

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Boatwright S5290

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State of Virginia, County of Prince Edward

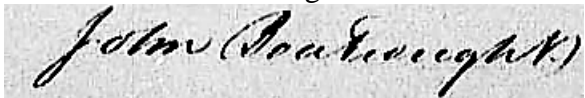
On this 15th day of April 1833, personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Peace of said County, now sitting, John Boatwright a resident of said County and State aforesaid, aged sixty nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States in the Virginia Militia as a private soldier some time in the winter of 1781, the particular date not recalled and served under the command of Capt. Creed Haskins from Cumberland County, where he then resided, he marched from Cumberland County to Suffolk; thence to the Long Bridge, near Portsmouth, and in that neighborhood had several skirmishes with the British, thence to Genl. Gregory's Station where the troops remained a few days and returned to Genl. Muhlenberg's Station near Suffolk, from thence he marched up James River and was discharged at Chuckatuck Mills [now in Suffolk City], having served a tour of three months, the field officers in command during this tour were Col Posey [Thomas Posey], Dalman [possibly Raleigh Downman or Christian Charles de Klauman] or Downman and Parker [probably Josiah Parker] —In a short time during the same year he was again called into the service as a private or soldier in the Virginia Militia in the same service and from the same County of Cumberland, under the Command of Capt. William Merideth [sic, William Meredith?], marched to the town of Manchester, where they drew arms and joined Baron Steuben in Chesterfield County in said State and served a tour of two months when he was discharged in said State. After this last tour in the same year he was again called into the service as a private or soldier in the Virginia Militia in the United States service, from the same County of Cumberland in the said State and marched under Capt. Seymour Scott to York and was there at the siege and engaged in that transaction, and served during this tour two months and was discharged near York in said State of Virginia. He the said declarant further states that he was born in the county of Amherst in Virginia as he believes in the year 1764, he has a record of his age in his possession in his Bible, he lived at the time he was called into service in the County of Cumberland in Virginia, and has since the year 1797 lived in the County of Prince Edward, where he still lives, he was called into service each time and was drafted in his own place, The names of the officers, regulars he believes who were in command over the troops with whom he served in the first tour were Cols Posey, Dolman or Downman and Parker, Generals Muhlenberg and Gregory, in his second Baron Steuben, in his third Genls Lawson Marquis Lafayette & Washington, he has no written discharge of his service, they were, he believes, verbal by the Captain who was in Command over him in each tour after his term of service had expired. He names as persons who are acquainted with him in his present neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, John Tuggle, Nathaniel Penick, Edward Booker, Charles Fare, Joseph Todd, Joseph Benford, Charles Baldwin, William Venable, Samuel C Anderson and the Rev Wm Johnson.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever of a pension or annuity except the present and

declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Boatwright

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Boatwright". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background. A small superscripted "1" is located to the right of the signature.

[William Johnson, a clergyman, and John Tuggle gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the Virginia militia.]

¹ I do not believe this is the actual signature of the veteran since the handwriting is identical to the handwriting of the body of the document itself. I believe it is merely an indication by the scribe that the original of the document as filed in the court was signed by the applicant.