

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel Boney S6672

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State of North Carolina Duplin County: SS

On this the 21st day of December A.D. 1839 before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County of Duplin in the State of North Carolina personally appeared Daniel Boney a resident in said County of Duplin and State of North Carolina aged seventy-eight years (the 12th December 1839) 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.

The reasons why he has not made this application sooner are that at the time he first heard of the passage of the law granting pensions to soldiers of the Revolution he was in bad health and unable to go about and obtain the necessary information, is of retiring habits and lives in a remote and unfrequented section of the County and was also informed that he was required to prove his actual service by persons who served with him (as an indispensable requisite) and knew no better until recently – he was informed that his own declaration accompanied with traditionary evidence would entitle him to a pension.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

1st. In a company of Duplin militia as a volunteer and private in December 1780 under Captain Taylor, Lieutenant not recollected, Nicholas Bourden Ensign, forgets his Colonel was under General Lillington, marched from Duplin to Cross Creek (now Fayetteville) thence to Big Pedee [River], thence for the Headquarters of the American Army, but before we arrived there were ordered back and marched to Wilmington NC and was stationed at and guarded the Big Bridge in New Hanover County and remained there till the 3 months for which he volunteered were expired, having served the term out and was discharged in March or April 1781: that in this tour he was in a skirmish at Drowning Creek, and during this tour there was one at the Big Bridge where we were stationed guarding but before we arrived there. When he entered this and his next tour also, he resided in Duplin County NC when he continues to reside and has resided ever since the revolutionary war.

2ndly. In a company of Duplin cavalry as a volunteer and private, under Captain Aaron

Williams, Daniel Teachey¹ Lieutenant in July 1781 marched into New Hanover County, and stationed at and guarded Rockfish Bridge² and were there attacked and routed by the enemy under Gorden [Gordon] in August 1781, and thence into Duplin and marched and traversed the County which then included what is now Sampson County and served the 3 months for which he volunteered and was discharged in October 1781. As he did not reach General Greene's Army but ordered back, he believes he did not serve with any Continental troops and knew no regular officers, the new General Lillington: he has no documentary evidence unless he should hereafter find his discharge and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. That he was born and raised in Duplin, born the 12th of December 1761 – he has a record of his age – he received a discharge but do not know what has become of it as he cannot find it. The persons to whom he is known in his neighborhood are Joseph Hutchinson, James Whitman, Hiram Murray, Shadrach Stallings, Wright Boney & Cornelius McMillan Esquire & others he might name, who he believes will testify to his character for veracity & their belief that he was a soldier in the Revolution, he refers to his declaration for answers to the other interrogatories.

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 & subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me

S/ C. McMillan, JP

S/ Daniel Boney

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel Boney". The ink is dark and the background is a light, slightly textured paper.

[Jacob Wells and Henry Brown, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 8: On July 3, 1841 in Duplin County North Carolina, Barbara Boney, 43, gave testimony that she is the daughter of Daniel Boney now an applicant for a pension under the 1832 act; that shortly after the passage of the act she repeatedly heard her father say that he could not prove his service by any person now living; that her father is "a backward men and not of a disposition to push forward, try into will become acquainted with business of a public nature, is very domestic and do not like to leave home."]

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State of North Carolina Duplin County

On this the 3rd day of July 1841 before the Subscriber Cornelius McMillan a Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally appeared Patrick Murphy a resident of Sampson County NC aged 40 years, who being first duly sworn according to law maketh oath that he went on two occasions to the Poor house in said County of Duplin to see Kidder Harrell³ a pensioner of the United States and procure his affidavit in proof of the allegations made by Daniel Boney for not making an earlier declaration or application for a pension, and that the said Kidder Harrell seemed to be so deprived of his recollection and memory and so transient therein and imbecile in mind as to render it improper in the opinion of this affiant to take his affidavit, and that he was incapable of understanding as this affiant believed, the questions propounded to him in relation to the matters of inquiry and that even though he could or would say he could

¹ [Daniel Teachey \(Teachy\) W4082](#)

² Probably a reference to the action on August 2, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/rockfish2.htm>

³ [Kidder Harrell S6963](#)

recollect some things his mind was so wandering and fleeting as to make it wrong for him to depose.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me.

S/ Patrick Murphy

S/ Cornelius McMillan

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]