

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Boyt [Boyette] R1115¹

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State of North Carolina Duplin County: March A.D. 1834

On the 8th of March William Boyt sent for me one of the Acting Justices of said County to do some writing for him towards getting his pension and made oath on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God that he was not able to go to Court, and I give it as my opinion that he was not able to go and appeared before the Court.

S/ John L Hill, JP

On this 8th of March personally appeared before may one of the acting Justices for said County and his own House, William Boyt a resident of the County of Duplin and State aforesaid, his age supposed by himself and wife to be the rise of one hundred years, – who being first duly sworn according to law did on his oath make the following declaration in order to Obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June the 7 1832 –

This Applicant Entered the service the first spring after the commencement of the revolutionary war in Duplin County in the above named State, was drafted and sent out under Kernal Kinan [sic, Colonel James Kenan], Major Molton [sic, Major John Moulton] & Captain Hardy Homes [sic, Captain Hardy Holmes] for three months. We went to the North West River near Fayetteville then down the River to Elizabeth [sic, Elizabeth Town] in Bladen County. Chased the Tories on the route &c &c. The next tower [sic tour] this Applicant went out under Generat Eaton [sic, General Thomas Eaton], Major Moulton & Captain Hardy Holmes was drafted for nine months started from Duplin County joined the Army at Elizabeth, and went on through South Carolina to Augusta then to Berks [sic, Burke?] County stationed there for some time –

Applicant appointed in the time to take a Company of men and go out as a spy in the Creek Nation of Indians. Applicant was in an engagement with the British at Brier Creek got defeated and he swam the River on his retreat with a number of others, part of us got together with our officers this side of Savannah River in South Carolina Camped out one very cool night and our officers would not let us have any firs [sic, furs?], so we heaped up pine straw and lay under that, during the night. We were discharged shortly after the battle of Brier Creek in

¹ Because of the affidavits given in 1857, I believe this family pronounced their name "Boyette," not "Boyt."

Georgia. This was at the time that the British had possession of Savannah says the applicant in 1779.

Applicant states that the third time he was called out or drafted for six months just before the close of the Revolutionary War. Started from Duplin, met the Army or joined it at Elizabeth marched towards South Carolina line thence towards Brunswick crossed the North West River thence towards the North East River to the Big Bridge in ten miles of Wilmington the Bridge was gone or part of it at the time we got there and we struck camp and stayed there five or six weeks or more. There we was joined by Colonel Malmuddy [sic, Colonel Malmedy], Major Henderson & Captain James Love. At this time, Applicant in company with Major Moulton and Major James Galaspie [sic, James Gillespie] came from the Bridge to Duplin County to ascertain the movements of the British and ascertained that they were gone to New Bern returned back minded the Bridge and pursued them as far as New Bern they were gone when we got there, we stayed there a little time and was discharged. Applicant states that he never received any pay during the war, for his services, some person gave him \$50 old Continental Money when he was discharged at New Bern and he gave it for a pipe.

Applicant served in all eighteen months.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension except the present and claims under an act of Congress of June 1832 and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn & subscribed to the day & year aforesaid

Attest: S/ John L Hill, JP

S/ William Boyt, X his mark

[Peter Carlton, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Benjamin Cooper, Reuben Blanchard, Robert Middleton, & Richard Boadbey [?, Richard Bradley?] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. The date of the year I do not know, but I know the place that I was born at. It was between Little River & Neuse in what was called the Fork in Wayne County

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

Ans. No I have not.

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

Ans. I lived in Duplin County when I entered the service and have lived ever since the R. War and now live in Duplin County. With the exception of one year, I lived in Lenoir County on tuckaho [sic, Tuckahoe]

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

Ans. I was drafted every time I went out in the service

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.

Ans. General Ashe of Hanover [sic, New Hanover] Major Moulton of Duplin County, Colonel Kenan; Charles Ward Colonel, Stephen Miller Captain, James Gillespie Major, James Love Captain, Hardy Holmes Captain, Joseph Macarto [?] Sergeant all of Duplin County. General Eaton, Colonel Malmedy and Major Henderson, having never served in the Continental line. Knows no Officers –

1st we went to the North West River in pursuit of the Tories then down to Elizabeth &c. 2nd

Tower went to Augusta in the State of Georgia then to Briar Creek had a Battle with the British, got defeated and on my retreat swam the River and dropped my gun to save the man from drowning and did save him, and a part of us got together this side of Savannah in South Carolina and our Officers with us camped all night and our officers was so alarmed that they would not let us have any fire, though the night was very cool, so I and some of my Brother soldiers rate of 8 quantity of pine straw and lay under that all night we was dismissed shortly after that.

3rd Tower went to Elizabeth, then across the North West a time or 2 then to the Big bridge within 10 miles of Wilmington fired a few times across the River at the British and they at of us, after this marched to New Bern in pursuit of the British remained there a short time and was Discharged, his last discharge was the same year that Cornwallis was taken –

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

Ans. Never received any.

7th 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.

Ans. Robert Middleton Esquire, Benjamin Cooper, Absalom Best, Henry Best, Richard Bradley & Reuben Blanchard

State of North Carolina Duplin County

Personally appeared before me Edward Armstrong one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for said County Daniel Teachy² of said County of Duplin and after being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist deposeth and saith that he knowed William Boyet [sic] of the said County of Duplin and State aforesaid and that of his certain knowledge the said William Boyet was in the Revolutionary War and served under Hardy Holmes.

Given under my hand and seal this 12th day of July A.D. 1857.

S/ Edwd. Armstrong, JP

State of North Carolina Duplin County

On this 21st day of February 1857 Thomas J Kenneair a credible person came before me & made oath in due form & says that he was well acquainted with William Boyette in his lifetime, that he was reputed to have served in the revolutionary war, that him & his wife Jane Boyette lived together as man & wife without there being such being brought in question, he further swears that the said William Boyette and his wife are both dead, he further swears that Michael Boyette his [sic, is] the only living child of the said William Boyette to the best of his knowledge.

Test: S/ Isaac B Kelly, JP

S/ Th. Kinneair

² This MAY be the son of the veteran whose widow filed for a pension found at [Daniel Teachey \(Teachy\) W4082](#)