

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Booton W8377 Amelia Booton VA
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State of Kentucky/ County of Lawrence

On this the 17th day of July 1854 personally appeared in open Court for the County and State above mentioned while in Session H. S. Booton [Hiram Sturgeon Booton] of Greenup County Kentucky aged 50 years past, and made oath to the following Declaration; to wit, that he is the son of William Booton and Amelia Booton both now deceased, that his Father above named was a private of Cavalry, in Capt Roger's [John Rogers X648] Company in Clarks [Gen. George Rogers Clark's] Brigade or Regiment from Virginia, to Illinois, and serve some 3 years in said Expedition, commencing about the year 1779 as he has always been informed by his mother and others, that his said Father William Booton received One Hundred Acres of Land, with his brother Travis Booton [W9382] one Hundred acres in Clarks Grant in Indiana, he has been informed the Land lies in Clark or Floyd County Indiana for their Revolutionary services, that he has been informed his Aunt Ruth Kavanaugh of Madison County Ky, the former Wife of his Uncle Travis Booton Dec'd has been pensioned for her first Husbands services in the Illinois Expedition under Clark at the rate of one hundred Dollars pr Annum, That her pension was granted in 1853, and that his Father (and said Uncle Travis Booton, served together under the same officers, as he has always been informed, and hopes the Hon'le Commissioner of Pensions, or any other officer that may examine the claim will find the proof sufficient, to allow the pension due his said mother, for the revolutionary services of his Father William Booton as above stated, up to his Death, to be made payable to him H. L. Booton as his mothers Administrator, that his Father William Booton above named, was married to his mother Amelia Sturgeon in the County of Monroe and state of Virginia, some time in the year 1777 or 1778 as he has always been informed, but refers to the proof annexed, and accompanying this Declaration, that his Father died in Mason County Virginia some 35 or 40 years since, as he has been informed, that he has no record of the Births marriage or Death of his said Father and Mother, it being lost or mislaid. That his said Mother Amelia Booton Died in Mason County Virginia on the fire The year 1851 [sic] as he has been informed, and refers to the proof, and the only surviving Children of said William Booton and Wife Amelia Booton are this affiant H. L. Booton, aged 50 years past, Elizabeth Bolt aged — years, Eleanor Newman aged — years Mary Fisher Aged — years Rhoda Everman aged — years & William H. Booton [William Harvey Booton] aged — years who are the only surviving children of the said William & Amelia Booton Dec'd above named, that his said Mother often talked of applying for a pension, but never applied, due her for her dec'd Husbands Revolutionary services, that she Amelia Booton above named remained the widow of the said William Booton to her Death never marrying, that he makes this application to the Honb'l Commissioner of Pensions under acts of Congress passed July 4th 1836 and any other acts, or resolutions that may meet the case.

H. S. Booton Adm'r of Amelia Booton Dec'd

State of Kentucky Madison County

On this this the 5 day of September 1853 before me John Tribble a Justice of the peace for the County and State above named personally appeared Ruth Kavanaugh a Revolutionary pensioner on account of her first Husband Travis Booton a citizen of this county who being first duly sworn as the law directs on her oath makes the following statement that she was well acquainted William Booton the Brother of her first husband Travis Booton and was well acquainted with Amelia Sturgeon the wife of William Booton that William Booton a short time before he left for the war on the Illinois expedition under Gen'l. Clark and Capt Rogers she thinks some months was married to Amelia Sturgeon in Monroe County in the State of Virginia that she was present a saw them married that it was in an adjoining county and just a cross the line some two miles from whaer she lived in Greenbrier County Va that she was present and saw said Booton start to the war and stayd may nights with his wife while he William Booton

was in the war she thinks it was in 1778 said Booton was married to Amelia Sturgeon as well as her memory serves her and was gone some 3 or 4 years to the war before he returned to his wife She had one child sometime in 1779 and it died that said Booton and said Amelia his wife lived together as man and wife to her death which took place some 35 or 40 years since and she always heard her first Husband Travis Booton say his Brother William Booton above named served together under Capt Rogers in the Illinois expedition of Clarks, she thinks from 1779 something upward of 4 or near 3 years or upwards of two years and was allowed 100 Acres of land in Clarks grant in Indiana a cross from Louisville Kentucky that said Bootons wife Amelia moved to Kentucky and lived for several years and then moved to Mason County Virginia and died his wife was frequently in Kentucky after her Husbands death amongs her children and often spoke of applying for a pension on account of her Husbands services in the Revolutionary war
[signed] Ruth Kavanaugh

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) under the name Booton, William. The handwriting is poor.]

The humble memorial of Milley Booton widow and relict of William Booton deceased now a resident of the county of Mason Coun. of Va. and the following [undeciphered word] persons heirs at law of the said William Booton deceased viz. Walter Newman and Ellen his wife formerly Ellen Booton residents of the Cty. & state of Va. William Eberanan & Rhoda his wife formerly Rhoda Booton residents of Greenup Cty. Ky. John Bott & — his wife formerly — Booton residents of Lawrence Cty. and State last aforesaid — and Belha his wife who is the only child of John Booton deceased who was the son of the aforesaid deceased William Booton residents of Gallia Cty. state of Ohio. Henry J. Fisher and Mary his wife formerly Mary Booton residents of Mason Cty. Virginia Hiram Booton son of the said deceased William Booton a resident of Greenup Cty. Ky. Lewis Booton son of the said deceased William Booton a resident of the last mentioned Cty. & State and William Booton son of the aforesaid deceased William Booton a resident of the state of Mississippi — county unknown respectfully represents that the aforesaid William Booton deceased was the husband of one and the father and grand father of the other of your memorialists and that he the said William Booton during the revolutionary war entered into the service of the State of Virginia in Capt. Rogers Company and served in what is usually called the Illinois Regiment which was under the orders of Genl. George Rogers Clarke and the name of the said William Booton will be found amongst those who served in that campaign in the original papers found in the executive department of land but how long he continued in the service is unknown to your memorialists. The prayer of your memorialists therefore is that they may have awarded to them the land due the said William Booton for such his services in the said Revolutionary war he having long since departed this life intestate and as in duty bound they will ever pray &c.

Henry J. Fisher for himself
and the other memorialists

To the Executive of Virginia

Virginia City } to wit

Henrico County }

of Richmond

Personally appeared before me the subscriber one of the Commonwealths Justices of the peace in and for the City aforesaid Henry J. Fisher who made oath that the matters of fact stated in the foregoing memorial are true to the best of his information and belief. Given under my hand on the 7 Feb'y 1837

James Rawlings JP.

In order to facilitate this business I beg leave to state to the Executive that the Illinois Regiment is placed upon other ground in relation to the Land bounty than the other troops of Virginia as will be seen by consulting the Statutes amongst others of which I would refer to those of Oct. 1783. 2^d R. C. 405. and that in Division No. 4 R. "a list of men of Rogers cavalry entitled to pay" the name of William Booton will be found. I mean the original papers of the Illinois Regiment bound in the Executive chamber.

H. J. Fisher

Rejected, there being no proof either of enlistment or service for the term [two undeciphered words] of entitling to land bounty.

NOTE: In a supporting declaration of the federal file Ellen S. Newman stated that her mother "Emelia Booton died in [Mason] County in August 1841 that she was present and saw her Burned." Henry J. and Mary Fisher stated that Amelia Booton died at their home on 25 Aug 1841. Walter Newman, 74, stated that he thought the bounty land was located near New Albany IN. The file also includes correspondence from Isaac and Elizabeth Bolt.