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Pension Application of Samuel Bootwright S6684

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State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions
Mecklenberg [sic: Mecklenburg] County } August Term 1833

On this 31st day of August A.D. 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions opened and held for the County of Mecklenberg and State aforesaid on the 4th Monday of August aforesaid and now sitting – Samuel Boatwright a resident of said County and State aged sixty eight years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of congress passed the seventh of June 1832 – that he is sixty eight years of age and that he was born in in the year A.D. 1764 – that he has a record of his age in his possession and that he was born in the County of Hanover State of Virginia about ten miles of Richmond – that he lived there until the Revolutionary war and that he first entered the service of the United States in the States Troop of Virginia see endnote] under Captain Elisha Meredy – that this was in the year 1779 – that he marched to Little York and was under the Command of General [Thomas] Nelson – that he volunteered for nine weeks – which tour he served and was verbally discharged at Williamsburg – That he again volunteered under Captain Robert Carter – for two months as well as he can remember – that his lieutenant was William Aery [or Aevy] – that this was in year 1781– that his commanding officer was colonel Campbell – that he was stationed at Williamsburg – where Colonel Campbell was killed [possibly Gen. William Campbell, who died 22 Aug 1781] – he was verbally discharged from this service – He again volunteered as he believes in the year 1781 under Captain Thomas Richardson for two months – that John Starke was colonel and that his company was stationed at Mobbin Hill [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond] on James River that he served out his time and was verbally discharged by his commanding officer – That he again volunteered under Captain Thomas White – that Marryweather [sic: Meriwether] was Major and Hardiman was Colonel – that during this tour he was at the Siege of Yorke [Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] with General Washington with the Continental army and was present at the Capture of Lord Cornwallis – that after the capitulation of Little Yorke – he was marched to Frederickburg from which place he returned Home – being then left with eleven others without officers that this was in the year 1781

That the whole time he was engaged in the United States service during the last tour was about two months – tho he can not speak positively to the fact – that he was at little york when the first cannon was fired on the town by the Continental Army [30 Sep] – that he assisted in raising the works for the protection of the cannon and those who had the command of them – remained there until the town was taken and was marched from there to the town of fredericksburg – that the whole time he was engage in the service during that war was about nine months – that he understands that the Muster Rolls of the States Troop of Virginia are in the war department at Washington that other than that he has no documentary evidence of his services as above stated – and that he knows of no living wittness by whom he can prove it that he remained in the State of Virginia during the Revolutionary War and removed to the State of North Carolina in the year 1787 into the County of Mecklenberg where he has resided ever since –

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any state.

[signed] Samuel Bootwright

NOTES:

I could find no record of the named officers in the Virginia State Line. The short tours suggest

that Bootwright actually served in the militia.

A document in the file states that Bootwright died on 4 May 1834.