

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Boxwell S34659

VA

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State and District of Virginia Hampshire County Sct

Before me the subscriber sole and presiding Judge of the Superior Court of law for the said County of Hampshire in the state aforesaid on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year 1818 personally appears Joseph Boxwell aged about sixty five years resident in the said County State and District, who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the late Act of Congress, entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" That some time in the spring of the year 1781 he enlisted as a private soldier to serve for eighteen months in the Virginia Line on continental establishment, in Winchester in the County of Frederick and state aforesaid. That shortly after his said enlistment he was Mached to a Company commanded by Captain Kirkpatrick [Abraham Kirkpatrick BLWt1210-300], and belonging, as he believes to the Seventh Virginia Regiment on continental establishment, but there were about that time so many changes in the organization of the Army, and the commandants of different detachments, that he cannot speak with certainty with respect to the number of the regiment which he first joined or the officers who then commanded it. That he served in the said Corps or in the service of the United States untill some time after the expiration of the said eighteen months when he was discharged from service at Cumberland old Courthouse in Virginia aforesaid. That he was at the siege of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] and in several skirmishes to the Southward That he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of his countrys aid for a support and that he has now no other evidence of his said service in his power, except the annexed

Augusta County To Wit

Appear'd before me a Justice of the peace for said County, William Eskridge [W4192] and made Oath, that he was well acquainted with Joseph Boxwell, a Soldier in the Virginia Continental Line, Revolutionary Army, and that he knows the said Boxwell serv'd more than nine months in said Army and I believe that the annexed declaration of Joseph Boxwell, is generally correct

Given under my hand this 30<sup>th</sup> day January 1819

John C. Sowers

District of Virginia SS. }

Morgan County SS }

On this Seventeenth day of November 1820, personally appeared, in open court, being a court of record for the said county, Joseph Boxell aged 66½ years, resident in March 1818 in said county, who, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: that he said Joseph Boxell enlisted first for the term of eighteen months in the state of Virginia in the Company of Captain Kirkpatrick, in the Regiment commanded by Col. Thomas Posey, in the line of the state of virginia, on the Continental Establishment. That he continued in the said corps for said term of 18 months, and continued in different corps with occasional interruptions for nearly the whole of the time. that at the end of the war he was discharged at the Cumberland barracks in Virginia. that he was in the battle of Green Springs in Virginia [6 Jul 1781] and at Bigagsche in Georgia [possibly Ebenezer, 23 Jun 1782], at Gibbins near Savannah in Georgia under General Wayne [sic: Widow Gibbon's Mill at Sharon under Gen. Anthony Wayne, 24 May 1782] and at the seige of York in Virginia and at many other skirmishes which he cannot now name. and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress

entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. Viz 16 head of cattle valued at \$65. 40 d'o of sheep \$30. 1 mare. 1 Barshere Plough. 2 shovel ploughs. 20 head of Hogs. 3 pair of Gears. 1 set of Singletrees. 1 Table 7 chairs. 3 pots 2 kettles. 1 Cupboard. 2 Large Spinning Wheels. 2 small d'o. 1 pair Steelyards. 1 skillet. 1 chest except my necessary clothing and bedding – I am by profession a farmer but have not been able to labour for some years past on account of a rupture in my legs supposed to be a scrofulous complaint. my family consists of the following named persons. my wife Leona Boxell aged 42 years. my son Moses Boxell aged 19. my daughter sally Boxell aged 17. my daughter Elizabeth Boxell aged 15. my daughter Martha Boxell aged 13. my daughter Mary Boxell aged 11. my son Joseph Boxell aged 7. my daughter Letty Boxell aged 6. my son John Boxell aged 4. my daughter Nancy Boxell aged 1 Year.

[Boxwell's pension was apparently suspended because it was thought he had too much property to qualify under the act of 1818. On 5 Sep 1825 he filed another declaration as required by the act of 1820, with the following change:]

That since the Exhibition of my first Schedule, the following changes have been made in my property, all have been taken from me for the payment of debts or worn out, my best mare then valued at eighty dollars has died. I now have a cow a mare fourteen years old, which is all the property I have left except the Clothing of myself and family and our beds and bedding. the first schedule of my property I can not obtain in consequence of my infirm situation. I have now an aged wife and four children dependant upon their exertions and my own for a support. I stand indebted to others for more than two hundred dollars which I am unable to pay, as the accompanying accounts and affidavits will shew [see endnote].

State of Maryland Allegany County to wit

On this twenty fourth day of July, in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred & thirty, before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace for said County of Allegany, personally appeared Joseph Boxwell of Allegany County, who on his Oath, declares that he is the same person, who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain T. Kirkpatrick [sic] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Williams & Lieut Colonel Posey in the service of the united states, that his name was placed on the pension Roll of the State of Virginia from whence he has lately removed; that he now resides in the State of Maryland Allegany County, where he intends to remain, and wishes his pension to be there payable in future. The following are his reasons for removing from Virginia to Maryland, that his son had rented a place in Allegany County Maryland and as he was old and infirm he wished to be with his son, or near him

Joseph Boxwell

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Boxell, Joseph.]

February ye 12 1785

I hereby authorise and Appoint Joseph Smith to Settle and Receive the Ballance of My Pay Due to Me in Collonell Poseys [Thomas Posey BLWt1733-450] Detachment

as Witness my hand      Joseph Boxell

To the pay master of the s'd detachment

This day Joseph Boxell personelly appeared before me and declared upon the Holy Evengelist of almighty God that it is his desire that Joseph Smith Shall Settle and Received his pay as it is set forth above as witness my hand this 14<sup>th</sup> day of Febr'y 1785      William Helm

NOTES:

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates taken at Powhatan Courthouse VA lists the following: Joseph Boxell/ age 22/ height 6 feet/ light-brown hair/ fresh complexion/ planter/ born in Virginia/ residing in Frederick County where he enlisted as a substitute for 18 months on 4 Apr 1781.

“Joseph Boxell” also appears on a muster roll for Posey’s detachment  
<http://revwarapps.org/b52.pdf>.

The federal pension file includes a ledger showing debts amounting to \$52.21 owed by Boxwell for cloth, tobacco, whiskey, and other sundries to Brent and Blackwell of Morgan County between 1816 and 1822, with \$10.25 interest accrued on 6 Feb 1826. Another ledger shows a debt of \$218.03½ to John Brady of Morgan County for tools, testaments, hymn books, and other items purchased between 19 Oct 1818 and 8 Nov 1824.