

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Boydston (Boydston) R1096      Sarah      fn55NC  
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State of Alabama, Perry County: County Court July Term 1833

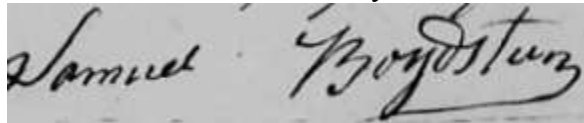
On this 5th day of July in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open court before Dunklin Sullivan Judge of the Court aforesaid, Samuel Boydston a resident of Perry County and State aforesaid aged seventy years and a few months who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. The whole of my services were rendered as a volunteer & private soldier. I was in the militia service. By reason of old age & consequent loss of memory my recollection as to dates, names &c. is in perfect: Yet I think I can with safety say that in the month of April A.D. 1779 at the age of sixteen or a little more I volunteered my services and joined a company under the command of Captain John Tremble: who had been ordered to occupy a station on Meadow Creek which two miles below flowed into the Nolichucky River. It being a most convenient point on the Cherokee front Taylor, this was in Jones County in North Carolina from the station we made many excursions & were active in guarding that portion of the line. I served at this station six months. I did not mentioned this tour and my rejected declaration because I did not think it of as much importance as other services & I solemnly declare it was contrary to my notion & feelings to be at any time in those days and idle spectator of what was passing. On my return in Jones County North Carolina then but now a part of East Tennessee; now about the age of seventeen, perhaps not quite so old (to state the precise date is impossible) I again entered the service as a volunteer & private: under Captain Cornelius McGuire & Lieutenant William Dougherty our Colonel was that energetic man John Sevier: I believe it was in the latter part of the year 1779 or first of '80, we were marched forthwith into the Indian country (Cherokee) a distance of perhaps forty miles to the West side of Nolichucky & thence to French Broad River took place of rendezvous. From this place we were marched to Bulls Town on the Chickamauga Creek & here failing of a general engagement we were divided into small divisions by Sevier, & in our subsequent progress we burnt many of the Indian towns. I name one only (Rodgers Town) we were engaged in no clothes or general battle but repeated skirmishes – in which we killed many of the Indians & also took a considerable number of prisoners. After a tour of three months we returned home. If I received any written discharge at this or at either of the times above mentioned I have lost it for I

have no recollection of any other than a verbal one.

The next tour I served was for about the same length of time I can only say it was three months at least: in the year 1780 as I believe by comparing the dates of circumstances I do remember to have happened near the same time & it is the only means by which my poor decayed memory cannot arrive at anything like certainty. I volunteered under Lieutenant Jesse Bonds who was killed during this tour. John Clark was the Captain & Sevier still the Colonel of my Regiment (the number of which I have tried to recollect but cannot), we were once more marched against the Indians, through the wilderness a distance probably of 150 miles or 200 miles to the head waters of the Coosa River a River which with the Tataprosa [sic, Tallapoosa] forms the Alabama [River] in this State, in traversing that region of country we consumed many of the Indian towns by fire, we had no battle of importance as we could not draw the Indians into a general fight; we often fired several rounds on the route some of our men were killed, & we killed & made prisoners of fifty or sixty of the Indians.

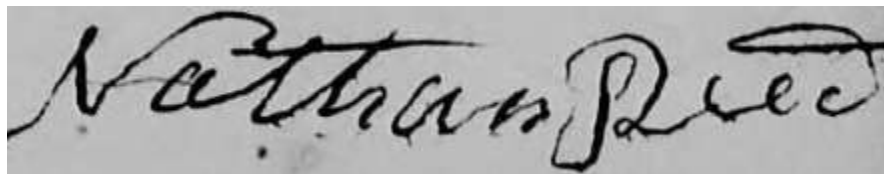
On the close of this expedition I was again a volunteer and a private probably in the year 1781 under Captain George Dougherty – Lieutenant Joseph Sharp & the Colonel was Charles Robertson – we marched into South Carolina to the Santee River near Moncks Corner a distance of more than two hundred miles – being only three hundred in number we joined the Army under Command of General Marion: while under his command sixty or eighty men of whom I was one were sent out as a scouting party, we proceeded to Moncks Corner where in sight of the British Army we took a hospital & store of the heirs and carried the prisoners and a great deal of the provisions safely into our camp – we were gone on this tour four months or more for we were under General Marion three months, I applied for no discharge. I was often out on excursions of less importance, my services were always rendered as a volunteer & a private (they were principally during the year 1778, '80 & '81) I have no documentary evidence of my services = And I know of no living witness to my services – except Nathan Reed who was out in one campaign with many. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Samuel Boydstun

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel Boydstun". The ink is dark and the paper appears aged.

Personally appeared in open court Nathan Reed<sup>1</sup> who being first duly sworn deposes and says he well remembers that the above applicant Samuel Boydstun was out one time in the same campaign with himself (viz.) across Nolichucky to French Broad River to the place of rendezvous mentioned above – thence to Chickamauga Creek etc. under Colonel Sevier & what he states is correct to the best of my knowledge. Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Nathan Reed

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<sup>1</sup> [Nathan Reed S31925](#)

To the 1st Interrogatory prescribed by the war Department Samuel Boydston the applicant answers and says I was born in the year 1762 in Frederick County Maryland.

2nd – My age is noted down in my family Bible at home.

3. I lived in Jones County of North Carolina (now a part of East Tennessee) when I was called into service I moved from that place to Pendleton District in South Carolina & thence to Perry County in this State where I have lived ever since.

4. I volunteered whenever there was a call for my services during the revolutionary war – I served in no other way & I served my country faithfully.

5. I remember General Marion was a regular officer. I recollect the appearance of several others & I cannot call their names. In my declaration I have stated with all the caution and accuracy my memory will enable made the general circumstances of my services – But I cannot recollect the numbers of the regiments. 6. I never applied for or received a written discharge.

7th. For my character for veracity etc. I refer the Department to my whole neighborhood & especially to James Veasey & William Baird.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Samuel Boydston

[James Veazey, a clergyman, and William Baird gave the standard supporting affidavit]

[fn p. 13: application for a transfer of pension payment dated October 8, 1838, filed in Neshoba County Mississippi in which the veteran states that his youngest son (not named) has moved to that state and he has moved there to be with him.]

[fn p. 8: on June 15, 1850 in Neshoba County of Mississippi, Sarah Boydston, aged 82 years 2 months and 16 days, applied for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of Samuel Boydston, a pensioner of the United States for his services in the revolution; that she married him on July 26, 1787 in Greenville District South Carolina; that her husband died October 2, 1847.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$46.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 16 months service in the North Carolina militia.]