goode] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel [Ralph] Faulkner, in the line of the State of Virginia on the Virginia Continental establishment [sic: see endnote]; that he continued to serve in the said Corps the whole period of enlistment, after which he was discharged from the service in Portsmouth in the State of Virginia; that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that his name is not on the roll of any State except Virginia; and that his first application was made through this Court in March 1822 and his papers forwarded, but they were returned on account of some errors, which he believes were owing either to the misunderstanding of the gentleman who drafted his application, or his own want of recollection at the time.

And in pursuance of the act of the 1st May 1820, I do solemnly affirm 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 & 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 intrust 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 & by me subscribed. Schedule, three Cows, one tin Bucket, one flax wheel, one set of cotton cards, one hoe, one sugar box, a few knives, a chest and some few articles of earthen ware, no real estate. I am by occupation a farmer but now I am no longer able to pursue it; I am with my wife who is 76 years old living with my son who is 42 years old, has nine children & not a great deal to support them with, and I & my wife live partly with my son & partly on the private charity of the citizens in & about the vilage of Carlisle. This son is the only one I have in this State, I have another in Virginia & in Tennessee, but where particularly I cannot tell, & have one daughter living in Green County Kentucky who is a widow with ten children & very poor.

Sworn to and declared, on the twelfth day of April 1825 before the Honorable John N Porter presiding judge of the Circuit Court of the State of Indiana for the County of Sullivan in open court.

Zachariah hisXmark Boles

NOTES:

Col. Ralph Faulkner and Capt. Francis Goode were, in fact, militia officers. Bowles was therefore not eligible for a pension under the acts of 1818 and 1820. He does not appear to have received a pension certificate.

On the file jacket where a number would normally appear is the word "NONE." A typed note in

the file gives the reason as follows: "In the course of rendering reference service on the Revolutionary War pension case file, S 39,201, of Zachariah Bowles the jacket was found to include papers relating to the Revolutionary War pension claim of another Zachariah Bowles or Boles. By oral authorization of the Director of Archival Management there has been set up a separate unnumbered, case file for the second Zachariah Bowles or Boles and a cross-reference placed in each file."