

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Bootle W16507

Martha Bootle

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State of New York Rensselaer County: SS

On this 8th day of April 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Rensselaer personally appears Thomas Bootle resident and Rensselaer County, who being by may 1st duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war." That he the said Thomas Bootle enlisted into the Army of the United States in June 1775 in the company commanded by Captain Joseph Philips in the 4th North Carolina Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Poke [sic, Thomas Polk] for the term of 3 years and continued to serve to the end of his enlistment and received a written discharge which is worn out and lost and that he received his discharge in Paramus New Jersey and that he again enlisted on the 2nd day of April 1781 in the company commanded by Captain Luther Baley in the 2nd Massachusetts Regiment commanded by Colonel Ebenezer Sprout for the term of three years and that he served to the close of the war and received a written discharge at West Point from General Nixon's Brigade which is also lost – and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of said services.

Sworn to and declared before meet, the day and year aforesaid.

I Joseph Dorr one of the Judges as aforesaid do certify, that it appears to my satisfaction, that the said Thomas Bootle did serve in the revolutionary war as stated in the preceding declaration against the common enemy: and I now transmit the proceedings and testimony taken and had before meet, to the Secretary for the Department of War, pursuant to the directions of the aforementioned act of Congress.

S/ Joseph Dorr

I George Gaby¹ of the Binghamton in the State of Vermont of the age of seventy-two years testify and say I was in the Army of the Revolution as a Soldier several years and I became acquainted with Thomas Bootle a Soldier in the American Army at White Plains and know that he served as a soldier but for what term of time or in what line of the Army I know not
and further saith not

April 6, 1818

S/ George Gaby

¹ FPA S39564

State of New York Rensselaer County: SS:

On this 31st day of May 1820, personally appeared in open court, (being a court of record in and for the said County according to the solemn adjudications of the Supreme Court of this state, and being a court which proceeds according to the course of common law; and a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount; keeping a record of its proceedings; and possessing the power of fine and imprisonment) Thomas Bootle aged 67 years resident in the Town of Hosick [Hoosick Falls?] in said County who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: – that he enlisted in North Carolina in Captain Williams company and Colonel Thomas Poke's [sic, Thomas Polk's] 4th North Carolina Regiment for three years at the expiration of which time at Paramus in New Jersey was discharged, and he again enlisted in Peterborough in Massachusetts for three years in Captain Bayles Company in Colonel Ebenezer Sprout's Regiment 2nd Massachusetts Regiment at the expiration was discharged at West Point, in New York honorably. The number of his pension Certificate is 5420, and the date of his original declaration he does not recollect,

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and 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 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,

S/ Thomas Bootle

Sworn to and declared on the 31st day of May 1820

S/ Archil Dull, Deputy Clerk

Schedule of all of the real & personal estate (except the necessary clothing & bedding excepted) of Thomas Bootle a pensioner of the United States to wit, no real estate, personal estate as follows to wit

1 iron pot \$1, 1 tea kettle \$1, 4 chairs \$2.00, 1 spider \$.75	\$4.75
1 table \$1.50, ½ dozen knives & forks \$1, Crockery \$3, ½ dozen spoons \$.50	6.00
Shovel & Tongs	<u>1.00</u>
	\$11.75

I am by occupation a School Instructor, but from age, blindness & infirmity of body and unable to pursue it – my family consists of a wife aged 66 years.

[p 11: in the state of New York, Rensselaer County, Martha Bootle of Troy County, state of New York, filed a claim for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Thomas Bootle late of the town of Willsborough [Willsboro] County of Essex, state of New York; that she was 82 years of age on the 16th day of June last; that she married Thomas Bootle December 18, 1778; that she has never been married to anyone else; that she understood her husband was a Sergeant in the revolutionary war and drew a pension of \$96 per annum until his death on April 26, 1829; that from their marriage to the close of the war she resided in the town of Petersham, Massachusetts; that they resided in the state of Massachusetts 7 or 8 years after the close of the war then moved to the state of Vermont, from there to the state of New Hampshire, then back to the state of Vermont and from there to Hoosick in the State of New York and has since resided in the State of New York her age and marriage in a Bible belonging to her daughter and Bennington in the state

of Vermont.]

[p 14: family record]

Thomas Bootle and Martha Bootle married December 18 1778

Martha Bootle born July 29 1780 in Petersham

Sarah Bootle born June 4 1784 in Templeton

Sarah Bootle died August 6 1785 aged one year and 2 months and 2 days

Nancy Bootle born in December 3rd 1787 in Wilmington in the State of Vermont

Thomas Bootle born in February 18th day 1791

William Bootle born [indecipherable]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 8, 1818, for service as a private in the North Carolina and Massachusetts lines.]