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Pension Application of Wood Bouldin W18637

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State of Virginia: Charlotte County to wit:

On this 24th day of April, 1838, personally appeared before me Thomas Pettus a Justice of the peace in and for said County and State aforesaid, Joanna Bouldin, a resident of Charlotte County, State of Virginia, aged 86 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress, passed July 4th 1836: That she is the widow of Wood Bouldin, who was a Lieutenant of the State line of Virginia on Continental establishment in the War of the Revolution. That she does not know, but believes, that her late husband was a Lieutenant under Capt [Joseph] Michaux, and attached to the 14th Virginia Regiment, commanded by Col [Charles] Lewis. That he marched to the north, joined the Army under Genl Washington, and was engaged in many battles. that he was a resident of Charlotte County, Virginia, at the time he entered the service and received his Commission – and continued to reside in Charlotte untill his death.

She further declares that she was married to the said Lieutenant Wood Bouldin on the 3^d day of April, 1777, by the Rev'd Mr. Johnson of the Episcopal Church; and that her marriage took place before the expiration of the last period of his service.

That her husband, the aforesaid Lieutenant Wood Bouldin, died in the County of Charlotte on the 13th day of March, 1800; and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof accompanying this declaration – as to the length of time her husband was in the service, she refers to the army Records, and documents herewith filed

[signed] Joanna Bouldin

Sir/ Youll Deliver Cap Read, as much Forrage as he wants for the use of his Troops of horse Taking his Receipt for the same.

Jacob Morton Captain, Charlotte Militia]

To Mr Wood Bouldin Commisary

17th June 1780

9th April 81

Madame} you will furnish the Bearer Wood Bouldin with A horse Saddle and Bridle to Capt. Jno. Coxes [possibly John Cox, Assistant Quarter Master General] Wm Hunt [William Hunt]

Rec'd 9th April 1781 of Wood Bouldin Adj to Lt. Colo Flemings [William Fleming's of Powhatan County] Reg't. of Militia one Bay Mare Saddle & Bridle that were Impressed at Cabbin Point [sic: Cabin Point on James River in Surry County VA]

Test/ John Murray

James King

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 20th day of December 1783, in the name of Wood Boulding as Lieut of Infantry for £115.7.6, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Mr Collin College and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782. To Wit pay as Lt. from 1st Jan'y 77 to 1st Dec'r. 1778.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 23rd day of April 1838.

Jas. E. Heath Auditor.

Mr. George Greenhow. Richm'd.

Louisa June 15 1810

Sir,/I rec'd. yours of the 8th of the present instant. I should with pleasure do any thing in my power for the family you mention. Wood Bouldin dec'd. was appointed a Lieutenant and served in the 14th Va. Cont'n. Reg't., but wheather he was reduced on the reduction of the officers [probably at White Plain NY, 14 Sep 1778], who were stiled supernumera [supernumerary], or afterwards was out of service for the Want of men to command, at this time cant charge my mind: I will take the liberty to remind, if on the first, I believe he was intitled to one years pay & depreciation on that res'd.[?], if the second, deprecation as on the first commutation in lieu of half pay for life, & Land from the State of Va. and the United States: as to the grade, to certain officers, no emoluments were attached: all which I have mention'd, that enquiry may be made at the proper offices, which may throw some light on his leaving the army, which to him, I am certain was reputable, if any information is obtained, will thank you for it; it may enable me to give the necessary Certifycate.

Yr. Ob't. S't./ John Overton [BLWt1615-300]

Virginia: Charlotte County to wit:

I do hereby certify, that Wood Bouldin late of Charlotte was a Cadet and Drill Officer in Capt Brent's company [John Brent, 4th Virginia Regiment] in the Spring of 1776, and attached to the continental line. That in 1777, he marched to the north under Capt. Michaux of the Continental line, and served three years. My impression and belief is, that he was in the service from the commencement to the close of the war. The said Wood Bouldin was a Lieutenant and Adjutant in the Revolutionary war, when I was with him.

William p hawlett [William P. Hawlett]

Virginia: Charlotte County to wit:

This day James Mullings [24 Apr 1838; pension application S10251] of Charlotte, came before me a Justice of the peace in the County and State aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth depose and say: That he was well acquainted with Lieutenant Wood Bouldin in the War of the Revolution. That in the year 1777, he was Overseer for Mrs. Read, who resided in the immediate neighborhood of old Parson Johnson of the Episcopal Church. That he recollects, that on the 3^d day of April, 1777, the said Lieutenant Wood Bouldin, was married (at the parsonage) by old Parson Johnson, to Joanna Tyler, then a member of his family; for He was present, and witnessed the whole ceremony. He farther certifys, that in a few days after the marriage, the said Lieutenant Bouldin joined the company of Captain Michaux of the 14th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, and marched to the north. He farther certifys, that said marriage took place before the expiration of the said Lieut. Bouldin's last period of service. He farther states, that the said Lieut. Bouldin departed this life in the year, 1800; but the particular day or month, he does not recollect. That the said Joanna Bouldin is still alive, living in the County of Charlotte, and has never married since the death of said Lieut. Bouldin. That old Parson Johnson, who married them, is dead; and has been dead for many years. I am in the 87th year of my age, and was a soldier of the Revolution.

[signed] James Mullings

Virginia: Charlotte County to wit:

I [William Vaughan, pension application S14754] do hereby certify that I was a Sergeant of the State line of Virginia on Continental establishment in the war of the Revolution – and now a Pensioner of the United States. I was intimately acquainted with Lieutenant Wood Bouldin and his wife Joanna Bouldin, formerly Tyler, both before, during, and after the Revolutionary war. I was raised in the same neighbourhood, and lived near them ever since. I farther certify, as coming within my own personal knowledge, that said Wood Bouldin was a Lieutenant under Capt. Michaux, and attached to the 14th Virginia Regiment on continental establishment, commanded by Col Charles Lewis. The said company marched to the north in the Spring of 1777. I was repeatedly in company with said Lieutenant Bouldin whilst in the Army at the north. He was a brave, useful and efficient officer; and rendered much service to

his country. A few days before he marched to the north, he married "Joanna Tyler" of Charlotte, and recollect distinctly that when I was discharged from the service, he sent by me a letter to his wife, which I delivered to her. This marriage took place, I know, before the expiration of his last period of service. I left him in the service when I returned. I farther certify, that said Lieutenant Bouldin, has been dead for many years; and that the said Joanna Bouldin, his widow, is still alive resident in Charlotte, and that she has not married again, since the death of said Lieutenant Bouldin. I am in the 89th year of my age.

[1 May 1838]

[signed] William Vaughan

Virginia. Charlotte County to wit:

I Thomas Pettus and acting Justice of the peace in the County of Charlotte, do hereby certify that in the Spring of 1776, Wood Bouldin late of Charlotte, marched from the County of Charlotte as a Cadet in Capt Brent's Company of Regulars.

I farther certify, that I have a distinct recollection, that the said Wood Bouldin marched from the County of Charlotte on the 9th of January 1781, as a Lieutenant in Capt Gaines' Company of Militia to Portsmouth in Virginia, and that shortly after reaching that place, was made an Adjutant of the Regiment, and continued to act in that capacity until I was discharged, which was the 9th of April, 1781. These facts come within my own personal knowledge, being a soldier at the time, and in the service with said Adjutant Bouldin. Given under my hand this 5th day of July 1838. Thomas Pettus J.P.

Virginia: Charlotte County to wit:

I William Vaughan of Charlotte, do hereby certify in addition to former certificate given by me, that Lieutenant Wood Bouldin late of Charlotte, about the 1st of March, 1776, marched from the County of Charlotte, (and was attached to the company of Capt Brent of the continental line) to Portsmouth in Virginia. I was a Sergeant in Capt Brent's company, and know the fact, that said Wood Bouldin was a Cadet and Drill Officer in the Company, and continued as such until the month of September 1776 when he received the commission of Lieutenant. He then left Portsmouth for the purpose of recruiting; and I saw him no more, until we met again in the Northern Army in 1777 – Given under my hand this 14th day of June 1838.

[signed] William Vaughan

[On 2 Jan 1844 Joanna Bouldin inquired about an increase in pension because her husband "was first a cadet and Lieutenant in the Continental Army; that he was also an Adjutant and Commissary afterwards, but whether in the Regular service or Militia, I am unable to state at the present. In my Declaration, if I recollect distinctly, no mention was made of some Staff Appointments held by him, which I considered of no importance at the time." Her signature was witnessed by Mary Bouldin and Francis Bouldin.]

State of Virginia Charlotte County to wit

I Overton Pettus do hereby certify that I was acquainted with Wood Bouldin in the war of the Revolution; I recollect, distinctly; that during the war, being a small boy, my Father sent me with my brother John, to carry grain to Bouldin's old store for the use of the army, which grain was duly delivered by my Brother and Self and that was one of the places of deposit – what year I am unable to state with any certainty. [12 Mar 1845]

Overton Pettus

State of Virginia Charlotte County to wit,

I Thomas Pettus a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby Certify that I was well acquainted with Wood Bouldin and served with him as a Soldier in the year 1781; and I do further say that in the year 1779 or so. that there was grain deposited at Bouldin's Old Store in the said County of Charlotte for the use of the Army and that was one of the places of deposit – And that is I suppose about the date referred to by Overton Pettus in his Affidavit Thomas Pettus J.P.

State of Virginia: Charlotte County to wit:

I James Mullings of Charlotte County, Virginia, aged 94 years, do hereby certify, that I honestly believe, Wood Bouldin of Charlotte was a Commissary in the War of the Revolution, for I recollect distinctly he received grain and provisions for the use of the army at Bouldin's Old Store, the place of his residence, during the latter part of 1779 and the hard Winter of 1780, and believe through the whole year of 1780. My impression and belief farther, is, that he acted in that capacity at least Twelve Months, if not longer. He had previously served in the Continental line: and in 1781, he served in the militia as an officer. I lived at the time spoken of about five miles from him, was intimate with him, and often visited Bouldin's Old Store, which makes me recollect, and honestly believe, he was a Commissary in the Army.
[31 Mar 1845] James hisXmark Mullings

NOTES:

In the file is a copy of a bond signed on 2 Apr 1777 by Wood Bouldin and Thomas Read for the marriage of Bouldin to Joannah Tyler. There is also a copy of the following: "Miss Joan Tyler writes to inform Con'l Thomas Read that she is of age and with her approbation Mr Wood Bouldin doth apply for marriage lisencc/ March 1777."

Thomas Pettus stated that at the time of Bouldin's death he left several children. The file contains letters to James W. Bouldin, Member of the House of Representatives and son of Wood and Joanna Baldwin. One dated 2 May 1838 adds: "Your Mother and sisters are well; also your sons, Robert & Thomas. Also in the file is a letter dated 8 May 1896 from R. Bouldin, Jr. of Stuart VA, said to be a great grandson of Wood Bouldin, inquiring in behalf of a sister who wished to join the Daughters of the American. Revolution.