

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Adam Bush W5960                      Margaret Bush                      VA  
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To the General Assembly of Virginia. Your Petitioner Humbly Represents to your Honorable Body that her Late Husband Adam Bush served thirteen months as a private soldier in the War of the Revolution in a Company of Rangers Commanded by Capt James Booth then Captain Booth Died [killed by Indians 16 Jun 1778] before his soldiers received their pay. And your petitioner's husband also died without ever receiving any compensation for his said service. Your petitioner being old and infirm takes this method to address your Honourable Body in her behalf having heard that your Honourable Body has already passed laws for the relief and benefit of some of the company who served with her late husband and also for Mrs. Pheby Cunningham, widdow of Mr. Thomas Cunningham [pension application W4166] who served in the same company. Your Petitioner refers for proof of her husbands service to the affidavits of John Cutright [W6626] and David W. Sleeth Esqr [S6111] who both served in the same company and at the same time and for whom laws has passed to pay each of them for their services. And your petitioner in duty bound will ever pray [several illegible words]

[The following in different handwriting]

The petition of Mrs. Margaret Bush wife of Adam Bush Dec'd. praying that a [illegible word] may be allowed hir for hir Husbands sevices during the revolutionary war    W. Huffman [Weeden Huffman] Jan'y. 14<sup>th</sup> 1835 ref'd to Cms [Claims]

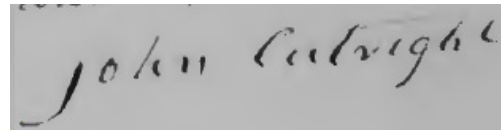
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State of Virginia    } Ss.

Lewis County        }

Personally appeared before me the subscriber an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County of Lewis, John Cutright and made oath that in the year 17    and [blank] he affiant was an Indian Spy under the command of Captain Jas Booth that Palsen Butcher [Paulser Butcher VAS1756], Adam Bush George Richards [S18572] and Samuel Pringle served as Privates in said Company of Indian Spyes thirteen months, and that in consequence of the death of Capt Booth the Company received no pay at that time, affiant has since received his pay under a law passed for his relief but beleaves that Butcher, Bush, Richards & Pringle has not as yet been paid for their servis. Subscribed and sworn to this 3<sup>d</sup> day of June 1834



In testimony where of I have here unto set my hand & seal this day & year afore said

Abner Abbott J.P.

Lewis County Viz.

Personally appeared before me the subscriber one of the Acting Justices of the peace in and for the county of Lewis and State of Virginia & made Oath that in the year 1778 & 79 he affiant served in a company of Rangers commanded by Captain James Booth and well recollects that Adam Bush was then a private in

said company and that the said Adam Bush served faithfully as a soldier under said Captain Booth and that the same reasons prevented the said Adam Bush from receiving his pay for said service which prevented this affiant and John Cutright Alexander West [W6450], Pheby Cunningham and others for who's benefitt laws has passed allowing them for thirteen months pay; the time of service untill the death of our said Captain James Booth this affiant further states that Margaret Bush is the lawful widdow of Adam Bush deced.

Sworn to this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 1834

Minter Bailey JP

I do certify that David W. Sleeth Esq of the County of Lewis was the person who made the above affidavit & that his name was omitted by inadvertance Minter Bailey JP

State of Virginia }

Lewis County }

On this 17 day of November 1842 Personly Appeared before me one of the Acting Justices of the peace in & for the County of Lewis in the Commonwealth of Virginia; Margaret Bush a Resident of the said County aged Seventy Nine 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 the fourth Day of July 1836.

That she is the Widdow of Adam Bush who was A Soldier of the Revolutionary War, that her Husband first entered the Service of the united states as a Volenteer under Captain George Jackson in the year 1781 in the month of May for the purpose of Joining the Expedition Commanded by General [George Rogers] Clark against the Western Indians. She knows but little about the movements of the said Expedition but Recollects well that her Husband Adam Bush Did not Return home until Three "weeks" before New year. Being absent in the Service of his Country Seven months and one week. She further states that Her Husband Adam Bush served as a Indian Spy in the County of Harrison [formed from Monongalia County in 1784] State of Virginia under the Command of Captain James Booth in the year 17[blank; see endnote] & thirteen Months. Which last mention service has been proven to the satisfaction of the General Assembly of Virginia as will more fully appear by refferance to the Acts passed in the year 1835 page 257 – of Session Acts of 1834 & 1835 Making his services suceptible of proof to be One year Eight Months & one Week She further states that as her Husband's Residence was in that part of the state more exposed to Indian Depredations, he was often in defence of the Frontiers engaged in Spying or Chasing the indians during many long & Dangerous Seasons During the Revolutionary War & up to the Treaty of 1795.

She States that She was Married to Adam bush in the year 1777 78 or 79. the Seremony Took place in Buckhannon Fort which was situated on the Buckhannon River in the then County of Monongahela now Lewis County [near present town of Buckhannon in Upshur County WV] by Mr Wm. Blair who was authorised to solemnise the Rights of Matrimony. She believes that there was no Record kept or if there was she knows not where to find it. & from her old age & Enfebled condition she being Blind It would be out of her power to procure it. She further states that her husband Adam Bush Died upon [blank] day of [blank] that she has remained a widdow until the present day as will more fully appear by the evidence here unto annex'd.

Margaret herXmark Bush

Adam Flesher [S18403] of the County of Lewis aged 79 came into open Court, and after being sworn deposeth & saith that he was acquainted with Adam Bush who died about the year 1804, that he first became acquainted with the said Bush when deponent was a small boy, the said Bush was the uncle of deponent and he knew him well, that the said Bush about the year 1778 intermarried with one Margaret Hagle the sister of John Hagle late a pensioner [S8669] that the marriage service was solemnized by one Wm Blair who deponent understood was authorised to celebrate the rights of matrimony. deponent knows of no record of said marriage; that the said Adam Bush and Margaret Hagle from the time of the solemnization of said marriage of which deponent was an Eye witness, lived together and were and reputed as man and wife until his death. that since the death of the said Adam Bush the said Margaret has

remained his widow never having married again, and that the said Margaret is still living in the County of Lewis about 30 miles from the Court house. that the said Margaret Bush is the same person who was allowed pay by an act of the Virginia Legislature for the services of her said husband as an Indian Spy under Capt. Booth about the year [blank] which service consisted of a service of 13 months, and which was known to deponent at the time — Deponent knows that the said Adam Bush performed a tour of service of about 7 months under Capt. Gega[?] Jackson under Gen'l. George Rogers Clark in the year 1781 – deponent thinks the said Bush left home on his service in the month of May and returned about December following

Signed by Adam hisAmark Flesher

NOTES:

On 13 Dec 1842 Paulser Bush deposed that his father Adam Bush, died “about three weeks before Christmas, in the year 1805.” William Powers, 78, possibly pension applicant S18164, deposed that Adam and Margaret Bush were reputed to have been married. On 12 Sep 1844 Margaret Bush was said to be 78.

Adam Flesher’s statement above was undated, but on 14 Dec 1842 he made a similar statement.