

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Bodine S42624

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Ohio Ross County ss. Be it remembered that on the ninth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen and of the independence of the United States of America the 44<sup>th</sup> and of our State the 17<sup>th</sup> personally came before me the subscriber President Judge of the Courts of Common Pleas of the second circuit of said State John Bodine of said County of Ross and being duly sworn upon the Holy evangelist of Almighty God declares and says that he is in the seventy-six year of his age; that he enlisted into the service of the United States in the regular Army thereof of the Revolutionary war in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven on or about the twenty-second day of January in said year to served therein for three years under Captain Joseph Mitchell at or near Martinsburgh [sic: Martinsburg] Berkeley County Virginia and in the eighth Regiment of said line of the Virginia line on Continental establishment and did serve out his time of three years and obtained his discharge dated Morris Town 22<sup>d</sup> Jan'y. 1780 signed C Gibbs M. C Guards [Caleb Gibbs, Major-Commandant of the Corps of Guards] which is herewith sent and this deponent was and did serve most of said term of three years as one of the life or body guards of the Commander in chief General George Washington and was such when he received said discharge. And this deponent further says that he served one whole year in the war of the revolution prior to the above enlistment and was marched to Boston some time in the year 1775 and assisted in expelling the British from that City [17 Mar 1776]. And this deponent upon his oath aforesaid further declares and says that he is poor and in reduced circumstances and needs the assistance of his Government or Country for support

[signed] John Bodine

I do certify that the bearer, John Bodine, served in Captain Hugh Stephenson Company of Riflemen, from Virginia, being the first Company that march to Boston in the year 1775; and that he faithfully served the full term of his enlistment, and was honorably discharged on Staten Island July 1<sup>st</sup> 1776.

To whom it may concern Sam Finley [Samuel Finley] then a Lieut of said Company

John Bodine Sergeant in the Corps of Guards having served his time out for which he was engaged is discharged the service of the United States. Given at Head Quarters/ Morris Town 22<sup>d</sup> Jan'y. 1780  
C Gibbs M C Guards

All Commissaries are requested to furnish the said Bodine with Provisions to Carry him to Berkley County State of Virginia they setting down the time place quantity & how long he draws for.

Serv'd two Days provisions C Gibbs, M C Guards

Febru'ry. 6<sup>th</sup> 1780

John Myer [?] of [?]

Lancaster Febru. 12<sup>th</sup> 80 Orderd two days provision Chris J Wertz Q.M [Quarter Master]

York Feb'y 13<sup>th</sup> 80 Ordered provisions for the 14 & 15 Inst D Green QM

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Fred'k. Town [Frederick MD] three Days Rations Ordered at this post for the 16, 17 & 18<sup>th</sup> Feb'y. 1780 —  
Rich'd. Butler DQM [Deputy Q M]

Sir [Honorable Henry Brush/ Chillicothe] I take the liberty to recommend the bearer Mr. John Bodine to your special attention. I have known him both as a Citizen and a Soldier. His manner of life as a Citizen as far as I have had knowledge of him, (which was before the revolutionary war) was very upright and examplarey; and, as a Soldier, I can assure you that during the period he served with me; or

in the Company of which I was a Lieut. for bravery and good behavior I knew of none superior to him. I have reason to believe, not only from his discharge, but from his own declaration that he served three years as one of General Washingtons life guard.

If you can do anything for him you will do an act of justice to a worthy man, and much oblige your humble servant

Sam Finly/ Nov. 9, 1819

State of Ohio Ross County }

Court of Common Pleas Ss }

on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 1821 personally appeared in open court being a court of Record for the county and state aforesaid John Bodine aged seventy seven years resident in Green township Ross County and State aforesaid who being first duly Sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, that he served four years in the revolutionary war as a Sergeant the most of his time he was in Genl Washingtons life guard that he belonged to the guard at the time he was discharged at Morristown in Jersey, and I 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 twelve dollars which I lately bought and yet owe the money for and one dog – that he was placed on the pension list on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 1819 as by certificate No 17.452

John hisXmark Bodine

NOTE: A document in the file states that Bodine died on 2 Sep 1822.