

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Boyer S32125

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State of Indiana Rush County: SS

On this seventh day of November in the year of our Lord 1837 personally appeared in open Court before the Commissioners Court of Rush County now sitting, John Boyer a resident of the Township of Noble in the County of Rush and State aforesaid aged seventy-eight 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 was born County of Northumberland in the State of Virginia on the 18th day of November in the year 1759. That he has no record of his age here but that he judges from the representations of his parents and from having seen it recorded in his father's Bible which is now I expect in the State of Virginia. That he lived when he entered the service of the United States in the district of Ninety Six in the State of South Carolina that after the war he removed to the City of Baltimore in the State of Maryland in the year 1804 where he lived one year from thence to Cincinnati in the State of Ohio 1805 from Cincinnati to the Big Miami in said State of Ohio from thence he removed to the Township of Noble in the County of Rush and State of Indiana in the year 1830 where he has resided ever since. That he volunteered as a private and entered the service of the United States in Captain [digital image of this page is cut off and part of the text missing] was commanded by Colonel Andrew Williamson: From thence he marched to Seneca [sic, Seneca] where the battle of Seneca was fought August 15th 1776, in which battle he fought as a private from thence he marched to the middle settlements where he fought as a private in the battle of the Middle Settlements October first in the year 1776 with the Cherokee Nation and commanded by Colonel Andrew Williamson. Received the appointment of Captain of the militia of South Carolina and commissioned by his Excellency John Rutledge Governor of South Carolina the ___day of January 1779. Fought in the battle of Savannah River February 20th 1779 commanded by Colonel Andrew Pickens from thence to Stono where he fought in the battle of Stono June 28th 1779 [sic, June 20, 1779] commanded by General Benjamin Lincoln. Fought in the battle of King's mountain September 30th 1780 [sic, October 7, 1780] commanded by Colonel Campbell [William Campbell] and Colonel Shelby [Isaac Shelby] -- he marched from thence to the Eutaw Springs where he fought in the battle of Eutaw Springs on the 9th day of September 1781 [sic, September 8, 1781] commanded by General Nathaniel Green [Nathanael Greene] from thence he marched into the District of Camden Orangeburg and Ninety Six in which were taken several forts and garrisons as follows fought in the battle of the quarter house within five miles of Charlestown of South Carolina in which battle he Captain John Boyer led the charge commanded by Colonel Wade Hampton fought at the taking the garrisons at Motts Bluff, at Scotch Lake -- at Colonel Thompson's -- at Orangeburg -- at Congaree -- at the taking of Brown's Fort -- at the

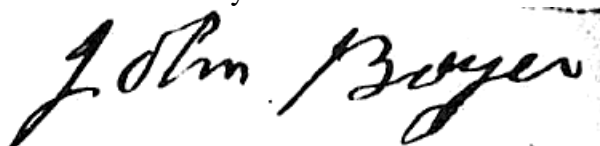
taking of Grierson's Fort. All the above named forts and garrisons were taken in the month of May in the year 1781 commanded by Colonel ___ Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] from Virginia. And fought in the siege of Ninety Six in the month of June 1781 commanded by General Nathaniel Green. That he has no documentary evidence at this time of his service having put his commission and papers in the hands of John Lee Williams Esquire an attorney at law in the year ___ in order to get a pension. That the said Williams shortly afterwards removed to the Territory of Florida and took his (that is Captain John Boyer's) commissions and papers with him. That he has written for them but has never received any answer, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service. That he was discharged by General Nathaniel Green in the year 1783.

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 the Agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Robert Thompson, Clerk

S/ John Boyer

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Boyer". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

I was born in the County of Northumberland in the State of Virginia on the 18th day of November A.D. 1759.

Ans. 2 I have no record of my age here. My age was recorded in my father's Bible which is I expect in the State of Virginia

Ans. 3 I lived when called into service in the district of Ninety Six in the state of South Carolina. I have lived at Baltimore in the State of Maryland -- at Cincinnati in the state of Ohio on the Big Miami River in the same state and I now live in Noble Township Rush County State of Indiana.

Ans. 4 I volunteered and became a private in Captain James Moore's Company --

Ans. 5 I recollect the names of Colonel Andrew Williamson, Colonel Andrew Pickens, Colonel Campbell and Shelby, Colonel Benjamin Lincoln, General Nathaniel Green, Colonel Hampton and Colonel Lee from Virginia. I cannot recollect the number of any Continental and militia Regiments at this time. I served and fought as a private in the battles of Seneca and the Middle Settlements -- as a Captain in the Militia in the battles of Savannah River -- Kings mountain -- Stono, Eutaw Springs -- at the quarter house -- at Motts Bluff -- Scotch Lake -- at Colonel Thompson's -- at Orangeburg -- at Congaree -- at taking Brown's Fort -- at Grierson's Fort and at the siege of Ninety Six.

Ans. 6 I received a commission of Captain of the Militia on the ___ day of January 1779 signed by his Excellency John Rutledge -- Governor of South Carolina: I put it into the hands of John Lee Williams in order to have the necessary steps taken to obtain a pension, who shortly afterwards removed to the Territory of Florida and carried it, together with my other papers relating to my Revolutionary services with him.

Ans. 7 I am acquainted with Benjamin F. Reeves and Jacob Stair who can testify as to my character for truth and veracity and as to their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution [Benjamin F. Reeves, a clergyman, and Jacob Stair gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Indiana Rush County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace within and for the Township of Noble, County of Rush and State of Indiana, John Boyer, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he served as a soldier of the Revolution in the manner and for the length

of time following to wit, as a volunteer private in Captain James Moore Company from the 15th day of June 1776 15 day of June 1777 and as a Captain in the South Carolina Militia from the first day of January 1779 to the 10th day of August 1781 and that he was in the actual service of the United States for three years seven months and 10 days and for such services he claims a Pension and further saith not.

S/ John Boyer

State of Ohio, Hamilton County

On the 17th day of September AD1839 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable George P. Turner, president Judge and Enos Woodruff & Thomas Henderson, Associate Judges of the Court of Common pleas in and for the County aforesaid, John Boyer, aged nearly 79 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 provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th AD 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. That in the year 1776 he entered the militia of the State of South Carolina as a volunteer in a Regiment commanded by Colonel John Liles, John Liles Jr. acted as Lieutenant Colonel, James Moore [acted as] Major, Isaac Cook was the captain of the company in which he served, John Lusk and James Lusk were the Lieutenant & Ensign. He served in said company & Regiment as a private. He was then promoted to be first Lieutenant in said company & Regiment instead of John Anderson who was the successor of John Lusk. He served in said capacity for one year then he was promoted to be Captain of said company in the place of said Cook who resigned. He continued to act as Captain of said company up to the year 1781 when he entered the Continental line of South Carolina in a Regiment commanded by Colonel John Thomas. He entered said a Regiment in the capacity of first Lieutenant and continued as such until the termination of the revolutionary war. James Morris was the Lieutenant Colonel of said Regiment, John Glenn, Major, David Glenn was the captain of the company to which petitioner was attached, James Lusk was the Ensign of the same. He was present & engaged in the following battles:

The battle of Seneca in South Carolina on the 15th of August 1776: The American troops were commanded by Andrew Williamson. The enemy was commanded by Alexander Cameron.

The battle of the middle settlements in said state on the first of October 1776: The American troops were commanded by Colonel Williamson and the enemy by Colonel Cameron.

In the battle of Savannah River in AD 1778: our troops were commanded by Colonel Andrew Pickens, the enemy by Colonel Boyd who was killed.

In the battle of Stono fought the 28 June 1779: the American troops commanded by Benjamin Lincoln; the enemy by General Provost.

The battle of King's Mountain North Carolina [sic, South Carolina] in the year 1780: the American trooper commanded by Colonel Campbell [William Campbell], Colonel Shelby [Isaac Shelby], Colonel Carter & Col. McDowell. Col. Campbell was the oldest in command; the enemy was commanded by Colonel Ferguson.

[He] was also present and engaged in taking seven garrisons in South Carolina in the year 1781.

Was at the Siege of a Fort named Ninety Six in June 1781.

Was present and engaged in the battle of the Eutaw Springs in South Carolina which was fought on Saturday the 9th September, 1781: Colonel Thomas commanded the Regiment in which the Petitioner served; General Nathanael Greene commanded the American forces; Col. Stewart commanded the enemy.

He states that he was born in Northumberland County, State of Virginia on the 18th November AD 1759. His father removed while he was yet very young into the State of South

Carolina to the vicinity of Camden. He was engaged for most of the time in the upper districts of South Carolina, to wit: in the districts of Camden, 96 & Orangeburg & occasionally in North Carolina. The battle of the Savannah River was in this State of Georgia. He recollects several regiments with which he served Colonel Lee commanded a Regiment of Horse; Likewise, Colonel Washington commanded a Regiment of Horse. He was acquainted with Colonel Washington & Colonel Lee who were both from the State of Virginia. Colonel Washington was taken prisoner at the battle of the Eutaw Springs where he had his horse killed under him.

He further states that he has no documentary evidence; that he had a commission as first lieutenant in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas with General Greene's signature attached that he lost it several years ago; that he doesn't know of any person at this time who can prove his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

S/John Boyer

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court September 17, 1832.

S/Daniel Gano [?], Clerk

[Thomas Mills, and George H. Roler gave the standard supporting affidavit except that they certify that they believe the veteran to be in the 73rd year of his age.]

Questions propounded by the court to petitioner:

Quest. 1st: When and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born on the 18th of November AD1759 in Northumberland County, State of Virginia.

Quest. 2nd Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

Answer: I have none. All I know on that subject is from representations of my parents.

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

Answer: I lived in the state of South Carolina in the vicinity of Camden & district of 96 when I first entered the service. After the war he lived 19 years in the city of Baltimore and he has lived for the last 20 years in Hamilton County, State of Ohio where he now resides.

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

Answer: I was a volunteer: never was drafted or a substitute.

Quest. 5th State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: I was acquainted with General Nathanael Greene and acted at one time as one of his supernumerary aids and I was also acquainted with Colonel Otho Holland Williams who was second in command; was acquainted with Colonel Lee & Colonel Washington, Colonel Shelby, Colonel Campbell, Colonel Thomas, Colonel Moore and sundry other officers who held subordinate commissions

Quest. 6th Did you ever receive a commission from the service; and if so by whom was it signed; and what has become of it?

Answer: I have had three commissions one as first lieutenant in Colonel John Liles' Regiment one as Captain in the same and one in the South Carolina Continental line as first lieutenant in Colonel Thomas' Regiment of dragoons. The two first commissions in the militia were signed by John Rutledge, Governor of South Carolina. The other commission was signed by Henry Laurens, president of Congress. They have been all lost several years ago.

Quest. 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Answer: I am acquainted with Thomas Mills & George Roler and sundry other persons who live in the neighborhood who can testify as required.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court before me September 17, 1832. S/John Boyer
S/Daniel Gano, Clerk

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August the 10th 1781

Head quarters high hills of Santee near the
Widow Jameses place

Sir your orders is where you are stationed to watch the movements of the enemy and report to me every Day you will receive your Continental Commission By the hand of Lieutenant Lusk a first Lieutenancy, and believe me to be your friend.

Lieut. John Boyer

S/ Nathaniel Green

Commander and the
Southward Department

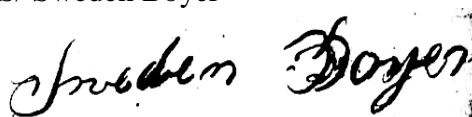
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Lieut John Boyer
Nathaniel Green
Commander in the
Southward Department

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Sweeden Boyer all of lawful age to give evidence being duly sworn says that he well knows John Boyer and that he has frequently seen and read a commission made out signed by Henry Lawrence [sic, Henry Laurens?] to the said John Boyer as first Lieutenant in the Continental Army, bearing date in the year 1781 and that he has every reason to believe that said commission has been lost or destroyed as he has lately examined the papers of said Boyer and cannot find said Commission all that he has been able to find is a letter from Nathaniel Green commander in the Southern department which letter bears date the 10 day of August 1781 in forming the said Boyer that his Commission as first Lieutenant would be forwarded to him and that he must watch and report the movement of the enemy to him the said Green daily.

Sworn and subscribed this 11th day of September 1852 before me
S/ Israel Wing, JP

S/ Sweden Boyer



Hamilton County Ohio

[Facts in file: the veteran died July 5, 1839; Elijah Thompson served as the administrator of the veteran's estate; according to a letter in the file, at his death the veteran was not survived by a widow or any children; that his last child, Nelly, died some time prior to the veteran's death; that he was survived by seven or eight grandchildren (not named).]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$173.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for one year as Lieutenant and four months as private in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to John Boyer
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 674A

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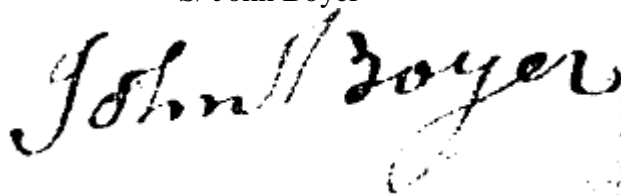
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Gentlemen

March 15th 1786

Please to Let Mr. Bailey Fleming have my Indent for personal Service done in Colonel Thomases [John Thomas'] Regiment State Troops as field Lieutenant And you will oblige
Humble St.

S/ John Boyer



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November 5th, 1787

Gentlemen you will please to Let Mr. Henry King have the Indents for the within Order –
Principal & Special I [interest] And your very humble Servant

S/ Bailey Fleming

¹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

Bailey Fleming

[p 4: Form of Indent No. 443 Book M dated October 1st, 1784 in the amount of £94.0.0 with interest annually at the rate of £6.11.7 delivered to Mr. John Boyer, Late a Lieutenant in Thomas' Regiment Sumter's Brigade of State Troops.]