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Pension Application of Wright Bond W3382

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State of Virginia Bedford County S.S.

On this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 1833 personally appeared in open court before the County Court of Bedford now sitting Wright Bond a resident of Virginia in the County of Bedford aged Seventy three 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 Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated Viz. That in the year 1775 that he enlisted as a minute man under Captain Joseph Carrington Lieutenant Rob. Hughes [Robert Hughes] and Ensign John Raily [John Railey] in the County of Cumberland in the State of Virginia for twelve months to serve at any moment when called on. That during this enlistment he was called out three times. The first time he was called out, he rendezvoused at Goodes Bridge [on Appomattox River] where they remained about one month for the purpose of exercising in discipline, when he returned home, commanded to be at all time ready to march when called on. The next time he was called out he marched by way of Petersburg to Norfolk where he remained the greater part of the winter. he joined other troops in Norfolk and was there during the time Lord Dunmore bombarded and burnt down the town [1 Jan 1776]. That during this engagement his ensign Raily was killed. From Norfolk he was marched to a place about Twelve miles from Norfolk, the name he cannot recollect, where they remained some time. from that place he marched to Suffolk, and from thence to Petersburg and from thence to Chesterfield Courthouse where after remaining a short time he received permission to return home. He was engaged in this tour at least three months and a half. The next time he was called out he marched under the same officers with the exception of ensign Raily who had been killed at Norfolk (having received the appointment of Corporal) by way of Williamsburg to York Town where he remained some time stationed. from York Town he was marched back again by way of Petersburg to Cumberland Courthouse where he was discharged. That he was engaged in this tour four months. he never received any written discharge but can prove he served these Tours by John and Lewis Turner to whose affidavit he refers. That in September 1777 he substituted in the place of his Father in Law Moses Hubbard [Moses Hubbard] who had been drafted to serve a militia Tour of two months from the County of Cumberland that he held the appointment of Sergeant and marched under Cap. Benjamin Wilson to Hampton where he was stationed until discharged which took place before the full term of service expired having only served in this Tour six weeks. He has no documentary evidence, but refers to the affidavit of John & Lewis Turner which is hereto annexed the latter of which served said Tour with him. That he thinks it was in the same year [sic] he was drafted for a tour of four or four months in the militia. that he held the appointment of sergeant and marched under Cap Robert Anderson to Hillsborough in North Carolina where they joined other troops under the command of General [Edward] Stevens and within sight of the regular Troops under Genl. [Horatio] Gates, but was not allowed to join them but marched to near Camden in South Carolina where they did join them the day before the battle [Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780], known by the name of Gates defeat. that after the Battle the Troops being all dispersed and scattered. He assembled with other troops at Hillsborough, which was about the close of the Tour. That he has no documentary evidence but refers to the affidavit of Lewis & John Turner That he thinks it was in the year 1779 [sic] he was again drafted for Two months that he still held the appointment of Sergeant and marched under same Cap Robert Anderson for Petersburg but did not reach that place as the British was at that time in possession of it [beginning late April 1781] but marched to a place near Petersburg by the name of Wilton where they joined other troops from the County of Amelia. They remained at this place a short time. from thence they marched to Manchester near Richmond where he

remained the balance of Tour. He has no documentary evidence of the service of this Tour nor no Living Witness by whom he can prove it by except John Turner to whose affidavit he again refers. That he thinks it was in the year 1780 [sic: see note below] he was again drafted from the same county for two months in the militia and marched under the same Cap Robert Anderson and Lieutenant John Hatcher to near Petersburg the place he cannot distinctly recollect where he was stationed a short time and then marched to Richmond where he remained on Shres Hill sometime and was then marched to meet Wayne's army when the time having expired he was discharged. He held the appointment of Sergeant in this tour also. That he has no documentary evidence of the service of this tour nor does he know of but one living witness he can prove it by, which is Stephen Holland who served said Tour with and to whose affidavit he refers. He cannot say to what Regiment he was at any time attached if in fact he was attached to any during the service of any of his Tours, nor can he distinctly recollect any other officers than those named in this declaration. That he was born and raised in the County of Cumberland in the State of Virginia where he resided when called into service until 1799 or 1800 when he moved to the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia a distance of 110 or 115 miles. That he has little communication with any persons living in that County since his removal. That he does not know of any person living except those already referred to that served with him or knew anything of his having served, and that in consequence of old age he is unable to go in search of any further evidence without great inconvenience and considerable risque even if he knew that any such still survived. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency for any State. The following are the answers to the several interrogatories propounded by the Court to Wright Bond before whom the foregoing declaration was sworn and subscribed.

Answer to question 1<sup>st</sup>. I was born on the 13<sup>th</sup> day April 1759 in the County of Cumberland in the State of Virginia where he resided until 1799 or 1800. I then moved to the County of Bedford where I have ever since resided

2<sup>nd</sup> I have a record of my age as kept by parents

3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Answered as stated in the declaration.

6<sup>th</sup> I do not think I ever received a written discharge. if I ever did it is lost or mislaid,

7<sup>th</sup> I refer to William Leftwich a minister of the gospel and to Pleasant Brown who resides in my neighbourhood and to both of whom I am well acquainted

Bedford County to wit

Personally appeared before me Booker Preston, justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Wright Bond who being duly sworn deposeth and sayeth that by reason of Old age and the consequent loss of memory that he cannot swear positively as to the precise time of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades – for five months I served as a private – for 4 months as a Corporal and for nine months and fifteen days as a Sergeant and for which service I claim a pension

Wright Bond

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23<sup>d</sup> day of March 1833

Booker Preston J.P.

Bedford County to Wit

On the 16<sup>th</sup> day of August last Lewis Turner aged seventy three years who is now a resident of Smith County Tennessee but formerly of the County of Bedford Virginia where he is now on a visit came before me Bowker Preston a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and made oath that he was born & raised in the County of Cumberland in Virginia in the immediate neighbourhood where Wright Bond was born and raised That he understood the said Wright Bond enlisted under Cap. Joseph Carrington in the County of Cumberland in the year 1775 as a minute man to serve when called on, That as well as he recollects he was called out twice during this enlistment which was for twelve months, The first he was, as he understood marched to Norfolk and as well as he recollects was absent four months from home. That the second time he does not recollect where he went, nor the length of time he was gone. That he

and the said Bond served a Tour in the Militia from the County of Cumberland together under Captain Benjamin Wilson. That he recollects they commenced their march the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1777 and went to Hampton and the tour was about six weeks when the company was discharged. That he recollects when he and Bond served the Tour which included Gates's defeat as he was informed. That he said Bond was a Sergeant and warned in the men to serve this Tour, That the said Bond was reputed a good soldier and served all his Tours faithfully That about this time this affiant removed from the County of Cumberland to the County of Bedford and knows nothing of any other services rendered by said Bond.

Bedford County to Wit

This day [23 Mar 1833] Stephen Holland aged seventy three years personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and made oath that he served a militia Tour of two months in the War of the Revolution with Wright Bond who signed the foregoing declaration. that they served in the same company under Cap. Robert Anderson, the precise date he cannot recollect but well remembers it was in the Spring of the year before the Surrender of Cornwallis at the Siege of York [19 Oct 1781]. That he well recollects their marching from Shoco [sic: Shockoe] Hill at Richmond to meet Waynes army and that they served the full term of service and was regularly discharged

Stephen Holland

NOTES:

The army under Gen. Lafayette went to Richmond on 8 May 1781 to await Gen. Anthony Wayne from the North. Wayne's army united with Lafayette's near North Anna River on 10 June.

On 24 May 1843 Patsey (Martha) Bond, 83, applied for a pension stating that as Martha Brown she married Wright Bond in Nov 1781, and he died 10 Feb 1843. The application included an extremely faded family record certified by Pleasant Bond as being in his father's handwriting and transcribed below. Information in brackets is from a typed summary in the file.

In Bond's folder is a misfiled letter dated 4 Apr 1859 from J. M. Workman written on behalf of an unnamed daughter of Daniel Workman (pension application S40725) inquiring about benefits that might be available to her.

Salley Bond was Born January the 23 1783 and she dyed july 1798

Allen Bond was Born July 21 1785

[Mahala] Bond was Born [December the 4] 1787

William Bond was Born July the 8 1790 and he died july The 20 1790

Anney Bond was Born octoBer the 7 17[91]

pleasant Bond was Born [July the 2 1794]

Mary [Spearman] Bond was Born September The 15 1797

Rhoda Bond was Born Febuary The 6 1806[last digit unclear]