

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Abraham Bucher (Boocher, Booker) W3651

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Pennsylvania, Sct,

On this twenty-sixth day of June 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record – viz, The Court of Common Pleas of the fifth Judicial District of Commonwealth aforesaid, proceeding according to the course of the Common Law, with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount and keeping a record of its proceedings, Abraham Boocher, aged seventy two years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the first of May 1820: That he the said Abraham Boocher enlisted for the term of three years, or during the war, on the 9th January, 1776, in the state of Pennsylvania at Pittsburg (as the place is now called) in the company commanded by Capt Cope Sullivan and in the regiment commanded by Col John Gibson [pension application S41578] in the Virginia line, on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps, until the peace in 1783, when he was discharged at the same place at which he had been enlisted: That he was in the battles of Trenton [26 Dec 1776], Germantown [4 Oct 1777], and Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except that which is annexed to this Declaration

And in pursuance of the act of the 1st May, 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income or property whatever, with the exception of one cow.: That I am by occupation a farmer, but am now unable by reason of my age and infirmities to pursue it: That I have a wife and six children; the eldest boy (20 years) is a cripple, and unable to support himself the next boy is fifteen years of age; the next to him 12 years. The youngest boy is 8 or 9 years old. The other two children are girls: That they all, at present, reside with me. Abraham hisXmark Boocher

Pennsylvania

Allegheny County Ss }

City of Pittsburgh } Personally appeared before me, one of the Aldermen of said city, being duly commissioned & sworn, Abraham Boocher, the party who subscribed to the within Declaration, who being duly sworn according to Law Depoeth & saith, that he within about two months, after the passage of the Pension Law of 18th March 1818, made a declaration to obtain a pension, which was proven by his late Col John Gibson & sent on to the War Department, he himself having put it into the Post office at Pittsburgh, thinking that his own & Col Gibsons affidavit would have then been sufficient, but that he has never had any reply to that application.

Sworn & subscribed before me/ Pittsburgh July 31st 1820

Abraham hisXmark Boocher

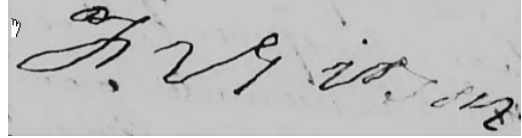
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Personally appear’d before me James Horner Esq. a Justice of the peace in s’d. County John Gibson late colonel of the thirteenth Virginia Reg’t. during the American Revolutionary War, who declares on His solemn oath that the statement made by Abraham Booker (now present) in the foregoing deposition, is true, so far as it relates to his enlistment & services during s’d. war, and that he is the only

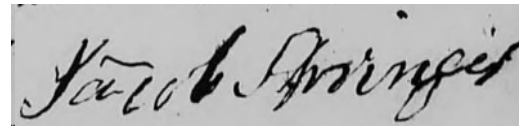
Abraham Booker that belong'd to the deponents s'd. Reg't. The deponent further says that within two months after the passage of the pension law of the 18th March 1818 the said Abraham Booker apply'd to him for a statement of his (Bookers) revolutionary services, which he gave to him (as the deponent understood) for the purpose of enabling him to obtain a pension.

Sworn & subscribed before me 29 July 1820

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jacob Springer".

Pennsylvania, Allegheny County Sct.)

City of Pittsburgh – Personally Appeared before me Jacob Springer [S40495], late Lieutenant in Capt B. Biggs [Benjamin Biggs W1366] Company, in Col Jno Gibsons Regiment, 9th Regiment Virginia line, Revolutionary troops, who being duly sworn according to Law Deposeth & saith that the facts sett forth by Abraham Boocheer in his annexed Declaration (late a private in the said line) as respects the the identity of his person, and services are just and true, also, that the said Abraham Boocheer in a coversation between him and myself about three months ago stated to deponent, that immediately after the Passage of the act of the 18th march 1818, for the relief of old soldiers of the Revolution, he had made a declaration & sent it onto the War Department for a pension, he having at that time got the signature of our Col John Gibson, thinking that one Witness of his character would be sufficient for to obtain a Pension. Sworn & subscribed before me at Pittsburgh July 31st AD 1820

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[On 2 Oct 1820 Peter Perchment [W3713] and Jacob Springer certified that they had served with Abraham Boocheer in the 13th, afterwards 9th, Regiment.]

State of Pennsylvania SS.

County of Allegheny

On this sixteenth day of January AD 1849 personally appeared before the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County Frances Booker (at her dwelling house in Peebles Township in said County she being prevented by bodily informaty from appearing in open Court.) She the said Frances Booker being a resident of Peebles Township in said County aged about seventy years and being first duly sworn according to Law doth on her solemn oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by act of congress passed July 7th 1838, entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows"

That she is the widow of Abraham Booker who was a soldier in the army of the United States and a pensioner under the united States until the day of his death some time in the year AD 1833. He was a private soldier and she believes he served two Terms, one by volunteer or enlistment, and one as a substitute for one Christopher Cat, Kat or Skat, and one term she thinks was under a Col Gibson, on Springer was his captain during a part of his service, she believes he entered the service in the County of Allegheny aforesaid. She cannot possibly tell through what Country he marched, or whether he was ever in any engagement, nor the time when he entered the service, nor the time when he left it nor the exact period of his death as she has no documentary evidence in support of her belief but he died in the year AD 1832 or AD 1833, and for these proofs she begs leave to refer the Commissioner to the records of the Pension office in which she believes they may be found.

She further declares that she was married to the said Abraham Booker before the first day of January AD 1794 and was his Lawful wife up until the day of his death That she was never married to

any other person, That it is utterly impossible for her to prove the exact time of her marriage as there was no town, Parish, church, family or county record of the same. Frances herXmark Booker

NOTE: On 22 May 1855 Frances Booker (or Bucher), about 69, applied for bounty land stating that as Frances McElroy she married Abraham Booker in Allegheny County in Nov or Dec 1784, and he died in the same county on 2 Feb 1833. She stated that her husband's name was sometimes spelled Bucher or Bougher but was pronounced "Booker." Margaret Fleming stated that Abraham Booker died when "a limb of a falling tree, struck him, in its fall, and killed him."