

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Bugg W898

Elizabeth Bugg

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State of North Carolina Haywood County }

On this 30th day of April 1844 personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for said County and State Mrs. Elizabeth Bugg a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged Eighty-Six 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 of the 4th of July 1836. That she is the widow of William Bugg who was a Soldier in the war of the revolution he entered the service as an enlisted soldier he enlisted in the State of North Carolina. The Captain's name owing to the lapse of time old age and bodily infirmity she does not recollect but she believes that it was Captain Micajah Lewis who he enlisted under and served. He enlisted for five years and served faithfully and came home and was honorably discharged and his discharge is hereto annexed to this declaration which she refers the Department to for evidence of his Service and his being a Soldier. He left the service in 1778 November 25th day. He was discharged in the State of New York as the Department will see by reference to his discharge. She further declares that she was married to the said William Bugg in the year 1772 and that her husband the aforesaid William Bugg died in said County and State aforesaid on the 14th day of August 1831, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

S/ Elizabeth Bugg, X her mark

State of North Carolina Haywood County: Personally appeared before me the above named Elizabeth Bugg who has sworn and subscribed to the foregoing declaration I further certify that from old age and bodily infirmity she is unable to attend court and that her statements are entitled to full faith and credit and that her husband the aforesaid William Bugg is believed to be a Soldier in the war of the revolution and that his discharge is hereto annexed to the above declaration.

S/ Wm Moore, JP

[p 47: On January 2, 1846 and Cocke County Tennessee, Mrs. Elizabeth Bugg, late of Haywood County North Carolina, aged 85 or six filed an amendatory application for a pension as the widow of William Bugg in which she states that she was mistaken in her prior application in stating that she married her husband prior to his service in the revolution; she states: "She further declares that she was married to the said William Bugg in the County of Wake, in the State of

North Carolina, after the termination of his last service in the war of the revolution." She further states that she was about 20 years of age at the time she married which she believes was in 1779 based on the ages of her children as shown in the family record. She further stated: "She further states that as well as she can remember and according to her mode of counting back, that the said William Bugg return from the Army, to the County of Wake, State of North Carolina, in the year 1778, that he made a crop in the summer of 1779 – and that about Christmas of the same year they were married in said County of Wake, and that they lived together as man and wife, raising a family of children, until he died in Haywood County North Carolina – and she is very certain that the marriage took place after the termination of his last service in the war of the Revolution."]

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State of New York } Novr. 26th 1778

The Commisarys at the Diffarent Station between
this and North Carolina, are Desired to permit
The Bearer hereof William Bugg with his
Rations he having served the term for which
he Intisted and is on his way home

S/ S. Harney, L. Col. [illegible] [sic, Selby Harney]

The image shows a fragment of a handwritten document, likely the reverse side of the one above. The text is written in cursive and matches the typed transcription above. The date at the top is "Novr. 26th 1778". The text reads: "The Commisarys at the Diffarent Station between this and North Carolina, are Desired to permit The Bearer hereof William Bugg with his Rations he having served the term for which he Intisted and is on his way home". The signature at the bottom is "S. Harney".

reverse of the above has notations which appear to read in part:

"Morristown Nov. 29 1778

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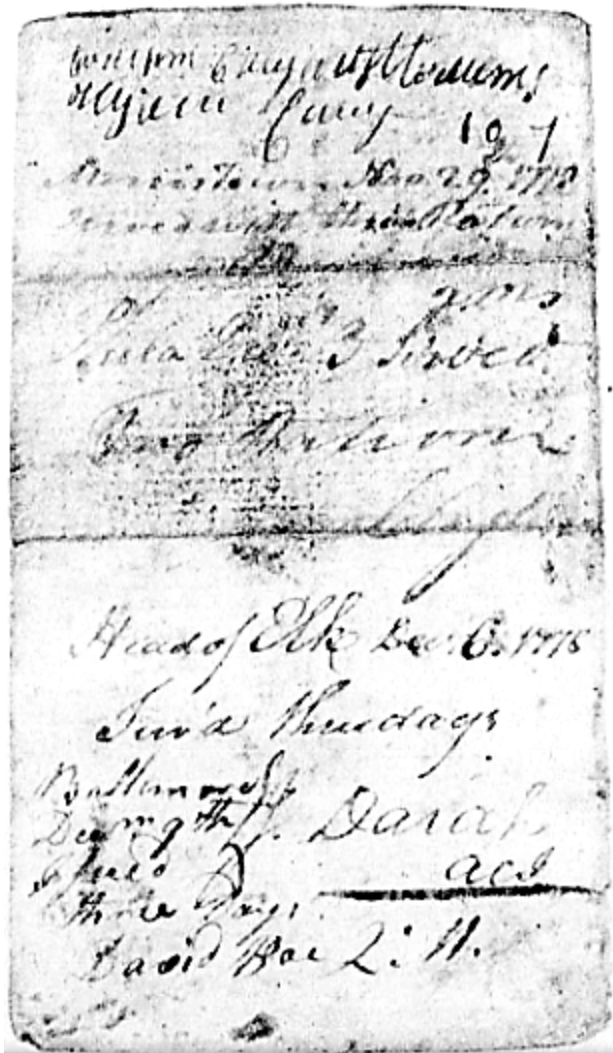
Head of Elk Dec: 6, 1778

Serv'd Thusdays

Balance

Dec'r 9th

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[p 9: family record]

Marey Bugg was born October the 21st 1780

Fanney Bugg was born March the 8th 1783

John Bugg was born March the 21st 1785

William Bugg was born August the 26 1786

Elisabeth Bugg was born February the 20th 1790

Henery Bugg was born January the 9th 1795

Liddea Bugg was born December the 17th 1797

Henery Bugg was born July the 22nd 1816

S/ Abner C Wines

Mary Bugg was Born October the 21st 1782
 Fanny Bugg was Born March the 23rd 1789
 John Bugg was Born March the 25th 1785
 William Bugg was Born August the 25th 1786
 Elizabeth Bugg was Born February the 20th 1790
 Henry Bugg was Born January the 9th 1795
 Liddea Bugg was Born December the 17th 1797
 Henry Bugg was Born July the 22nd 1816

Almer C. Wines

[p 10: On January 5, 1846 in Haywood County, North Carolina John Bugg gave testimony that he is the son of William and Elizabeth Bugg; he authenticates the above family record; he states that his mother formerly lived with him from the time his father died some 16 years ago until his mother removed to Cocke County Tennessee which removal took place in July 1844 and that the above family record has been in his possession ever since her removal to Cocke County Tennessee; he states the names of his siblings as Mary, Fanny (alias Frances), John, William, Elizabeth, Henry and Liddea; he states that his father died he remembers in Haywood County North Carolina in July 1829; "He further states that Henry Bugg, the last name on the record, whose age bears date July 22nd 1816, is the son of Elizabeth Bugg, who is the fifth child of the said William Bugg deceased and Elizabeth his widow."

John Bugg

[p 12: On January 7th, 1846 in Haywood County North Carolina, John Howell, 81 gave testimony that he first became acquainted with William and Elizabeth Bugg in Mecklenburg County before the close of the revolutionary War; that they came to Mecklenburg County from Wake County as man and wife and lived together many years in Mecklenburg County as man and wife; that he was acquainted with Mrs. Bugg's father and mother in Mecklenburg County at the same time; that he, affiant, removed from Mecklenburg County to Buncombe County (now Haywood) some 36 years ago and that a few months after he moved, William and Elizabeth Bugg removed their family to the same area; that Mrs. Bugg's maiden name was Elizabeth Kent, her father's name was Henry Kent; he also testified: "As to the service of William Bugg I know

nothing, except that it was the general report in Mecklenburg at the time I first knew him and afterwards, that he had been an American soldier in the War of the Revolution previous to his marriage to Elizabeth Kent and this report was generally believed. I have always understood and believed that he was an American soldier in the war of the Revolution previous to his marriage."]

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State of North Carolina Haywood County: Personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for said County and State Francis Bugg who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following affidavit. That she is in her sixty fourth year of age and that she well recollects of hearing William Bugg often talk of the battles he was in and of being in the war of the revolution and she well recollects of hearing him speak of being in the battle of Brandywine and of many others. She well recollects of the said William Bugg who was her father telling her mother Elizabeth Bugg about being in battles and the difficulties he had to undergo and I often heard him and other old soldiers talking and telling each other about the war of the revolution and the length of time they served and battles they were in.

S/ Francis Bugg [sic], X her mark

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State of North Carolina, Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State in the Revolutionary War, that William Bugg a private Soldier in Captain Emmet's [James Emmett's] Company of the 3rd Regiment, entered the service on the 25th day of May 1776 for the term of two and a half years, and that he was discharged on the 10th day of November 1778.

Given under my hand this 14th day of February 1845

S/ William Hill, Secry of State

[Widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband's two years service as a private in the North Carolina line.]