

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Botkin W5860

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State of Virginia }
Pendleton County } S.S.

On this twenty seventh day of April in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty four personally appeared before the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for the County of Pendleton, Margaret Botkin, a resident of — in the County of Pendleton, aged 72 years on the 31st day of July last, who being 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 7 1838 entitled “An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows:” (or of any subsequent act) That she is the widow of Thomas Botkin who was a private in the Army of the Revolution, in the Militia thereof, that he was drafted in the month of October in the year 1780 to perform a tour of duty against the British Army, that the Company in which he marched rendezvoused in Staunton Augusta County Virginia, Commanded by Captain Patrick Bohannon, (or Buchannon) [Patrick Buchanan] from which place he was marched through a part of Virginia and North Carolina, to near the Cowpens in the latter State [sic: South Carolina], where he joined the main Army under the Command of Colonel [sic: General] Daniel Morgan, that he was in the battle of the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781], and he continued in the service until the month of March following. That he was in the service this tour full five months, that he was again drafted in the month of September in the year 1781 and that the Company to which he was attached rendezvoused in Staunton Virginia, under the Command of Captain Thomas Hicklin from which place he was marched to near Yorktown, where they joined the main Army under the Command of Gen’l George Washington, that he was at the Seige of Yorktown, until the surrender of the British Army by Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781], and helped to guard the prisoners to the Town of Winchester Virginia, from which place, he returned home that in this tour he served full three moths.

She further declares, that she was married to the said Thomas Botkin, on the 24th day of April in the year, one thousand seven hundred and eighty six. That her husband the said Thomas Botkin died on the 14th day of February in the year 1822, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but that the marriage took place previous to the first day of January seventeen hundred and ninety four; viz: At the time above stated.

Margaret herXmark Botkin

[Edward Morton (pension application S5778) certified that Botkin had served with him on the tour to Cowpens. John Steuart (S19474) certified that Botkin had served with him at the Siege of Yorktown.]

NOTE:

The file contains the following:

Having receiv’d a legal license for the purpose I joined in marraige (this day at the house of John Parnham in Augusta county and State of virginia) Thomas Botkin and Margret Devericks both of the county and State as above

April 21st[?] 1786

Sam’l Shannon V.D. [last initial illegible]

On 1 Jan 1849 Margaret Botkin was living in Highland County VA and was said to be 79.