

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Boyers ¹ W24703

Margaret Boyers

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State of New York Niagara County

Jacob Boyers being duly sworn doth depose and say that he will be Sixty-four years of age in August next, that he entered the Continental service in the Pennsylvania line of militia in a Company of Riflemen as Lieutenant of which James Shannon was Captain, Archibald Thompson Colonel and General Mercer [Hugh Mercer] commander in 1776 in August, & was discharged the first of October following, that he again entered the service in December following in Captain porters Company and the said Archibald Thompson's Regiment served three months & was discharged in March, '77 – that he was again called out in August '77 and continued in service three months under Captain Harris & Colonel Evans & he this deponent was taken prisoner at Paoli [September 20, 1777] at the massacre of General Wayne's [Anthony Wayne's] men – & made his escape. He was again called into service in '78 under Captain Morgan & Colonel Rankins, and served three months – he was again called out in '78 and served two months under Captain Brooks & Colonel Pearce; – in the '78 he also served two months in Captain Mooers Company Colonel Bartholomew – And in all of the militia services, he was a Lieutenant. This deponent then went into Virginia & enlisted into the Regular Service in 1781 for three years in September of that year (to the best of his recollection) in a Company of Abraham Kirkpatrick; the Regiment of Colonel Samuel Hawes, in General Peter Mullenburgh's [Peter Muhlenberg's] Brigade in the Virginia line, continued in Service until the close of the War and was discharged by General Muhlenberg at Winchester Barracks in June 1783. And at the time he was discharged he was an orderly Sergeant. And this deponent further saith that while he was acting and commissioned as Lieutenant in said service in Pennsylvania line, and act of Pennsylvania passed requiring officers in Service to take an oath of allegiance or forfeit their commissions, that in conformity with said act and as officers from the Certificate hereto annexed, he this deponent took said oath. This deponent was in the Siege of York town at the taking of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]. And that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

S/ Jacob Boyers



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State of New York Niagara County: SS

On this 7th day of June 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record in said County Jacob Boyers aged sixty-five on the 12th day of August next, resident in the town of Clarence in the said County who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that [he] served in the Revolutionary War as follows, in the company commanded by Captain Abraham Kirkpatrick in Colonel Samuel Hawes Regiment in General Peter Muhlenberg's Brigade belonging to the Virginia line, and that the original declaration to obtain his pension under the Act of Congress passed the 18th day of March 1818, was made the 23rd day of April 1818 and that his pension Certificate is dated the 6th day of February 1819. –

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, to wit Possession of fifty-five acres of land deed by the agent of the Holland Land Company which cost Seven Dollars per acre, for which I have executed a bond & mortgage for the whole amount of the purchase money which now remains due and unpaid – and for which I am at his indulgence and mercy for both principal and interest – the improvements made on the land may possibly be worth after paying the Bond & mortgage

	\$150
Personal property	
Two Colts one four & the other three years old – value	80
Two Cows \$35 – two shoats \$4	39
One fire pail Kettle, old & broken	1.50
One dish kettle \$1 5 chairs 15/	2.88
One old Cherry table, knives & forks & plates, estimated at	4.00
	<u>\$277.38</u>
I owe debts to the amount of at least	<u>100.00</u>
	\$177.38

Jacob Boyers

and I do further swear and declare that I am by trade a Blacksmith, and that I am unable to pursue my original Occupation or in any other to obtain a living by manual labor, and my family consists of my wife Margaret Boyers aged fifty-five years, and daughter Margaret Boyers aged twenty years, who is able to obtain her living.

S/ Jacob Boyers

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State of New York in Erie County SS

Jacob Boyers being by me duly sworn according to law doth on his oath say that he is now poor and in need of immediate assistance for support, that the property mentioned in his Schedule presented to the Court of Common Pleas in this (late Niagara) County at the June Term in the year 1820 one all sold on an execution at Sheriff Sale, and that he is not the owner of any property except a few articles of household furniture and clothing not sufficient to render his family comfortable. –

And the deponent further says that the mortgage mention his said schedule which he gave

for the purchase money of his farm will become due the 19th of January next – that he has not paid any part of the Monies secured to be paid in the said Mortgage and has not the means to pay the same or to procure a home, and expects to leave the place on which he now lives the ensuing winter and further says not.

Sworn and subscribed the 7th day of June 1822 before me

S/ Henry Campbell, Judge

S/ Jacob Boyers

[p 106: On November 19, 1823 in Erie County New York, the veteran filed yet another full pension application under the 1820 act; in this document he states his age as 68 years & upwards; he gives no additional details regarding his service; he this property having a total value of \$20.50; he listed his family as consisting of his wife 58 years old and a daughter Margaret able to obtain her living.]

[p 13: On March 28, 1839 in Erie County New York, Margaret Boyers, 70, a resident of Newstead in said County filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Jacob Boyers, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in April 1786 in the town of Whiteland in Chester County Pennsylvania; that her husband died in Erie County July 18, 1826; that she remains his widow

Margaret Boyers

[p 16: family record:

Jacob Boyers was born August 12th 1756

Margaret Boyers was born March 13th 1769

Frederick Boyers was born September 10th 1786

John Boyers was born September 28th 1788

Elizabeth Boyers was born March 12th 1791

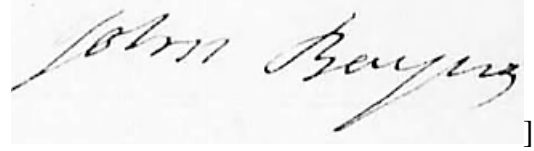
Anna Marthar [sic] Boyers was born April 22, 1793

Mary Boyers was born September 10th 1797

Margaret Boyers was born July 16th 1800 [last digit written over, could be "1804"]

A photograph of a handwritten document, likely a family record, written in cursive. The text lists the names and birth dates of several members of the Boyers family. The entries are: Jacob Boyers was born August 12th 1756; Margaret Boyers was born March 13th 1769; Frederick Boyers was born Sept. 10th 1786; John Boyers was born Sept. 28th 1788; Elizabeth Boyers was born March 12th 1791; Anna Marthar Boyers was born April 22th 1793; Mary Boyers was born Sept. 10th 1797; and Margaret Boyers was born July 16th 1804. The last entry has a note in brackets: [last digit written over, could be "1804"].

[p 66: By affidavit given in Erie County New York John Boyers, son of the veteran and his widow authenticated the above referenced family record

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Boyers". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The name "John" is written in a larger, more prominent hand than "Boyers".

[p 84: In her application for her bounty land as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner, the widow states that her name prior to her marriage was Margaret Gearhart. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 101: On November 9, 1839 in Allegheny County New York, George Gearheart gave testimony that he is the brother of Margaret Boyers who married Jacob Boyers in April 1786 in Whiteland Pennsylvania.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Gearheart". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The name "George" is written in a larger, more prominent hand than "Gearheart".

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 23, 1818, for service as a Sergeant in the Pennsylvania and Virginia service. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$96 per annum.]