

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Bourne W5856

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State of Virginia, King William County S.S.

On this 29th day of Nov'r. 1837 personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for the County of King William Mary Bourne a resident of the County of King William, and State of Virginia, aged seventy eight years on the 20 day of June last past, 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 the 4, 1836. That she is the widow of John Bourne, who was a regularly enlisted soldier in the army of the United States for three years, which term of enlistment of three years, my said husband John Bourne aforesaid, faithfully served, during the revolutionary war, and he my said Husband John Bourne, was stationed in a place in the County of Hanover called Gold Hill [Goddin Hill?], and remained as one of the guard over the magazine, until it was removed to some other place out of the way of the british, who were not far distant from a place called Hanover town which is immediately in the neighbourhood of Gold hill, in the county of hanover but to what place the magazine was removed to, from Gold Hill, she the said Mary Bourne does not know, nor does she know or recollect now, under whom her said husband John Bourne deceased inlisted, her said husband as well as she recollects, enlisted and went into the service some time in the early part of the year 1777 She has no documentary evidence in support of her claim

She further declares, that she was married to the said John Bourne deceased, in the month of August 1775 and that her husband the aforesaid John Bourne, died in the month of march 1792, and that she has remained his widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof herto annexed

Mary herXmark Bourne

[Certified by John Butler, pension application S8115.]

NOTE: On 29 Dec 1837 Peter Toombs, 24, and John E. W. Toombs, 35, certified that they had examined "an old record church book of births, marriages, deaths, &c, which was kept in the church in the parish of St Davids in the County of King William,, and find that the names of John and Mary Bourne recorded in that church record book and that also is recorded in the same book exactly opposite the names of the said John and Mary Bourne Daniel Bourne the son and child of the said John and Mary Bourne, and who was born on the 9 day of September 1776."