

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lewis Boan (Bone) R971

Mary Bone

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Chesterfield District, SC

“Henry Boan says that he is the son, the eldest living child of Lewis Boan and Mary Boan. Deponent always understood that his father, Lewis Boan was a Whig and served in the War of the Revolution. Deponent has often heard his father say that he turned out as a volunteer against the Tories at the age of sixteen, *but deponent don't recollect to have heard him say how long he served in his 1st tour*: Deponent also heard his father say that he served near Charleston on Sullivan's Island, Bull's Island and other places as a drafted soldier, a tour of six months. Deponent has also heard his father say that he served another tour, but how long deponent does not remember. That his father said in the time of this last tour he was in the fight at Betti's Bridge [*Beatti's Bridge, August 4, 1781*] on Drowning Creek in North Carolina, where he was wounded and taken prisoner, and that he was afterwards paroled by Fanning [*David Fanning*] the Tory Colonel who commanded the enemy at Betti's Bridge.¹ His father was wounded in the thigh, four or five inches above the knee. Deponent has often seen the scars, one on each side of the thigh where the ball passed.”

“Deponent does not know under whom his father served in the first tour above mentioned. In the second tour above mentioned, his father said he and Aaron Knight (now dead) served as soldiers together, but deponent couldn't say under what officer or officers he served. In the Battle at Betti's Bridge, deponent think his father was under the command of Colonel Wade [*Thomas Wade*] and was under the immediate command of a Lt or Ensign Jordan. Deponent has heard his father say that he served under Major Speed, but how long, at what time or at what place, deponent can't say further than that he was with Speed on the Peedee River. *Deponent don't know the age of his father at the time of his death or the year in which he was born; nor can deponent state precisely when his father & mother were married, but feels confident that they were married as early as or before 1793, for deponent will be sixty-one years old the 12th day of next July (1850) and he has always understood that he was born less than two years after the marriage of his father & mother. Deponent's mother lost a child by miscarriage before deponent was born, which is the reason to have above he is the oldest living child of his parents.*

Deponent can't say when his father died but knows he died upwards of thirty years ago & left deponent's mother a widow & She continued a widow up to the time of her death. She (deponent's mother) died the 10th day of April in the year 1845, leaving at the time of her death this deponent Henry Boan, Elizabeth Boan, Killis Boan, Aggy who married Jacob Holly, Phebe who married Edward Boan, Gilly Boan, & William Boan, and perhaps Rachel & Winney Boan: Rachel & Winney left this part of the country many years ago & whether they be alive or dead deponent don't know; Gilly Boan died unmarried since the death of her mother. All the above named were the children of Lewis & Mary Boan. Deponent makes this declaration on behalf of himself & his aforesaid brothers & sisters in

¹ Will Graves thinks it more likely that the deponent's father was involved in the engagement at Little Raft Swamp, September 1, 1781. Col. David Fanning was not in the action at Beatties bridge but was in the action at Little Raft Swamp.

order to obtain for himself & for them any Pension from the Government of the United States, the right to which had been conferred on his mother in her lifetime by the Acts of Congress.

The above Declaration Sworn to before me this 2nd day of February A.D. 1850

Given under my hand & seal of Office

S/ Turner Bryan, Judge of the Court of Ordinary
for Chesterfield District

S/ Henry Bone, H his mark

From the pension application of George Boan [George Boan S18326](#):

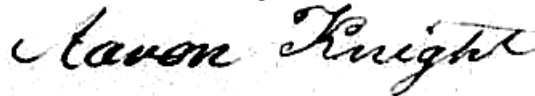
DeKalb County, GA, February 11th, 1833:

“Aaron Knight who being sworn saith that he knew Lewis Boan of Marlborough District in South Carolina from the commencement to the close of the Revolutionary struggle and that the said Lewis Boan served under the command of Major Robert Lloyd, Captain Henry Council, Lieutenant Henry Goodman and Lieutenant Tristram Thomas, and that said Boan marched from the above mentioned district to Seawee Bay and thence to Hadrell’s Point, thence to St. John’s Island, and that he the said Boan, there received his discharge. This deponent further saith that George Boan of the district and state aforesaid did serve with this deponent in the Revolutionary War. This deponent further says that the above mentioned men were to his knowledge true Whigs throughout the struggle.”

Chesterfield District, SC, 26th March, 1849:

Aaron Knight, [Jr]-“That he knew Lewis Boan in his lifetime. Deponent knows he was old enough to have served in the War of the Revolution. Deponent’s father (Aaron Knight) and deponent has often heard his father (who is now dead) say that Lewis Boan served with him in the said war, and that said Lewis Boan was a good Whig and a good soldier. Deponent believes that his father and said Lewis Boan served together under General Wade. Deponent has always understood and believes that Lewis Boan served some time in the neighborhood of Charleston, South Carolina, particularly on Sullivan’s Island. Deponent has also been informed and believes that said Lewis Boan was in the Battle at Betti’s Bridge on Drowning Creek in North Carolina and that he was wounded there and taken prisoner by Colonel Fanning who commanded the British and Tories in that battle. Deponent has heard his father say that he served six months in the neighborhood of Charleston and deponent believes Lewis was with him the whole time. *Deponent is now upwards of fifty-nine years of age. Deponent knows that Lewis Boan & Mary Boan were regarded & past as husband & wife. Lewis Boan died upwards of thirty years ago leaving Mary his wife surviving. Mary the widow never married again, but continued a widow until she died; – said Mary Boan died, as deponent believes, in the Spring of the year 1785. Henry Boan is a son of said Lewis & Mary Boan. There are now living of the children of said Lewis & Mary Boan the following, viz.: Henry Boan, Elizabeth Boan, Killis Boan, Aggy who married Jacob Holly, Pheobe who married Edward Boan & William Boan; Rachel & Winney left this part of the country many years ago & whether they are now alive deponent does not know. Deponent has seen the wound in the thigh of Lewis Boan which it was said he received in the battle at Beatti's Bridge.*

S/ Aaron Knight



South Carolina Chesterfield District:

Personally appeared Aggy Melton before me Turner Bryan Judge of the Court of Ordinary for said District, who after being duly sworn saith. That she is about Eighty years of age; and that she was well acquainted with Lewis Boan and Mary Killingsworth; who was married to said Lewis Boan as was said, by them and the neighbors Generally about by one Rev. Lewis a Baptist minister of the gospel, and that the said Lewis Boan and his said wife Mary resided together as man and wife during

the joint lives = and that Henry Boan their son was born in wedlock about one year after marriage and that the said Lewis Boan paid the marriage Expenses.

Sworn before me this 1 January 1849

S/ Turner Bryan, Judge of the Court of Ordinary

S/ Aggy Melton, X her mark