

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob B. Boyt S6686

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State of North Carolina Bladen County: This the 30th day of January 1833. –

Personally appeared before me Aaron Lewis Junior one of the Justices of the peace in and for the County of Bladen, and State of North Carolina, Jacob B Boyt, a resident of the County of Bladen, aged seventy-eight years, April 4th 1775 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 entered the service of the United States, in the month of October 1778, for a service of five months, as a volunteer in a Company of Wayne (then Dobbs) County militia of which, John Kennedy was Captain, Jacob Hooks, Lieutenant, and Thomas Bond, Ensign. The company rendezvoused at Kinston in said County now Lenoir and there joined a Regiment composed of Companies from the adjoining Counties commanded by Colonel William Caswell, Lieutenant Colonel Smith, and Major Stringer McIlvaine [sic, Stringer McIlwaine]; all under the command of General John Ashe. The Troops marched from Kinston to Elizabeth town, Bladen County; thence to the ten Mile House, on the road to Charleston; thence to Dorchester; thence to Augusta; where a considerable British force had been stationed a few days before, but on the approach of General Ashe's Command; they retreated or marched down the Savannah Road, and there crossing the Brier Creek; they burnt the Bridge. General Ashe continued to pursue them, until he reached the fork of Briar Creek, and the Savannah River, where he halted & encamped; and while there the British crossed the Creek above, and came down in the rear of the Americans, surprised and defeated them. He was not in the action, having been left with the baggage on the opposite side of the river; in crossing the River, after the defeat many of the men were drowned; and such as were not killed, wounded, or taken prisoners, returned to the baggage; and after a few days, they all collected at or near a bridge on the Coosawhatchie [River] – where they remained two or three weeks, and their term of service having expired, were discharged. He received a written discharge, from Colonel Caswell but has lost it. There were other Regiments of militia under the command of General Ashe, but he believes they were mostly from the upper part of North Carolina and Colonel Caswell's Regiment did not join them until a few days before the battle of Brier Creek – he has no recollection of the names of any of the Officers, or the

numbers of the Regiment. He did know several Continental officers, but has forgotten their names. General Lincoln's Army was on the opposite side of the Savannah, not very far from the force under General Ashe, but where, he does not now recollect.

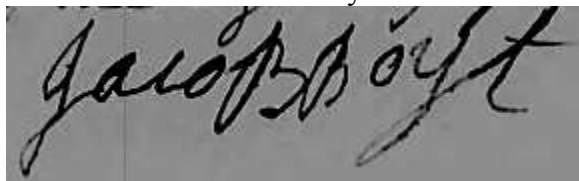
2. In October 1779, he again entered the service, having been drafted into a company of Wayne County Militia of ~~which John Sheppard and Colonel John Lowry Lieutenant Colonel and William Thomas Shute was Captain, Richard Hodges Lieutenant and Stephen Sasser Ensign – the Company rendezvoused at Kinston, where a Regiment formed from the adjoining Counties was embodied under the command of Colonel John Sheppard, Lieutenant Colonel John Lowry and Major William Dennis – the whole under the command of General Lillington – who marched them through Wilmington and Georgetown to Charleston, where they arrived a few days before that place was invested by the British. They with two other militia Regiments, were stationed in the first instance between two marshes, near Ashley River at a place called Cummins Point, but were afterwards removed into the body of the City, when they remained until the expiration of their term of service, when they were discharged; and were sent in vessels up Cooper River in order to avoid the British, who had been invested the Town, on every other side. On this expedition he served five months, having entered the service about the last of October – but received a discharge for only three months, being the time he was stationed in Charleston. He was discharged by Lieutenant Colonel John Lowry of the 2nd Regiment on the 2nd April 1780 as will appear by the original discharge here with sent. He has no recollection of any of the Militia Officers, or the numbers of the Militia Regiments, nor does he recollect any of the Continental Officers except General Lincoln. He has no documentary evidence<sup>1</sup> except the discharge already mentioned, and he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service.~~

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 before made the day & year aforesaid.

Attest: S/ Aaron Lewis, Junior, JP

S/ Jacob Boyt

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jacob Boyt", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Answers to the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, as propounded by Aaron Lewis Junior Esquire

1. I was born in Wayne County – the 4th day of April 1755
2. There is a record of my age, in the possession of my Brother in law Uriah Langston, residing in Wayne County.
3. In Wayne County, until about 17 years ago – when I removed to Bladen, and have resided there ever since.
4. I was a volunteer in 1 instance and drafted in the other.
5. Full answer to this question, I beg leave to refer to the body of my declaration.
6. I lost my discharge for my first tour of duty, which was given a by Colonel Caswell – my second tour of duty I received a written discharge, which was given by Colonel John Lowry, and is here with sent.

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<sup>1</sup> Language in italics is missing from the digital images as posted on Footnote.com but can be found on the version posted at HeritageQuest.com.

7. James Kelly Esquire, John McEwen, Archibald Kelly, Robert McEwen, Thomas Memory, and others were it necessary to name them.

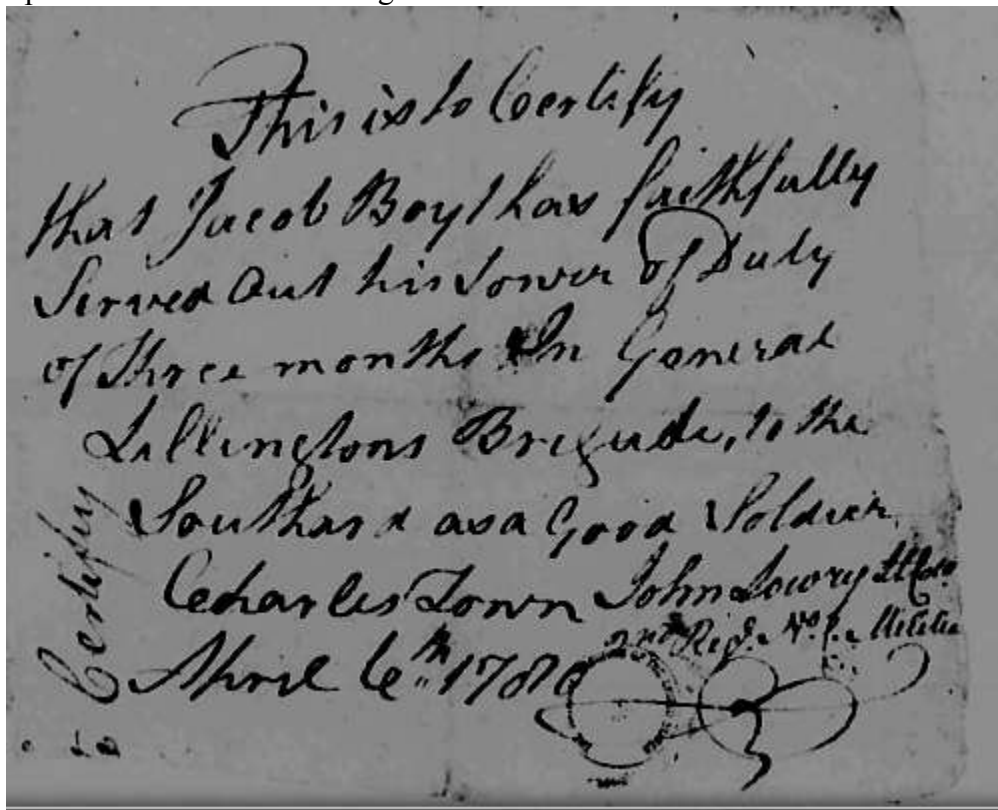
Attest: S/ Aaron Lewis, Junior, JP

S/ Jacob Boyt

[James Kelly and Robert McEwen gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

This is to Certify  
that Jacob Boyt has faithfully  
Served Out his Tower of Duty  
of Three months In General  
Lillingtons Brigade, to the  
Southard as a Good Soldier

Charles Town            S/ John Lowry Lt. Colo.  
April 6<sup>th</sup> 1780            2<sup>nd</sup>sn Regt. No. Ca. Militia



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 8 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]