

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

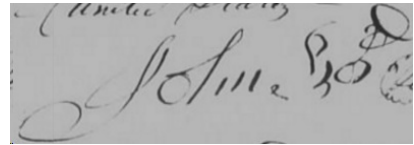
Pension Application of John Bond W5225

Joannah Bond

VA

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For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of “An act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the army of the Revolution” approved on the 15th of May 1828 I John Bond of Kentucky in the County of Owen, do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution for and during the War, and continued in its service until its termination at which period I was a private in Captain Thomas Drews [Thomas H. Drew R13852] company in the 3rd or 4th Regiment of the Virginia line and I also declare that I believe I received a certificate for the reward of eighty or some number of dollars to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May 1778 and I further declare that I was not on the 15th day of March 1828 on the pension list of the United States.

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "John Bond". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

State of Kentucky

Owen County Sct

On this 29 day of may 1829 came personally before the undersigned a justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid duly authorised to administer oaths &c Robert Bond and Walker Bond and did severally make oath that John Bond who has subscribed the annexed declaration was a Soldier as therein stated by him, that he enlisted in or about the year 1778 in Capt Thomas Drews Company under Colonel Porterfield [Charles Porterfield BLWt1145-450] under General Washington in the 3rd or 4th Virginia Regiment in the Continental establishment – that he enlisted during the War and was at Gates defeat [defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates, Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] – that he served as a private until the close of the War and was Honorable discharged at Williamsburg having been taken by the British and exchanged – that he is 67 years old. Given under my hand as a Justice as aforesaid this 29 day of May 1829.

State of Kentucky Owen Circuit Sct

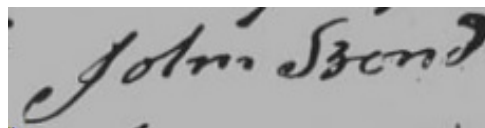
On This 16th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Thos M Hickey Circuit Judge of Owen County now sitting John Bonds a resident of the County of Owen and state aforesaid aged sixty nine years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1779 with Captain Drew and served in the 4th or fifth Regiment Continental line under the followin named officers.

That he enlisted as a soldier of the revolutionary army in the year 1779 as he thinks, in the County of King William near Todds Bridge in said County State of Virginia for and during the war that that had then been going on upwards of three years, that when he enlisted his captain was by the name of Thomas Drew that Captain Drews company marched to Williams Burgh [sic: Williamsburg] where he rendezoused and formed a portion of Col Porterfield’s Regiment which Regiment he thinks was the fourth or fifth Regiment, from Williams Burgh the Regiment to which I belonged marched to Camdon [sic: Camden] in the State of South Carolina, that he then formed a portion General Gates Brigade, that at this time his major’s name was McGill [sic: Charles Magill W5336], that he was in the battle of Gates’ defeat where Col Porterfield fell. that from Camden in South Carolina Col Potterfields Regiment the remainder of them which was about 50 in number, marched to the City of Richmond in the State of Virginia, that from this place he marched to various places, ultimately he landed at Pointy fork of James River [sic: Point of Fork, at the junction with Rivanna River], where he was taken prisoner by the British, that when

he was took prisoner he was commanded by Capt Ewell the remainder of said Ewells & Drews Company having formed Ewell's. that from said Pointy fork he marched as a prisoner to Richmond Va from Richmond to WilliamsBurgh which was then the seat of Government of Va. from thence they were marched to James Town, there they were exchanged and he came again to his army after the Battle that Gen'l. Wayne had given the Brittish [Anthony Wayne, probably the Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781] and taken some prisoners from them, that whilst he was in the custody of the Brittish he had the small pox and when he was exchanged he went into the Hospital. that he remained there about two months. that he then went home on furlough for sixty days, given to him by col Ennis [sic: James Innes VAS1344], that after the sixty days was out he went into the service under Captain Ewell at Richmond from thence they marched to WilliamsBurgh, where he remained untill the siege of York [Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] the conclusion of the war [sic], that Captain Ewell's Company was deputed to guard the Barrax at WilliamsBurgh, that after the sige of York Col Innis gave him a discharge from the service of the United States at WilliamsBurgh. That he has no documentary evidence of the aforesaid Services, that he knows of no one by which he can prove the performance of the aforesaid Services except Robt Bond whose deposition is hereto annexed.

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 of any State in the union. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Bond". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

The affidavit of Robert Bonds taken at the Town of Owenton on the 16th of August 1832 to lay before the Hon'l Secretary of the War department of the United States, for the benefit of John Bond an applicant to be placed on the pension list or Roll of the United States as Soldier of the Revolutionary Army. Deponent being of Lawfull age and first duly Cautioned to speake the whole truth and nothing but the truth Charged and Sworn, deposeth and saith,

That he is well acquainted with the applicant John Bonds, and that he was well acquainted with him in the State of Virginia King William County, that he knows that said John Bond enlisted as a Soldier of the army of the revolution, in the year 1779 or thereabouts; that he did not enlist himself but that when s'd John enlisted he was about 18 years of age, that a great trouble took place in the family about s'd Johns having enlisted, that s'd John Bond left home, after he enlisted that he served all the time, untill he was taken prisoner at Pointy fork of James rivur. that this affiant never saw him untill he was discharged from further Service. that he Served the whole time from his enlistment untill the end of the war at york, altho this affiant was not with said Bond, during the service aforesaid that this affiant thinks said John Bond is aged about sixty nine years, that he now is living in the County of Owen State of Kentucky where he has lived for 27 years, last past

further this deponent saith not

[signed] Robt Bond

The affidavit of Jerimiah Haydon [Jeremiah Haden W2107] taken on the 17th day of August 1832 to be laid before the secretary of the war department of the United States of America, to be used on the behalf of John Bonds and applicant to be placed on the pension Roll of the United States, as a revolutionary soldier, this Affiant being of lawfull age and first duly Cautioned Charged and Sworn deposeth and saith that he this affiant was a revolutionary soldier that he served as such five years under Capt Ambrose Bohannon [Ambrose Bohannan] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel [Charles] Harrison as his officers, that he was at the battle of the pocahontas bridge [cannonading of British at Petersburg about 13 May 1781] and at the siege of york and fought in various scouting parties, that he now is on the pension roll as such and receives a pension of \$96 per year that he knows John Bond of Owen County who he has been informed has made his declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of June 7th

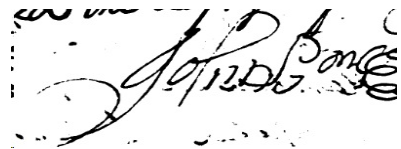
1832. He says that he never saw the said John Bond during the revolutionary war that he knows of but a short time ago Mr. Bond related to him the following incidents viz that he said Bond was taken prisoner at the pointer forks of James river, by the British forces, with a small squad of men out of Capt Ewell's company who were sent over to the point for some Cannon, and soon after they were taken prisoners they were confined in a log stable which had no chinking in it: that whilst he was in said stable he saw one of the British soldiers whilst he was in the act of dunking at the edge of the river near the log stable shot down by an American rifleman from the opposite side of the river and soon afterward the British who had taken him and his company as also the Cannon turned one of the pieces upon the American troops & fired and one horse was shot down by the cannon whilst his rider was on him. This deponent states that he was at pointers forks of James River when the above mentioned occurrences took place. He recollects that a sergeant and twelve men were detailed out of some one of the companies and sent over to the point to get some Cannon which had been left there & for the safety of which fears were entertained, that said Sergeant and men were taken prisoners by the British and soon after they were captured he recollects distinctly that a British soldier came down to the edge of the river and stooped down to drink and whilst in the act of drinking an American rifleman standing near to this deponent fired at and killed the said British soldier & soon after the said soldier was shot down the British fired a cannon on the American troops & the Ball struck a horse not more than 20 feet from this deponent and the Capt who was riding the horse jumped from him as he fell The Captain's name was — White. These circumstances all fell within my own observation and I am satisfied from the statement of Mr Bond that he must have been one of the party taken or must have been present otherwise he would not have known them. He gave this deponent his detail without deponents having first said anything to him about it.

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) misfiled under the name Blakemore, Edward. The file includes copies of several of the documents from the federal pension file.]

State of Kentucky }
Owen County } Sct

Be it known that on this 20th day of February 1834 personally appeared before me John Brown a Justice of the peace in and for the county of Owen state of Kentucky John Bonds who being sworn according to law doth on his oath state that he is a resident of Owen County Kentucky and He states and declares that he is now 72 years of age and that he is the Identical John Bonds who being a resident of King William county Virginia did enlist in the service of the United States as a private soldier for during the war in the year in the company of Capt Drew and that he served in the Virginia State line in the army of the revolution and he further states and declares that he served to the end of the war and was honorably discharged in the year

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Bonds", enclosed within a rectangular border. The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

John Bond most respectfully asks that his claim for bounty land, may be examined by agent appointed by the Legislature of Va for that purpose, & that he may be allowed that which he is entitled to March 1834

NOTE: On 11 Apr 1853 in Grant County KY Joannah Bond, 59, applied for a pension stating that as Joannah Holliday she married John Bond on 11 July 1813 in Gallatin County KY, and he died in Owen County KY on 12 Mar 1842. Warren Bond, 23, witnessed her declaration. On 30 Mar 1855 she applied for bounty land.