

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Boykin S6551

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State of North Carolina County of Sampson: SS

On this 19th day of November 1832 – Personally appeared in Open Court before us David Davison, Henry Godwin & William McKoy Justices of the Court of Sampson now sitting John Boykin a resident of Sampson County and State of North Carolina aged sixty-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 – He states that he entered the service as a substitute the name of the person he substituted for, he does not recollect, his Captain's name was linear. He does not remember his Lieutenant or Ensign's names. He states the field officers were Major William Jarvis, his Colonel was Jonas Johnson [sic, and Jonas Johnston], & General Butler [John Butler] was his General. He states that he was born in Duplin (now Sampson) County on Great Cohera [sic, Coharie], and that he lived there at the time he entered the service and that he resides on the plantation that he was born on and has ever since the Revolution. He states he was born in the year 1764. He states his age is recorded in a Bible in his possession. He states that he went from Duplin (now Sampson) to Fayetteville North Carolina where they embodied and took up the line of march from there to South Carolina and from thence to Augusta Georgia, from thence they marched down the Savannah River and recrossed the River into South Carolina where he states he joined the main Army commanded by General Lincoln. He states that he was at the battle of Stono or Stono Ferry.¹ He states that he recollects that Curtis Ivey was there a regular officer, and he states that he remembers that General Lincoln was lame – he states that the militia were Discharged in South Carolina after their three months expired, and he returned to Duplin (now Sampson) – he states that he afterwards volunteered and went to Rockfish near the Duplin line and was in the Battle that was fought with the British at Rockfish² where the militia were dispersed. He states he was in the foot company at that time about a month. He states that he next volunteered under Captain David Dodd who commanded a Company of Horse, he states that he does not recollect the names of the inferior Officers. He states that they were engaged in

¹ June 20, 1779 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/stonoferry.htm>

² Could be either May 13, 1781 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/rockfish.htm> or August 2, 1781 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/rockfish2.htm>

Duplin principally suppressing the Tories. He states that they marched to Columbus and joined General Butler. He states that they had an engagement with the British & Tories at Balden's [sic, could be "Bulchen's"] in Bluden County [sic, Bladen County?], From thence they retreated to Duplin where he served the balance of his time. Serving in all in the Horse Company three months he states that he has no Documentary evidence – but that he expects to prove part of his service by Silas Myhand and by Thomas Gregory.³ He states that there is no clergyman residing in his neighborhood –he states that he is known to David Underwood & Whitney Royal in his neighborhood, and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. He states that he served altogether about 7 months. 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

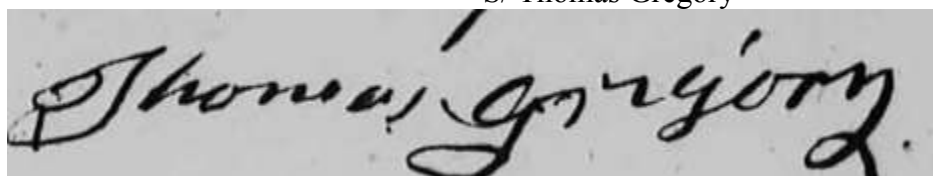
S/ John Boykin, X his mark

[David Underwood and Whitney Royal gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina County of Sampson

On this __ day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before us David Davison, Henry Godwin & William McKoy Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Sampson now sitting Thomas Gregory a resident of Sampson County North Carolina aged eighty-three years (a Pensioner under the former Act of Congress) who being first duly sworn according to law Deposeth and saith as follows. He says that he is well acquainted with John Boykin – the present applicant for a Pension. He believes him to be sixty-eight years of age. He states that the said John Boykin served with him in the Revolutionary War. He states that he knows the said John Boykin was in the service in South Carolina & Georgia under Captain __ Lanier. He states that the company that said Boykin was in was in the battle at Stono or Stony Point. He believes said Boykin was in that Battle. And further states that the said Boykin served at that time three months.

S/ Thomas Gregory

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "Thomas Gregory". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

State of North Carolina County of Sampson: SS

On this 19th day of November 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before us David Davidson, Henry Godwin & William McCoy Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Sampson now sitting Silas Myhand aged 87 years who being 1st duly sworn according to law Deposeth and saith as follows. He says that he is well acquainted with John Boykin the present applicant for a Pension he believes him to be 68 years of age. He states that said John Boykin served with him in the Revolutionary war. He states that he knows said Boykin was with him at the Battle of rockfish near the Duplin line. And he further states that said Boykin was with him at the Battle on little Cohera Morgan was in the Horse Company under Captain David Dodd.

S/ Silas Myhand⁴

³ [Thomas Gregory S41589](#)

⁴ I do not find an application in the federal pension files for a veteran by this or any similar name. This may be the

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Silas Kynard". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent flourish at the end of the word "Kynard".

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$22.50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

only record of his service in the Revolution.