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Pension Application of Benjamin Bohon W8375

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State of Kentucky Mercer County court.

December Term 1836.

On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year 1836 personally appeared before the worshipful Justice of the Mercer County Court, Sarah Bohon a citizen of the County of Mercer and State of Kentucky aged seventy two 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 July 4<sup>th</sup> 1836. That she is the widow of Benjamin Bohon who was a private in the army of the Revolution. That in the spring of 1775 he entered the service of the United States from Orange County Va. under Col. Joseph Spencer and served nine months during which time they fought the battle of the Long Bridge [sic: Great Bridge, 9 Dec 1775] in which the British officer Fordice [sic: Capt. Charles Fordyce] was killed, and the old Tory Governor of Virginia Dunmore expelled from the state [departed 1 Aug 1776], and from that time down to 1781 he was every year in the service more or less. She well recollects of his serving with Captain [James] Hawkins two or three Tours as a drafted soldier and she knows he served under Capt George Waugh and in the Regiment commanded by Col Mercer in this Tour the siege of York took place [Yorktown, 28 Sep – 19 Oct 1781]. from her recollection of her s'd Husbands services one Tour at the Albamarl Barracks [sic: Albemarle Barracks near Charlottesville]. She farther states that she was married to the said Benjamin Bohon on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July 1780 by Parson Harrison then living in the County of Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] her first child was born in April 1781 She well recollects the Marquis De Lafayette she saw him when the army crossed the Raccoon Ford [on Rapidan River, 6 Jun 1781], her husband was in the serices at that time under Capt Waugh and joined the main army near York Town. – She farther states that her husband died on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 1825 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed  
Subscribed and sworn to the Day & year first above written. Sarah herXmark Bohon

The deposition of John Bohon [pension application S14975] aged Eighty one years taken subscribed and sworn to at the same time and place, states that he is the brother of the said Benjamin Bohon named in the foregoing declaration, that he knows he served in the war of the Revolution as there in stated. That he was with him during the first nine months service under Col Spencer and he knows of his service two or three Tours of three & two months each under Capt Hawkins and at least two or three Tours under Capt Waugh (this he well recollects) that he himself served upwards of two years in actual service, and his brother Ben, ser[ved] longer that he did, and a better soldier never fired a gun. he knows that he married the said Sarah the time set forth in her declaration he well recollects that they rode his horse when they went after the parson – the said Benj. Bohon did on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 1825 and the said Sarah Bohon is his widow and she has remained a widow ever since, he knows it to be the fact that his Brother Benjamin served several Tours after he was married, he fully concurs in the statements made by Sarah Bohon in her declaration and believes they are strictly true, his brother was four years & six months older than he is and if now living would be upwards Eighty four years old  
Sworn to and subscribed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of Dec'r. in the year 1836. John hisXmark Bohon

The further declaration of Sarah Bohon taken subscribed and sworn to according to Law this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January 1837. That she became acquainted with Benjamin Bohon before the war commenced and she knows that he belonged to the minute men and was as she believes at least nine months on duty it is impossible for her to recollect all the deferent Tours of duty he performed the duty performed by him in

the minute service was before they were married she also recollects of his service at the Albamarle Barracks when prisoners were brought from the north [Hessians captured at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777 and taken to Albamarle Barracks in Jan 1779] but whether it was one or two tours she cannot be perfectly certain, nor can she be certain as to their being two or three months Tours she knows her husband served under Col Spencer in the minute service and that he served Tours of duty under Captain Hawkins and under Capt Waugh. The last tour under Capt Waugh was after they were married and was absent from home upwards of three months. She was married to the said Benjamin Bohon at the time set forth in her previous declaration as she is able to prove. She will further state that she has frequently heard husband say in his lifetime that he served from three to four years in actual service in the Revolution and farther not.

Sarah herXmark Bohon

The affidavit of George Threlkeld aged seventy seven years taken subscribed and sworn to this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January 1837 as the law requires This affiant states that he was well acquainted with Benjamin Bohon the late husband of the said Sarah Bohon That he knowed him well before he was married and has known him ever since, he well recollects of his enlisting in the minute sevice under Col Joseph Spencer and was commanded by Gen'l Stephens he saw him at the rendezvous at Porters old Court house, from his best recollection upon the subject it was in the year 1775 in the capacity of a minute man Benjamin Bohon must have served at least nine months if not longer – he also recollects of Benjamin Bohon seving one other Tour of three months but he cannot be certain whether it was under Waugh or Hawkins he knows it was one or the other – This affiant served one Tour himself under Captain Bradley, and moved to Henry County, he has no farther personal knowledge of Benjamin Bohons service but always understood from Bohon himself as well as from others that he performed service at the Albamarl Barracks and under Captains Waugh and Hawkins but he does not know how many Tours nor how long They were. This affiant farther states that he was present at the time the said Benjamin and Sarah were married and knows that it took place at the time stated by her in her declaration To wit on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July 1780 by Parson Harrison living in Culpepper County Virginia – and that the said Benjamin Bohon died in the 8<sup>th</sup> of October 1825 and that the said Sarah is his widow and so remains [signed] George Threlkeld

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Mercer County } The farther declaration of Sarah Bohon widow of Benjamin Bohon dec'd. taken subscribed and sworn to, at the Clerks office of the Mercer County Court on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March 1837 (states that she makes this part of her former declaration now on file in the pension office) She states upon Oath, that she is positively certain that she was married as stated in her former declaration, on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July 1780. That the licence Issued on the 8<sup>th</sup> of s'd. month, John Jemerson [sic: John Jameson] was the principal clerk and was in the service at the time, and his Brother David Jameson was then acting as his Clerk She recollects it, as well as if it was on yesterday, her Brother George Threlkeld went with Benjamin Bohon after the license, and was present at our marriage – she farther states that she is unable to remember the exact periods of her husbands service especially the service performed by him before they were married She knows that he belonged to the minute service and was in the battle of the long Bridge, under Joseph Spencer, but how long he was in actual service she is unable to say from her own knowledge, that is the minute service, she always understood from him and others it was ten or twelve months, She always understood after he left the minute service he was drafted and served several Tours she does not know how long they were, She well remembers that some two or three weeks before Lafayette and Wayne [Gen. Anthony Wayne on 8 Jun 1781] crossed at the Raccoon ford on the Rapperdan with the army marching to the lower part of Virginia, her husband either volunteerd or was drafted, she does not certainly remember which and had marched on towards Williamsburg either under Captain Waugh, or Hawkins, her best opinion is it was Capt George Waugh. both companies started at the same time, he remained in the service for upwards of three months, this Tour and another one at the Albamarle Barracks he served

after they were married she believes the Tour at the Barracks was two months, he was certainly at the taking of Lord Corn Wallis at York, she states in conclusion that firm the best of her knowledge and belief and from what she has heard him say, and others also, that he served as much in the army of the Revolution as any man from the state of virginia, except the regulars in the State and Continental lines. and farther sayeth not.

Sarah herXmark Bohon

The affidavit of Edward Atkins [pension application S35174] taken at the house Nathaniel Burrass in Mercer County Ky on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of march in the year 1837 to be read before the Hon'le. Commissioner of Pensions in behalf of Sarah Bohon widow of old Benjamin Bohon Dec'd. who was a Revolutionary soldier. This affiant being now eighty one years of age and first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his Oath state that he belonged to the minute service of Virginia and messed with the said Benjamin Bohon They belonged to the company commanded by Capt Joseph Spencer of Orange County Va Col [William] Woodford commanded our Regt. and Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] was our General, he states upon oath that he messed with the s'd. Bohon from the spring, the latter part 1775 untill the first of the spring of 1776, he knows it was fully ten months during which time they fought the Battle of the Long Bridge and Fordyce was killed and the enemy retreated, abandoned their Fort, and spiked their cannon. They were in winter quarters at the time the Battle was fought, he states positively that him and the said Ben Bohon Messed together in actual service for Ten month at least, he is rather inclined to believe it was a little longer – in the spring of 1776 – this affiant enlisted and marched to the north and remained in the service untill the war closed – he never saw Bohon in the after he joined the Regulars he always under stood and believes it to be true that Benjamin continued in the militia service untill the war ended, there was no better soldier in the war of the Revolution than he was, he knows the said sarah Bohon is the widow of said Benj Bohon and have remained so ever since his death and farther sayeth not.

Edward hisXmark Atkins

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The further affidavit of John Bohon taken at the Clerks office of the Mercer County Court on the 13<sup>th</sup> day May 1837. This affiant being eighty two years of age and duly sworn as the Law requires states that he knows that the said Sarah Threlkeld and his Brother Benjamin Bohon was married at the time specified in her declaration, he well remembers that she rode his horse at the time they went to the parsons to marry, he also states that the s'd. Benjamin Bohon performed service after they were married he knows of two Tours one of three months at the time Lord Cornwallis was taken at Little York, and one Tour at the Albamarl Barracks he does not now distinctly recollect whether it was two or three months he knows he was detailed or drafted to guard the prisoners stationed at that place those services he knows were performed after the s'd. Benjamin and Sarah were married however his better impression is that he performed other Tours also but he cannot remember under whom, or when they marched. The Tours above specified ware served under Capt George Waugh of Orange County Virginia he also knows that previous to his marriage, he served in the minute service of Virginia several Tours. he knows the two Tours were performed in 1780 & 81 as before stated (after they were married) and further this deponent sayeth not. Subscribed and sworn to the day and year afs'd.

John hisXmark Bohon