

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Boyles R1110

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State of Georgia County of Telfair,

On this the 29th day of April in the year of our Lord 1842 personally appeared in open court, Before the Superior Court of Telfair County in the southern circuit of the State of Georgia and now sitting, Charles Boyles, a resident of Captain Boyles District of the State of Georgia and County of Telfair aged about ninety-seven years, 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. That he enlisted under John Wickley who was at that time a recruiting officer, in Barnwell district South Carolina, he does not recollect the date of the year but thinks that it was in the spring of the year in the same year that the revolution war first broke out in the State of South Carolina. That he was put under the command of Captain John Fitts, and joined this company at Bufort Island [sic, Beaufort Island?], in the State of South Carolina, that William Creach, Jr. was Lieutenant in the same company, that he was employed the most of the time while in service to wait own his Captain that said company was under the command of Major ___ Creach, that he continued in the service of the United States from the time he enlisted under John Wickley until the close of the war and South Carolina. That he was engaged in a skirmish with the British at Coosahachee [sic, Coosawhatchie], and that the American troops had to retreat, that he was also engaged in fights with the British at Pokataligo [sic, Pocotaligo], Jula fine [probably a reference to Tulfinny] and Godfrey's Savannah, on in the State of South Carolina, and he does not recollect of ever being carried out of the State of South Carolina during the whole period of his services, that he was stationed at Sandy wash on the Savannah River and that Colonel Hardin had command at that place, that David Hodges was Captain of a company of regulars, and that his company was a part of the time stationed at the above named place, he was stationed for a considerable time at Sandy Wash and served as a guard at that place, that he was removed from place to place up and down the Savannah River from Sandy wash on said River to about opposite the city of Savannah in the State of Georgia. That he served in and marched through most of the districts in South Carolina contiguous to the Savannah River and in the lower part of the State of South Carolina, that he has no documentary evidence of his services that he received a discharge from the service but took no care of it and does not know what has become of it. That he

procured the affidavit of Charles Arnold¹ now deceased, who resided in Tattnall County in the State of Georgia at the time of his death, that said Arnold made affidavit that he served in the same company with deponent and that they both served in the revolution war together and on the weak side. That he knows of no other person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services, except David Edingfield² who now resides in the County of Emmanuel and State of Georgia, and that said Edingfield from old age and inability to travel cannot attend court.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency of any State or Territory. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Carleton B. Cole, Judge S/ Charles Boyles, X his mark
[Charles J. Shelton, a clergyman, and Kenneth McLennan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Amendment to the declaration of Charles Boyles for a pension
State of Georgia, County of Telfair

Before me George W. McDuffie a justice of the peace for said County, personally appeared Charles Boyles, in order to amend his declaration made before the Superior Court for said County in April last, who after being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith from old age and consequent loss of memory he has no definite recollection of the exact period of his services but states that he was in the service from the commencement of the war of the revolution in the State of South Carolina until the close of the war with the exception of two or three months, he was relieved from service to go home and see his family. That he served with an embodied corps called into service by competent authority, that he was either in the field or in garrison, and for the time during which the Service was performed he was not employed in any civil pursuit. That he waited on his Captain for a part of the time while in service, by the request of his Captain for which he received no pay and that he was subject to all the duties of the field the same as if he had not waited on his Captain. That he cannot remember nor make no fuller statements of the places where he served than what he has already stated in his former declaration which is now on file in the Commissioner's office in Washington City, and deponent states further that the reason why he did not make an earlier application for a pension was that he did not know how to apply and that he did not care much to received a pension while he was able to work to support himself and deponent states that the reason why he did not appear in court is because it is out of a term of time and that court will not sit in said County anymore for four months, that he has procured the affidavit of David Edinfield of Emmanuel County State of Georgia that said Edinfield has testified to his services as a soldier of the revolution, that there are no other persons known to deponent who can testify to his services as a soldier of the revolution.

Test: S/ George W. McDuffie, JP

S/ Charles Boyles, B his mark

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Georgia Telfair County: Personally appeared before me Charles Arnold, and after being duly sworn deposeth and saith that Charles Boyles (now Telfair County) was to his knowledge a revolutionary Soldier, that he was acquainted with him in the Army on the American side and

¹ I could not find the federal pension application filed by the veteran of this name who claimed service in South Carolina.

² sic, [David Edinfield W10944](#)

that he was a very true Whig.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29th September 1831

S/ Henry H. Brickell, JP

S/ Charles Arnold, A his mark

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State of Georgia Emanuel County: Before me Garry Hays a Justice of the peace for said County and State, personally appeared, David Edenfield, who after being duly sworn according to law, deposed and saith that he was a soldier and served in the revolution war in the State of South Carolina for which service his name is now on the pension roll of the Georgia agency, and that he is now receiving a pension from the United States; and that Charles Boyles of the County of Telfair and State of Georgia Served in the same company and under the same officers with deponent, and that deponent's name is on the standard of the muster roll of the revolution war in the Comptrollers office of the State of South Carolina and deponent states further that he is informed that the name of William Boyles is on the muster roll of the revolution war and the Comptrollers Generals Office of South Carolina in the same company with his own which deponent believes to have been a mistake made in registering the name of William Boyles instead of Charles Boyles, as there was no person in said company or in the Army of the revolution so far as deponent knows, by the name of William Boyles, deponent states that there were three Boyles in the same company with himself, to wit -- Charles Boyles now of the County of Telfair and State of Georgia and his two brothers John Boyles and James Boyles and that John Boyles and James Boyles are both dead, that deponent and Charles Boyles and his two brothers (now deceased) served at the taking of Brown's Fort under the command of General Elijah Clarke and that they belonged to Colonel __ Hammond's Regiment, that Richard Creech served as their Captain at the taking of Brown's Fort, deponent cannot recollect the name of any more of the officers -- That he believes Charles Boyles to have been between the ages of 30 and 40 years in the time of the revolution -- that deponent and Charles Boyles served pretty much through the war in South Carolina except for short periods when they were permitted to go and visit their families and relatives -- and that so far as deponent knows or believes Charles Boyles was not employed in any civil pursuit but served as a private soldier for which service deponent believes him to be honestly entitled to a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this the 23rd day of September A.D. 1842

S/ Garry Hays, JP

S/ David Edenfield, X his mark