

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lewis Boon S6683

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State of North Carolina Halifax County: SS

On this 16th day of August 1843 personally appeared before me Henry M Purnell an acting magistrate and a member of the court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions (County Court) in and for the County and State aforesaid, Lewis Boon a resident of said County and State aged eighty-six 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered as a private soldier of the revolution in the North Carolina service about the middle of the month of July 1778, with a man by the name of Uriah Dunin who lived in the County of Birtee [sic, Bertie] North Carolina, where he the said Lewis Boon then resided, for a term of nine months and served out the same faithfully; (IE) he served from about the middle of July 1778 until about the middle or last of April 1779 under the following named officers (to wit) Captain Blount and Colonel Hogan [sic, James Hogun?], Captain Blount commanded the company in which he served, and Colonel Hogan commanded the Regiment to which Captain Blount's company was attached; The names of the other field and company officers (from old age and loss of memory) he cannot now recollect:

That he resided in the County of Bertie North Carolina at the time he entered the service, and that he marched from Bertie County under Captain William Williams, to Colonel Long's old field, near the Town of Halifax, where he joined the North Carolina troops or a part of the North Carolina troops; Captain Williams resigned his commission and returned home, and that he the said Lewis Boon was attached to Captain Blount's company.

That he marched from Colonel Long's old field (near the town of Halifax) through the State of Virginia to Petersburg, from there he marched through the State of Maryland through Pennsylvania and through the State of New Jersey, to West Point; where he, together with a part of the North Carolina troops, and a part of the Virginia troops, with in the North Carolina troops fell in on their march to West Point, joined the main Army or United States troops, remained there until the last, or about the latter part of the winter; till sometime in the month of February 1779 as well as he can recollect;

That while he was stationed at West Point the British landed a little below West Point, and that an engagement was expected to take place; that the British General on hearing (as he

was informed) that they were about to be hemmed in, retreated and took shipping again; there was no engagement, and that he never was in any engagement: That the reason why he has never applied for a pension before this, was, that he was informed, and believed, that none were entitled to a pension, but the regular Soldiers and that he knew of no evidence, only living witness by whom he could prove his services, until a little time previous to this.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State whatever.

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year above written, before

S/ Henry M. Purnell, JP

S/ Lewis Boon, X his mark

Question. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in the County of Bertie North Carolina in the year 1757 as I had been informed.

Question. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have not.

Question. Where were you living when called into service

Answer. In the County of Bertie North Carolina

Question. Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. I have lived partly in Bertie County partly in Northampton County North Carolina and partly in Halifax County, where I now live, and had been living for the past 40 years and upwards.

Question. How were you called into service?

Answer. I was drafted.

Question. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service?

Answer. I did

Question. By whom was it given and what has become of it.

Answer. It was given me by Captain Blount when we returned back to the town of Halifax about the last of April 1779 and I gave it to a man by the name of Presley Pritchett of Northampton County North Carolina to whom I sold my bounty land and have never seen it since.

S/ Lewis Boon, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me

S/ Henry M. Purnell, JP

[Sydney Weller, a clergyman, and Henry M Purnell, JP, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina, Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State, in the Revolutionary War, that Lewis Boon a private Soldier in Captain Blount's Company of the 10th Regiment, entered the service on the 20th day of July 1778 for the term of 9 months and that nothing more is said of him on said Rolls.

Given under my hand this 21st day of January 1845

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia, although from his testimony, it appears he served in the NC Continental line.]