

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Boyd R1094

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Territory of Arkansas County of Washington

On this Eleventh day of December in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Edward Crop [?], now sitting William Boyd a resident of the County of Washington Territory of Arkansas aged seventy-one years the 11th day of August last past, who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832, that he entered the service of the United States by volunteering his Services in a company of volunteer militia from the State of North Carolina, served as a private soldier three months, was then elected Ensign in the same company in which capacity he served nine months was then elected Lieutenant in the same company, in which situation he served until the close of the war which was more than three years. Complainant further states he entered the service early in the month of April 1777 and continued in Service, secondly nine months as an Ensign and thirdly more than thirty-six months as a Lieutenant in which situation to the end of the war which terminated in the year 1781, and further that all the said Services were rendered in the same company and Regiment, and that he has no documentary evidence, nor does he know of any person or persons in this Territory whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his Services and I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity whatever except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any State or Territory.

Questions to be propounded by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

I was born in Southampton County in the State of Virginia on the 11th day of August 1760.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

I have my age recorded in my Bible which is now at home

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

I was living in Roane County [sic, Rowan County] in the State of North Carolina¹ when I entered the service, since the close of the war I have resided in Montgomery County State of North Carolina and in Warren County State of Tennessee, in Lauderdale in the State of Alabama in McNairy County State of Tennessee and now in Washington County in this Territory

¹ The papers relating to this claim are erroneously included in the file relating to [William Boyd S45878](#) as posted on Fold3.com. The page numbers cited herein are to the pages as posted in that file by Fold3.com as of 10/15/18.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

I first volunteered my services early in the month of April 1777 and served in that situation 3 months was then elected Ensign in the same company and served 9 months and that situation was then elected Lieutenant in the same company and served more than 3 years and that capacity.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

There were no regular officer or troops with us Colonel Drury Ledbetter commanded the Regiment I belonged to, the number of the Regiment I do not recollect, Major Charles Jones also commanded in said Regiment my 3 months as a private soldier were under a Captain James Allen who died of the smallpox. I served as Ensign under Captain Thomas Durham, who resigned and Charles Crump took command of said company and Crump in a few months took command of another company on the East side of the Adkin River [sic, Yadkin River], and the residue of my time which was more than 2 years I served under Buckner Kimbell [Buckner Kimbrell] who took command of the same company. The above services were all rendered in the State of North Carolina.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

I was not discharged from 3 months tour of service I was elected Ensign in the same company and afterwards elected Lieutenant in the same company.

7th. Did you ever receive a commission either as Ensign or Lieutenant, and if so by whom was it assigned, and what has become of it?

I never received a commission as Ensign. I received a commission as Lieutenant it was signed by the Governor of the state of North Carolina his name I do not certainly recollect, but believe it was Tazewell or Nash.

8. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

H. L. Lafferty, a clergyman and Abel Oxford of said County can testify as to my veracity good behavior and moral character, I know of no one in this Territory by whom I can prove my services.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ William Boyd

S/ B. H. Smithson, Clk

[H. S. Lafferty, a clergyman, and Abel Oxford gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Territory of Arkansas County of Washington: SS

On this thirtieth day of February in the year of our Lord 1834 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Joseph M. Hogue Judge of the County Court of said County of Washington William Boyd, a resident of the County of Washington & Territory of Arkansas, aged seventy-three years the 11th day of August last past who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States early in the

month of April 1777 by volunteering his services as a private soldier and serving three months in a company of North Carolina militia commanded by Captain James Crump which company was attached to a Regiment of North Carolina militia commanded by Colonel Drury Ledbetter (the number of said Regiment he does not recollect) he states that he was then elected Ensign in the same company & served nine months in that capacity in the same company of North Carolina militia which company was commanded by the same Captain (to wit) James Crump; it was attached to the same Regiment and commanded by the same Colonel (to wit) Colonel Drury Ledbetter, – he states that the company to which he had heretofore belonged was then divided and that two companies were formed, one of the companies were still commanded by Captain James Crump the same Captain named above, & the other company was commanded by Captain Buckner Kimbrell, & that he the said Declarant was then elected Lieutenant in it by the company which was commanded by Captain Buckner Kimbell (which was constituted of North Carolina militia) & was attached to the same Regiment & commanded by the same Colonel as above named (to wit) Colonel Drury Ledbetter, (In which situation he states he served 3 years & 9 months – Declarant further states that he entered the service of the United States early in the month of April 1777 (the day of said month he does not recollect.) Served 1st 3 months as a private soldier in a company of North Carolina Militia commanded by Captain James Crump serve secondly 9 months as an Ensign in a company of North Carolina militia commanded by Captain James Crump (the same officer above named). Thirdly he states he served 3 years & 9 months as a Lieutenant in a company of North Carolina militia commanded by Captain Buckner Kimbrell which was until the end of the war which terminated in the year 1781 & further that all of the above services were rendered in defense of the United States, & that he was duly called into service by competent authority; he states that he has no documentary evidence by which he can support his declaration, that for the 3 months he served as a private soldier he did not receive a discharge from the service, but was elected Ensign in said company & still continued in service (but never received a commission as Ensign, he states that [he] did receive a commission as Lieutenant in Captain Buckner Kimbrell's Company but it was burned by fire in his father's house, he further states that he knows of only one person by whom he can prove any part of his services as they are set forth in his declaration & that he has come to his knowledge, & to this country, since he made his declaration in December 1832 (who is by the name of William Lofton; by Sebern G. Sneed, James Byrnside, John McGary, Reuben W. Ramasas, Abel Oxford & Lewis B. Tully, he expects to be able to prove his character for veracity & good behavior & his character among his neighbors as having been a soldier of the Revolution, – he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, or annuity, whatever except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State or territory.

[substantially the same questions and answers as in his prior declaration except to Interrogatory #5 to which he answered as follows:

"I do not recollect that there was any Regular officers, or any Regular troops, with the troops, at any time whilst I was in the service; Colonel Drury Ledbetter commanded the Regiment of North Carolina Militia that I belonged to, the number of the Regiment I do not recollect. (Major Charles Jones also commanded in said Regiment) the 3 months that I served as a private soldier were with or under Captain James Crump, who commanded a company of North Carolina militia; (instead of James Allen as stated in my declaration made in December 1832, which was made I suppose by mistake in the person who drew my declaration). I served 9 months, as an Ensign in the same company of North Carolina militia which company was commanded by Captain James Crump the same Captain above stated; there was no general engagements during

the time I served as a private soldier, nor during the time I served as Ensign, but was in several skirmishes with the Tories; 1 at Thomas Morrison's in Moore County in the State of North Carolina, (3 Tories were killed & 2 others wounded) there were 2 of our men slightly wounded (to wit) Thomas McKinney & William Ionads?²; I served 3 years & 9 months as Lieutenant in a company commanded by Captain Buckner Kimbrell, I was in one considerable engagement with the Tories, at the Junction of Rocky & Pedee rivers; the Tories were commanded by Captains Fannon [sic, Colonel David Fanning], McGirt & Boston Satts?, The result of the fight was 73 of the Tories were killed, (amongst those were the said Captain Boston Satts, on the part of the American troops (or Whigs) 7 men were killed & 11 wounded. Colonel Ledbetter was commander of the troops on the day of the battle, Captain James Crump & Captain Buckner Kimbrell both commanded each of their own company on the day of the Battle; there were several other companies of North Carolina militia engaged in the battle, but the names of their officers I do not recollect; (this Battle was fought in Montgomery County State of North Carolina; the same services were rendered in the State of North Carolina;"]

*at this day and age
William Boyd.*

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State of Arkansas County of Washington

On this 12th day of January in the year of our Lord 1837 personally appeared before John [indecipherable last name, first few letters are "Curs..."] Esquire – Judge of the County Court in and for the County and State aforesaid in open court, William Boyd, a resident of Washington County, and State of Arkansas, aged seventy-six years and four months, who being first 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 volunteered his services in the Army of the Revolution, in the month of April A.D. 1777, under the command of Captain Daniel Bankson, and served a three months tour, against the Cherokee Indians, as a private soldier, and at the end of three months, he was regularly discharged by his Captain, and that Captain Landrum and James Crump commanded companies in the same expedition, and that there were sixty privates in each company, and that the said companies were ordered into the service by Colonel William Lofton and that the said Companies were discharged at the same time, at Burke Court house North Carolina, and that they had no engagement with the enemy during this tour, and that he resided in Rowan County when he entered the service. There were 2 or 3 Indians killed by the spies during the expedition, and that he was called into the service again by Colonel Lofton in the month of June 1778, under the command of Captain James Crump, and previous to marching he was elected Ensign of the company; and that he was in the service two months. This expedition was against the Cherokee Indians, That the company consisted of fifty-six privates. That he was in no battle during this tour, that he received no commission as Ensign. In the fall of the year 1779 the company to which he belonged was divided and he was elected 1st Lieutenant and duly commissioned, and the company was commanded by Captain Buckner Kimbrell. That he was called into the service by Colonel Lofton against the Tories of North Carolina and continued in this service two years, during

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which time he was in no civil employment, that the company to which he belonged was mounted Rangers and during this term he was in several engagements with the Tories. The first of which was in the forks of the Little Pedee and Rocky Rivers, in which engagement, 75 of the Tories were killed and among them was Boston Salts, a Tory Captain, and that, Lieutenant Colonel Drury Ledbetter commanded during the battle, and that there were 6 or 7 companies in the engagement, and that there were 5 men killed and 11 wounded in his company, and that he was slightly wounded in the thigh. That he was in a second engagement with the Tories at William Mast's ferry on big Pedee River still under the command of Colonel Drury Ledbetter, and Captain Buckner Kimbrell, James Crump and Thomas Childs commanded companies and were in the engagement, and the Tories were commanded by Colonel Fanning, and in the engagement the Tories were defeated, and the Whigs read took some prisoners and property previously taken by the Tories, That he was in no other engagement of note – but that he was in several skirmishes. That the company to which he belonged range from Salisbury through Rowan, Anson, Richmond, Randolph, Montgomery and Cumberland Counties in the State of North Carolina. That he was in no regular organized Regiment during the time of his service. The service in which he was engaged was in routing the Tories, That Colonel William Lofton and Lieutenant Colonel Drury Ledbetter were the Colonels under whose orders he acted. That he has no documentary evidence by which to establish his claim, nor does he know of any person in Arkansas by whom he can prove his services but he believes he can prove his services by Sarah Robinson who resides in Missouri but he cannot ascertain in what part of the state. That he was born in South Hampton County, State of Virginia, the 11th day of August A.D. 1760 and that his age is recorded in his Bible, and is still in his possession. That Captain Buckner Kimbrell killed with his own hand twenty-three Tories during the time he served as his Lieutenant. That the Reverend William T Larrimore, Sebrow G. Sneed, Bryan H. Smithson and the Hon. Archibald Yell, L. C. Pleasants & Thomas Wilson all persons to whom he is well known in his neighborhood and can testify to his veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid
S/ B. H. Smithson, Clk.

S/ William Boyd

[answers to the interrogatories largely the same as above, except:

"I was called into service by Colonel William Lofton, and I entered the service as a volunteer and when I enrolled myself I undertook to serve my country during the war, I never was drafted, neither did I served as a substitute, I entered the service in 1777 as a private and served in that capacity 3 months and was discharged – was afterwards elected Ensign of the same company and in that capacity served a tour of 2 months subsequently the company to which I belonged was divided and I was elected 1st Lieutenant of the company and was duly commissioned and served until the end of the war and during this time I was 2 years in actual service.... There were no regular officers or troops with us in the service in which I was engaged, Colonel William Lofton was the commandant of the Regiment to which I belonged, Colonel Drury Ledbetter was then Lieutenant Colonel and frequently commanded the detachment to which I belonged in person Charles Jones was Major of said Regiment. The service I rendered was against the Cherokee Indians and Tories, I was under the command of Captain Daniel Bankson while a private = James Allen a Captain who died of the smallpox was in my company as a private, I served as an

Ensign under the command of Captain Thomas Durham, who resigned and Captain James Crump took the command, and in a few months took command of another company on the East side of the Yadkin River, and I served 2 years as a regular commissioned 1st Lieutenant under the command of Captain Buckner Kimbrell, I was in 2 principal engagements with the Tories, and several skirmishes and in one of the engagements I was slightly wounded, The first battle in which I was engaged was with the Tories in the forks of little Pedee and Rocky Rivers, in which battle 75 of the Tories were killed, among the killed was Boston Salts a Tory Captain. In this engagement Colonel Ledbetter commanded there were 6 or 7 companies in the engagement, and 5 of the Whigs were killed and 11 others wounded in my company. The second engagement in which I took a part was at William Masts ferry [Mask's Ferry, September 10, 1780] on the big Pedee River. The Tories were commanded by Colonel Fanning. The Tories were defeated and the Whigs read took a number of prisoners which had previously been taken by the Tories. During all the time I was in the service I served as a mounted Ranger. That William Lofton was Colonel of the militia of Rowan County and Drury Ledbetter was Lieutenant Colonel."]