

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Boyd <sup>1</sup>S32127

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For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an act for the Relief of certain Surviving officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved on the 15th of May 1828 I James Boyd in the County of Jefferson and State of Alabama do hereby declare that I was a soldier in the Army of the Revolution and continued in its service until its Termination as a private under Captain Samuel Wear in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Sevier. I also declare that I afterwards received a discharge – and I further declare That I was not on the 15th day of March 1828 on the pension list of the United States.

James Boyd



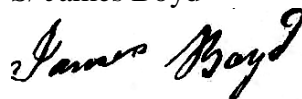
[April 8, 1829: attested by Charles C Clayton]

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State of Alabama Jefferson County SS } Personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid, James Boyd, aged sixty seven years and maketh oath that in the year 1781 or 1782 he volunteered his services as a soldier in the cause of American Independence, and attached himself to a troop of Horse commanded by Captain Samuel Ware belonging to the Regiment of the North Carolina Line commanded by Colonel John Sevier, the No. of the Regiment not recollected by this affiant, that Charles Robertson was Lieutenant Colonel and Jonathan Tipton & Val. Sevier [Valentine Sevier] were Majors of said Regiment that this affiant went into actual service in the month of September or October of the same year in which he volunteered, being the time at which the company to which he belonged was mustered into service and remained in the service until the close of the war and was then regularly discharged, but has long since lost his certificate of discharge: that during the time he was in service, the Regiment to which he belonged was engaged in a tour against the British and Indians on the frontiers of the States of North Carolina and South Carolina and Georgia. Sworn and subscribed this 17th day of July 1829 before me.

S/ John Brown, JP

S/ James Boyd



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<sup>1</sup> See N. A. Acc. No. 874 050019 James Boyd

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State of Alabama Jefferson CountySS} On this 25th day of August A.D. 1834, Personally appeared in open Court, before the Judge of the County Court of said County now sitting, James Boyd Senior, a resident of the County & State aforesaid, aged Seventy one 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.

He entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers as a volunteer in the Militia, and served as herein stated. His Colonel was John Sevier his Captain Samuel Ware his Major Tipton his Lieutenant Colonel Charles Robinson, his Ensign Isaac Davis. He entered the service under the above named officers in the spring of the year 1781, and ranged along the frontiers of South Carolina and Georgia, and then in the month of September 1782, rendezvoused at the Big Island on French Broad River where they were joined by Colonel Anderson [John Anderson] with four Companies from Sullivan County State of North Carolina from there they marched down through the Cherokee Nation, as far as Turkey Town on the Coosa River for the purpose of taking prisoners give in exchange for white prisoners in the possession of the Indians at Turkey Town they fell in with a white man who called himself Clemons who had papers in his possession which showed that he had been a British Sergeant, thence they marched up Coosa to Eastanallie[?]<sup>2</sup> and destroyed it, thence through the old Highwassee [sic, Hiwassee] Towns to Chota on the Tennessee River, held a council with the Indians, exchange prisoners and returned time about the 1st of November in the same year, having served at least seven months. He was a citizen of the County of Washington State of North Carolina when he entered the service as a volunteer as above mentioned. He was in no regular Battle, but was frequently fired on by the Indians, who always fled without giving them an opportunity to return the fire. He received a regular discharge but has lost or mislaid, so that he cannot now procure it. He has no documentary evidence in his possession bywhich he can prove his services. He has a witness; (Samuel Ware Jr) whose testimony is annexed below, who can testify to his services. 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. He further states that during his above mentioned term of service he was not engaged in any civil pursuit.

S/ James Boyd

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State of Alabama Jefferson County SS} Personally appeared before me H. M. Carithers an acting Justice of the Peace of said County Samuel Ware, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following statement in relation to the foregoing application. He recollects to have served a tour against the Cherokee and Creek Indians in the same company with James Boyd above named, and that there Officers were Colonels John Sevier & Charles Robinson, their Major \_\_\_ Tipton, their Captain Samuel Ware Senior and their Ensign Isaac Davis. He was acquainted with Mr. Boyd from the time he entered the service in 1781, until the close of the Revolutionary War, and knows him to have been a soldier in the tour above mentioned, during which the company to which he was attached marched through the Cherokee nation as far as Turkey Town on the Coosa River, thence through the old Hiwassee Towns after destroying

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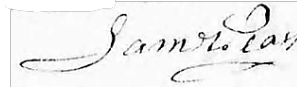
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Eatanallee to Chota on the Tennessee River, where they held a Council with the Indians exchanged prisoners and returned home, they were not in any regular Battle but had frequent skirmishes with the Indians. He recollects that they were both present when a person by the name of Clemons who was afterwards found by papers in his possession to be in the service of the King of Great Britain was killed by a person attached to their company.

Test

S/ H. M. Carithers, JP

S/ Saml Wear [?]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Saml Wear", enclosed in a rectangular box.

[John Williams, a clergyman, & John Brown gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file: The veteran removed to Newton County Mississippi sometime around 1834]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

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Addendum to James Boyd S32127

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[From [Virginia Half-Pay pension records on fold3.com](#). A note on the file jacket reads, "Not Half Pay."]

State of Mississippi }

Newton County }

Be it known that before me James A Ward Clerk of the Probate Court of said County personally appeared George W. Boyd and made oath in due form of law that he is the son of James Boyd deceased who is the Identical person who was a Revolutionary Pensioner, and is now dead and to whom a certificate of Pension was issued, which affiant believes and is informed is on file in the 3<sup>rd</sup> auditors office in Washington City D.C. (or lost) That the said James Boyd pensioner as aforesaid departed this life, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January AD 1853, in Newton County aforesaid. That affiant is now the acting administrator of said decedents estate. That the deceas pensioner aforesaid last resided in said County of Newton about seventeen years from 1836 to 1853, in Kemper County & State Aforesaid from 1833 to 1836, and previous to said periods of time said pensioner resided in Jefferson County & State of Alabama, where he first applied for & obtained a pension of about Twenty three dollars per year. Affiant States that he is advised & believes that there is still due for arrearages of said pension for two years seven months & eleven days

[signed 2 March 1859] George W Boyd