

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to William Boyce VAS417

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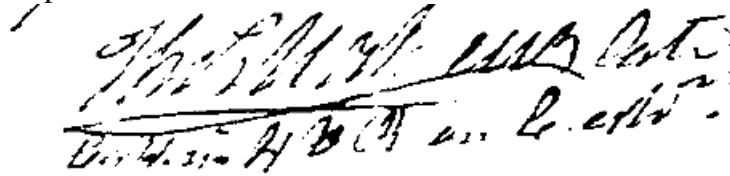
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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I do certify that William Boyce into the Service of the United States in the 4th Virginia Regiment on Continental Establishment under the command of Colo. Adam Stephens in the month of February or March 1776 and was afterwards promoted to the rank of Lieutenant –

Given under my hand this 28th May 1807

S/ Thos. Mathews late
Captain 4 V R on C. estb.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thos. Mathews" with some additional illegible text below it.

[Attested by Thomas H Parker, Mayor of the Borough of Norfolk May 28, 1807]

Of Surry County entered the Service of the United States in the 4th Virginia Regiment on Continental Establishment under the command of Colo. Adam Stephens in the month of February 1776, that the said Boyce entered as Ensign and was afterwards promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.

Given under my hand this 30 Me 1807

Teste

S/ Wm Lightfoot

S/ Josiah Parker

S/ Thomas Smelly

late Colo.

Warrant for 2666 2/3 acres issued to William Boyce as a Lieutenant of the Continental line & no more.

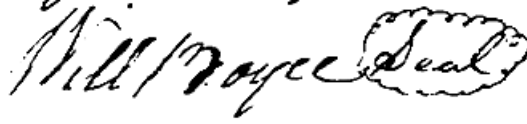
[Indecipherable signature] June 27 1807

Know all men by these presents that I William Boyce of the County of Surry and State of Virginia have made, ordained, constituted and appointed, and by these presents for myself, my heirs, executors & administrators do make, ordain, constitute, authorized and appoint Thomas D Harris of the City of Richmond and State of Virginia my true and lawful attorney in fact for me, and in my name and for my use and benefit, to ask, demand and receive from the State of Virginia all the land that may be due to me in consideration of my services as a Lieutenant in the

4th Regiment commanded by Colo. Adam Stephens giving and granting unto my said attorney in fact for an absolute power and authority to act and to do in and about the business as I might or could do was I personally present. Ratifying & confirming all and whatsoever my said attorney in fact shall or may do by virtue of these presents.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 8th day of May 1807

S/ Will Boyce

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Will Boyce" followed by a circular seal impression. The seal is partially obscured by the end of the signature.

Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck, *Revolutionary War Pensions Awarded by State Governments 1775-1874, the General and Federal Governments Prior to 1814, and by Private Acts of Congress to 1905*, Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Company, 2011 p. 82 contains an entry relating to a veteran named William Boyce, Lt. in VA service whose heirs stated in their application for his commutation pay that he was at Gates Defeat [August 15-16, 1780], Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781] and the Siege of York [ending October 19, 1781]. Their claim was rejected by Congress.

[Note: This **MAY** be the same man as [William Boyce BLWt82-200](#)]