

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Booth W25258  
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State of South Carolina        }  
                  Marion District    }  
  } On this Twenty Second day of

March 1833 Personally appeared before me ~~John Booth~~ me William D. Martin one of the circuit Judges of the said State and presiding Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, at the Court of Common Pleas holden at Marion Court house in and for the District and State aforesaid, and in open Court, John Booth a resident of the State and in the District aforesaid who being duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832 ~ That he is now about Seventy three years of age but his Father having died while he was young and his papers having been taken by his Representatives & never Seen by him, he is unable to state what his age is ~ his mother died previous to his Father. That at the commencement of the war he resided on Pee Dee river, near the Warhees, in the aforesaid District - That he was called on to perform military duty and marched to Haddrells Point, near Charleston, under the command of Captain John Allston, & Lewis Grier ~ it was in the spring season he was marched (having volunteered his Services and being then about sixteen years of age) thinks his Battalion was commanded by Wm Davis - The Regiment by Col. John Baxter ~ The regiment continued at that place about two months and while he was there stationed the Engagement took place between the British Fleet and Fort Moultrie<sup>2</sup> - his detachment reached Haddrells point about or nearly one month before that engagement, and about one month afterwards his detachment was discharged and the soldiers returned home - That the next Service he was called to perform, was just before the Siege & Fall of Charleston when he was Drafted to serve one month and marched, under the command of Captn John /Jacob/ Buckholts [Jacob Buckoltz or Jacob Buckolts] - the detachment consisted of three companies and was commanded by Col. John Ervin - the detachment was ordered to march and was

<sup>1</sup> BLWt83,523-160-55

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_ft\\_moultrie\\_1.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_ft_moultrie_1.html)

Stationed at Lynches Causey - Soon after their arrival the city of Charleston was captured by the British<sup>3</sup> and the detachment was ordered to march to Camden - and while on the march and near Camden, the Col. received orders to disband his Regiment they returned home after having been in the Service at this time one month. That Some time then elapsed without any organization when Genl Francis Marion with a few men formed a Rendezvous at Ports Ferry on Pee Dee river in Marion District (then George Town District) at that place he joined Genl Marion who had about an hundred men under his command, There were also several officers with him- they marched to Elizabeth City No Ca<sup>4</sup> at which place they remained about one month when they returned to the White Marsh where they remained perhaps two or three

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weeks and from thence they were marched to Raft Swamp<sup>5</sup> and while there Genl Marion dispatched Shadrach & John Simons and one McDaniel (a red headed Scotchman who was afterward killed at Wateree) to South Carolina- they soon returned and the detachment marched to, and did attack a body of Tories under the command of one Ball - while on the march they crossed the Pee Dee river at Brittons ferry - they stopped at the Ferry until late in the Evening when they marched and reached Black-Mingo Creek some time in the night - that when they reached the bridge they spread their blankets on the bridge and led their horses across on the blankets - the Tories were below - they had an engagement in which the Tories were defeated and the deponant was there Shot in the Belly - his cartouch having changed the direction of the Bullet or he would have been Killed. Marion with some upwards of 100 men immediately retreated to the white marsh<sup>6</sup> in No Car and stayed to recruit for about a fortnight to recruit when the detachment returned to So Ca - Captn Joseph Graves [Joseph Greaves] commanded deponant during all this time. There was a party of Tories in the fork of Black river - Marions detachment about this time was greatly increased they marched and attacked and defeated the Tories under the command of Col. Tines [Samuel Tynes] [Tearcoat Swamp, Oct. 25, 1780] <sup>7</sup> - Captn Melton [John Melton] commanded deponants company - Thornly [Robert Thornley] was major - Baxter was Colonel of one Regimt

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

<sup>4</sup> Note: Elizebeth City No Ca as infact Elizabethtown in Bladen Co NC. This declaration confirms the presence of General Francis Marion at this place.

<sup>5</sup> Note: Raft Swamp was in Bladen Co NC, now Robeson Co NC. This declaration confirms the presence of General Francis Marion at this place.

<sup>6</sup> Note: White Marsh was in Bladen Co NC, now Columbus Co NC. This declaration confirms the presence of General Francis Marion at this place.

<sup>7</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_tearcoat\\_swamp.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_tearcoat_swamp.html)

- Major J. James commanded another Balln and thinks Giles Commd. the Regiment - it might have been Col. Peter Horry or Col. Murphy And the Brigade commanded by Marion - Deponant continued constantly in Marions Brigade but nothing of importance occurred until they were ordered to march to attack the Fort at Scot 's Lake on Santee - they surrounded the Fort for about 12 days and literally starved them out when they sur=  
=rendered - Deponant has forgotten the name of the officer who commanded the Fort - The British were parolled and the Tories sent off under a guard towards Cheraw Hills - this was in the summer season - the year is forgotten. They then marched and crossed the Santee at Manigaults ferry to the Congaree to a Fort in possession of the British and near the residence of one Col Thompson [William Thomson] - they surrounded the Fort and remained there near a fortnight when they had an engagement and the Fort was surrendered Majr Mayhem [Hezekiah Maham] and Col. Horry who com=  
=manded the cavalry were present at the surrender of the Fort. Nothing of importance occurred for some time - Marion some time afterwards marched his Brigade to the neighbor=  
=hood of George Town and while there in the Spring Season this deponant was enlisted into the continental service by one Captn. Rice a recruiting officer for three years - dept was commanded by Captn Joseph Warley, Lieut Huggins and Ensign Erasmus Rothmahler- Major Hern commanded commanded the Battalion- After he enlisted he remained some time in George Town & thence to Congaree where he was

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stationed about three months his company was there filled + he was marched to Ashley Hill near Charleston and then he was commanded by Genl Green - the British were then in poSseSsion of Charleston - he remained in the neighborhood of Charleston until the British evacuated Charleston when he was mar=  
=ched into Charleston and soon afterwards was detailed as a guard for his General and was so employed when the Packet informing Genl. Green of the prospects of Peace was handed to him about the last of July or early in Augt Deponant further states that he was in the army for Two years and seven months after his enlistment when he was discharged from service by Genl Green and his Discharge which he obtained he afterwards had burnt up with his house about Twenty years ago.

That he enlisted previous to the Battle of Eutaw [Eutaw Springs, Sept. 8, 1781] but be=  
=ing sick was not in that engagement - He States that he was wounded in the leg at the attack on the Fort on the Congaree before stated. He further States that he is and has been a citizen resident in Marion District from the Revolutionary

war. That Joseph Davis is now alive and who knows or did know that most of the services above stated were performed but he is now so infirm and withal so difficult to be understood that he doubts whether he is competent and capable of being examined and he further states that the said Davis is and has long been confined to his bed and cannot be brought into Court .

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the Present , and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to before me in open Court )                      John X Booth  
at Marion Court House 22 March 1833 (                      mark  
in open Court  
Edwd B. Wheeler  
C.C.P.

We the Subscribers resident in Marion District + State aforesaid do hereby declare that we have been for many years well acquainted with the above named John Booth - That we do believe he is at least of the age he represents himself to be : That some of us have frequently heard his revolutionary services spoken of by the Whigs of the Revolution who knew of the Same - That they all concurred in Representing him to have been a faithful soldier of the revolutionary war and he has always been reported to have been such among his neighbors and friends and we have never heard a doubt expressed upon the truth of the fact and we fully concur therein- We have seen the scars of the wounds as related by Mr. Booth

Sworn to in open Court Court {                      H. G . Fladger  
this 22 March 1833                      }                      W. G. Singletary  
Edwd B. Wheeler                      {                      A. Gasque  
C. C. Pls    {                      Edwd. B. Wheeler

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And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion after the Investigation of the matter and after putting the Interrogatories prescribed by the War department , that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier + served as he states. And the Court further certifies that it appears to them that John Booth who hath Subscribed the foregoing Certificate & declaration William G. Singletary Hugh G. Fladger & Absalem Gasque who have Signed the foregoing Certificate are resident in Marion District are credible persons and their statement is intitled to credit. Wm D. Martin Pres J. Judge  
I Edward B. Wheeler Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for Marion District District District in the State aforesaid do hereby Certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings in the matter

of the application of John Booth for a pension  
In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my  
hand & seal of Office this 22nd day of March  
1833

Edwd B. Wheeler  
C. C. P.

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State of South Carolina        {        On this 24<sup>th</sup> day  
      Marion County            }        of March in the

year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty eight  
personally appeared before R. Munro  
one of the Circuit Judges of the Court of Common  
pleas and General SeSsions presiding at Marion  
Court house for the District of Marion, at  
Marion Court house, Rebecca Booth, of  
the District and State aforesaid aged, 49 years  
who being 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 on the 3d Feb-  
-ruary 1853 Granting pensions to widows of persons  
who served during the revolutionary war that  
she is the widow of John Booth deceased who  
was a private in the Company Commanded by  
Captains -----(see pension papers) in the Regi  
ment of South Carolina Militia Commanded  
by -----(see pension papers.) in the war of the  
Revolution with Great Britain, Known as the  
Revolutionary War; that her said husband entered  
service at -----, on or about the ----- day of ----  
for the Term of -----, and Continued in actual ser  
vice in said war for the Term of two years, and was  
honorably discharged at ----- on the ----- day of ---  
-----, A. D., and was pensioned, during his lifetime  
at \$80 per annum. She further states that she  
was married to the said John Booth in Marion  
Village on the        day of March A.D. 1830 by one  
James O. Bellune a magistrate, that her said hus  
=band died on the        day of April 1835, that her name  
before her said Marriage was Rebecca Bird, that  
She was not married to him prior to the second  
of January Eighteen hundred but at the time above  
Sttes. She further declares that she is now a widow

Sworn to + Subscribed in        }        her  
open Court; the day + year       {        Rebecca X Booth  
above written.                    }        mark

R. Munro

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A CHRONOLOGICAL ABSTRACT OF THE PAPERS OF THE PENSION FILE

- MARCH 1830            John Booth, Revolutionary War Soldier, was married in Marion Village in March A.D. 1830 to Rebecca Bird.
- MARCH 22, 1833        John Booth, of Marion Dis SC, aged about 73 years, made application for a Pension under the Act of June 7, 1832.
- APRIL 1835            John Booth, died leaving said Rebecca Bird Booth his widow.
- MARCH 24, 1858        Rebecca Booth, his widow, of Marion Dis SC, aged 49 years, applied for a widows pension under the Congressional Act passed on February 3, 1853.
- JUNE 16, 1858         Rebecca Booth his widow, aged 49 years, of Marion Dis SC, made another application under the Act of March 3d, 1855.
- AUGUST 24, 1866      Rebecca Booth, his widow, aged about 58 years of Marion Dis SC, made Application for Restoration to the Pension Rolls, whose names have been Dropped under the Act of February 4, 1862.
- SEPTEMBER 1, 1868    Rebecca Booth, his widow, aged 60, of Marion Co SC made her Declaration For Increase Of Pension under section 13, act of July 27, 1868.
- APRIL 8, 1870         Rebecca Booth, his widow, of Marion, SC, made Application for A New Certificate.....the magistrate had received certificate numbered 6443....which certificate, on or about the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1870, at or near Marion in the state of South Carolina was destroyed by fire which consumed the office of C. D. Evans Esquire, her attorney who had in his office her Certificate of Pension at the date aforesaid And I hereby constitute + appoint A. W. Walker of Washington, D. C. my attorney to apply for + receive my Pension certificate when issued. No other record of soldier's widow after that date/
- DECEMBER 4, 1879     Widow still on roll and was paid to Dec 4 1879, when she was living in Marion Co SC, aged 81 years.

1. Elizabeth City No. Ca. was actually Elizabeth, now Elizabethtown, county seat of Bladen Co NC.
  2. At the time of the event White Marsh was in lowers Bladen Co NC, however, is now near the present day town Whiteville in Columbus Co NC.
  3. At the time of the event Raft Swamp was in western Bladen Co NC, however, is now near the present day town of Red Springs in Robeson Co NC.
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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>8</sup> relating to John Booth  
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 620

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

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To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina

Gentlemen the humble Petition of the undersigned Sheweth that your Petitioner was a Soldier in the Revolutionary War under the command of General Francis Marion and other officers. He took arms in the defense of his country at the first call and served faithful until hostilities ceased on the part of the aggressors of his Country and he was regularly discharged by his commanding Officer during the Glorious Struggle for Independence he was wounded in three Several engagements at back Mingo [sic, Black Mingo, September 28-29, 1780]<sup>9</sup> in the abdomen at Scott's Lake or Watsons Ford [sic, Fort Watson, April 16-23, 1781]<sup>10</sup> in the thigh and at the Congaree in the Leg – which wounds at times is very Painful.

Your Petitioner is upwards seventy years of Age and in a low State of health was advised Several years past to call upon his Country for assistance – but as it had been the Glory and Pride [?] of his Soul to defend the Soil that was his birth Right he was determined none to be [indecipherable word]<sup>11</sup> a burthen [archaic form of burden] upon the State as Long as he was able to Labor for a Support – but [paper torn and text missing] compelled to pray your Honorable Body to place him on the Pension List and it will confer a great favor if you will allow him the [indecipherable word]<sup>12</sup> of one year the annexed Schedule is a true inventory of his Little property

viz. one Bed and five articles of Household furniture a hand Mill six head of hogs and a few articles of Plantation tools.

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<sup>8</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

<sup>9</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_black\\_mingo.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_black_mingo.html)

<sup>10</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_fort\\_watson\\_2.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_watson_2.html)

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South Carolina Marion District} Personally appeared John Booth before me and made Oath that the above Inventory is a true Statement of all the property he possesses and that he has stated nothing in his Petition but facts.

Sworn to and Subscribed before

S/ John Fosworth [?], JP

5 November 1827

S/ John Booth, X his mark

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106 Nov. 28 1827

Report of the Committee on pensions on the petition of John Booth

Favorable

In the House of Representatives

November 30<sup>th</sup> 1827

Resolved that the House do agree to the Report

Ordered that it be sent to the Senate for their concurrence

By order of the House

S/ R. Anderson

CHR

To Senate Tomorrow

Senate, December 6, 1827

Resolved that Senate concur

Ordered to be returned

S/ Job Johnston, C. S.

[pp 16-22: administrative papers showing payment to Booth of \$60 per annum from 1828-1833.]