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Pension Application of James Boaz S6694

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Virginia Patrick County to wit.

On this 16th day of May 1833 personally appeared before the County Court of Patrick now sitting James Boaz a resident of the county of Patrick and State of Virginia between 83 or 84 years of age, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832–

That he was born in the County of Buckingham and State of Virginia on the 30th day of May 1749 – That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as hereinafter stated. He volunteered in March 1777 in the company of Capt Dixon in the County of Bedford Virginia, where he then resided and marched in the said company in April following against the Indians to the Long Islands of Holston [present Kingsport TN], and returned home with said company in August of the same year. On this tour he served as a Sergeant, and served at least four months & a half. He soon after removed to the County of Pittsylvania Virginia, and was ordered as a sergeant by Col John Wilson in 1779 to take command of five men and serve as spies and rangers against the Tories, and served in that character a tour of three months, having apprehended and committed to jail twenty seven tories. He again volunteered in the County of Pittsylvania Virginia in January 1781 in a company commanded by Captain Thomas Smith. He immediately marched in the said company and joined the Continental Army in the State of North Carolina, and was attached to the Infantry in the Corps of Col. Henry Lee. At the time of the Battle of Guilford, he was on fatigue duty about ten or twelve miles from the field of Battle. As soon as he heard the first cannon fire, he hastened towards the scene of action; when he arrived within a mile of the field of Battle he met with General Stephens [sic: Gen. Edward Stevens] wounded and retreating who told him the Battle was ended, and that it was unnecessary for him to go on. On this tour he served as a quarter master Sergeant, and served four months. He was personally acquainted with Col. Henry Lee and Captain Rose of his Legion, and many others whose names he does not recollect. He served in all seven months as Sergeant and four months as quarter master sergeant. He has no Documentary evidence or verbal evidence within his reach to prove the actual performance of the above services. He received discharges for his first & last tours and kept them for some time but not expecting they would be of any service to him, they have been lost. He is known to Joshua Adams a clergyman and William Critz Esq in his neighborhood who are willing to certify to his good character for truth and veracity and to their belief of his having been a revolutionary soldier founded on the general belief and report of his neighborhood. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

[signed] James Boaz

NOTE: A document in the file states that James Boaz died in Patrick County on 12 Nov 1850 leaving no widow but the following children: "Milly Boaz, the sole devisee and legatee of James Boaz dec'd. and Tabitha Taylor, Robert Boaz, and Agnes Pedigo, the wife of Dan'l R Pedigo, the adm'r with the will annexed of the said James Boaz, & Mary Elliot & Phebe Chandler." Another document states that the wife of James Boaz was Anna Boaz.