

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Boone S8076

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January 27th, 1826

Hon. Clement Dorsey:

Dear Sir, I have taken the liberty of enclosing a few Observations to your attention – having Observed in the President's message recommending Congress to take in Consideration the Old Revolutionary officers & Soldiers that fought in the war of Independence. I am one of them and the only one as an officer that survived at present in Charles County, I am in my Sixty Seventh year; in May 1776 I went in the War of Independence at Eighteen years of age with my musket as a private Century for one Campaign, on the 26th of March 1777 I engaged for three years in the first Maryland Regiment and was Orderly Sergeant, having served the period for which I engaged, I then was appointed Ensign from the 14th of March 1780 in the 1st Maryland Regiment – in April 1781 I was appointed 1st Lieut. in 3rd Maryland Regiment, this Regiment was ordered to the Southward down to the Siege of little York where I had the honor of partaking a part of the Siege from the Commencement until the capitulation was signed, I am one of those that survived who volunteered my Services at an early period to the End of the war of Independence. I have seen an Act of Congress 1st May 1826 which exacted proof of absolute Indigence, which many really in want were unable to prove through motives of delicacy which is attied [sic] to many virtues, must be deeply reluctant to give, the result has been, that some among the least deserving have been retained I mean those that only served one Campaign, and some in whom the requisites both of worth and want, have been stricken from the list, I say those that Entered in the Commencement and Continued during the war of Independence have been neglected – If Congress will meditate seriously on this point they certainly will improve the Act 1st May 1820 with a view to mitigate the rigor of its Exclusions in favor of those to whom Charity now bestowed can scarcely discharge the debt of Justice – As the number of these Hon. old Revolutionary Officers & soldiers of an age gone by diminish, as the decays of Body, mind, and estate, of those that survive, must, with the common Course of nature Increase, Should not a more liberal position of Indulgence be dealt out to them we all submit to Congress and hope they will be Charitable.

I am your Obedient & Humble Servant

S/ John Boone

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Boone". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ John Boone".

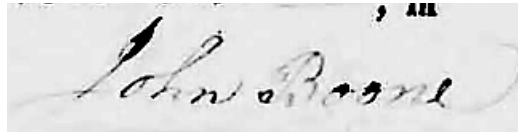
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Revolutionary Claims

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution," approved on the 15th of May 1828, I, John Boone in the County of Charles in the State of Maryland do hereby declare that I was an officer in the Continental Line of the Army of the revolution, and served as such to near close of the war or thereabouts at which period I was a Lieutenant in the Third Regiment of the Maryland line.

Witness my hand, this 26th day of November in the year 1828

S/ John Boone

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Boone". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. There are some faint markings above the signature, possibly a date or a small stamp.

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The Bearer hereof Sgt. Boone, of the 1st Maryland Regiment having faithfully, honestly, and honorably served out the term of 3 years for which he was enlisted, is hereby discharged from said Regiment.

Given under my hand at the Quarters of the Regiment this 26th day of March 1780

S/ Lev Winder, Major

Comant. 1st Mary. Regt.

The above Discharge admitted

Issuing Commissarys are requested to furnish said Boone with Provisions on his Route to Maryland

S/ J. Gunby [John Gunby] Col. Comdt. 1st M. B.

The bearer hereof Sergeant
 Boone, of the Co. Mary Leaf, having
 faithfully, honestly, and honorably
 served ~~with the~~ ^{of this year} ~~army~~ ~~for~~ ~~which~~
 he was entitled, in hereby
 discharged from said leaf
 upon order my hand
 at the quarters of the leaf the
 twenty fifth day of march 1780
 Lt. Winder
 Correct Co. Mary Leaf
 the above discharge should
 Young Comd'g Co. requested to furnish
 a name to the Secretary for his list of names
 Gideon Pierce

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No. 7 Resolved that the Treas. of the Western Shore be and he is hereby directed to pay to John Boone, an officer in the Revolutionary War, annually, in quarterly payments, during his life, a sum of money, equal to the half pay of a Lieutenant in lieu of the sum already allowed him, as a further compensation for those services rendered his country during her struggle for independence.

Maryland Sct.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Original Resolution passed both Chambers of the Legislature of Maryland at December Session A.D. 1815, remaining among the Archives of my Office.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name at the city of Annapolis, this 24th day of October A.D. 1828

S/ Gideon Pierce, Clerk

House of Delegates Maryland

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I hereby certify, that what is stated in the within certificate, I believe to be correct and that I remember to have seen Lieut. Boone at a place called Rugeley's Mills previous to the Battle of Camden [August 15-16, 1780] being but taken prisoner I had no opportunity of seeing Lieut. Boone after that period.

S/ Jno. Gassaway [John Gassaway], late a Capt. in the revolutionary Army

[The above certificate by Gassaway is a copy, not the original]

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Prince Georges County, December 14, 1829

I hereby Certify that Lieut. John Boone was in the Revolutionary War, that he aided at the Siege of York in the capture of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], afterwards continued in the service till the close of the War to the best of my knowledge and belief. As witness my hand the day and year above written

Test

S/ B. Bowling

S/ Jos. Gross

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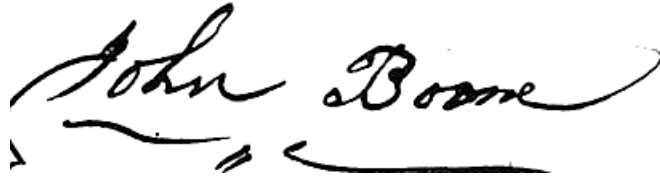
District of Columbia Washington County

On this sixteenth of July 1832 personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for Washington County, John Boone, and made oath that he entered the service in 1776 in Capt. Brook's company; in May 1777 he entered the Continental Army and served therein until March 14, 1780, when he was appointed Ensign in the 1st Maryland Continental line; he was promoted to the rank of Lieut. on the 1st of August 1780, and continued to serve as such until the 1st of January 1782. He is 73 years of age; and makes this deposition for the purpose of obtaining the benefit s of the act of June 7, 1832. He hereby relinquishes every claim (except the present) to a pension from the United States. He has never received a pension from the United States.

Sworn and subscribed before me on the 16 day of July 1832

S/Enoch Reynolds, JP

S/ John Boone

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Boone". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

[p 17: Copy of the commission granted to John Boone as an Ensign in the 1st Maryland Regiment to rank as such from the 14th of March 1780. The commission is dated April 4th, 1780 and signed by Sam Huntington Pres.]

[p 5: On November 28, 1853 in Charles City Maryland, Jane Boone executed a power of attorney in which she refers to herself as a daughter of Lieut. John Boone. She signed this document with her mark as "Mary Jane Boone".]

[p 6: Certificate stating that Lieut. John Boone died on January 31st, 1837.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$298.54 per month commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a Sgt., Ensign and Lieut. in the Maryland Continental line.]