John Biven's letter from pension application

Thanks to: Norma Adams njadams@ERINET.COM

The following letter was included with my ggg-grandfather John Bivens'

pension application I received from the National Archives, for the War of

1812. Since so many other Madison Co. area names are mentioned, I will

share it with the group. Maybe it will help someone.

Huntsville, Madison County, Arks.

Jan. 31st. 1857

Dear Sirs:

I dislike to be troublesome, and hope that when you remember that we live

so far west that it is impossible for us to arrange papers resigned for

your investigation in the same manner that others do, we do not live so

remote, and who are enabled to avail themselves of the facilities, that we

are deprived of, and when it is furthered remembered that our mails are

very irregular that you will not require an apology from me. I have made

application for Land Warrants for the following named individuals, some of

them were forwarded to the Department more than three months since, and I

have never heard what disposition has been made of them.

William Boatright William Robinson William Coose,2

Benjamin Tittsworth Martin Johnson Elijah Estep

Joseph Bowen, 2 Gideon Skeggs William Marshall

Ewing McCracken Soloman Brannen Winphrey Robinson

John Holman Isaac Boren,2 Asa G. Smith

Asa Smith Isaac Bilyeau David Rhodes

James Boren George W. Fanning Thomas Clifton

Reuben Harper John McCracken John Bivens

Will you upon the receipt of this inform me of their fate, whether or not

they have been received? And if they are made out in accordance with the

Laws and the Regulations of the Department, by so doing you will confer a

particular favor upon

Your most Ob'ot Svt.

W. Houser

Enclosed please find the application of John Bivens

W.H.

Commissioner of Pensions

Washington City

D.C.

The letter is hand written and difficult to read. I have typed it exactly

as written and hope I got the names right.