

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Travis Booton W9382

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State of Kentucky }

County of Madison }

On this the 6th day of August 1852 personally appeared before me John Tribble an acting Justice of the peace for the County and State abovementioned dulay Commissioned and sworn as the law directs to administer oaths Rutha Kavanaugh a resident of this County aged 84 years who being dulay 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 7 July 1838 and any other or resolutions passed by Congress pertaining to her case that She was the widow of Travis Booton from the State of Virginia who enlisted as a Regular Solder with his Brother William Booton [pension application W8377] in Culpeper County Virginia or resided their previous to his entering in to the Revolutionary war for the time of two years or during the war in the State Cavelry Company Commanded by Capt John Rogers and Colonel [blank] in the Brigade Commanded by General George Rogers Clark and marched with said Regement to the west and there served out his full two years he and his Brother William that her said Husband and aforesaid Travis Booton entered the Service in the year 1780 as she believes and was honerblay discharged but what has become of the discharge she don't know She further declares she was married to Travis Booton about the year 1787 and had but one child by said Booton who is now about 64 years old and the wife of Joel Emory of this County that her marriage took place in Green Brier [sic: Greenbrier] County Virginia and that her maden name was Rutha Estill and that she has been credably informed the Records in said county has been burned and think it quite likaley the evidenc of her marriage was also Burned that Her family Record has been lost or mislaid so it cant be procured that her Husband the aforesaid Travis Booton died in this County Aprle 1814 and she afterwards intermared to one William Kavenaugh and that said Kavenaugh died in Oct. 1829 having no Hers by her that She has remained a widow eaver sine up to the present time as will more fulley appear by the proof accompayning this annexed to this declaration that the reason she never applied sooner is that she was informed her Husbands name could not be found on the Rools and their was no chance for a pension but having recently been informed his name appears on the Rools she makes this declaration and she hopes the department will find the proof sufficient to grant her a pension for she knows it is sertley due her

[signed] Ruth Kavanaugh

NOTE: Joel Embrey, 87, stated that Booton had often talked of his Revolutionary service and that "he was always caled a man of truth and a member of the baptist Church living a pious life." Mary Ann Embry, aged 64 on 29 June 1852, daughter of Travis and Rutha Booton, stated that the family moved to Madison County when she was four or five years old. Wallace Estill, 78, and Charles Kavanaugh, 66, son of William Kavanaugh, also made supporting statements.