

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Abraham Boice (Boyce) W3213
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James M. Jones Esq

Dr Sir,/ Since the receipt of your favor of 23 ulto. I have examined such of my papers as I thought likely to contain the information you require relation to the services of the late Abraham Boice dec'd in the Revolutionary War, but, regret to say without success.

In answer to your inquiries as to the position Mr. Boice held in the army and the manner in which I became connected with his claim on the Virginia government, I have only to say, that if my memory serves me, he was a Teamster in the Virginia Line, and that in the early part of my services in Congress I had a letter from Jno. Boice the son of Abraham, enclosing a small paper, very much worn, purporting to be a Certificate from an officer of the then Government of Virginia setting forth that Abraham Boice was entitled to receive from said Government so many pounds of tobacco, for services rendered as Teamster in the Virginia Line in the early part of the Rev'y. War. A letter was addressed to the proper officers at Richmond stating the facts, which was promptly replied to, and an % stated being a considerable balance (how much I do not recollect) in favour of Mr. Boice, and stating that it would be paid on the transmission of the proper voucher, which was accordingly done, the money received, & paid over to Mr. Boice. The extent of the services, or, (as I have before stated) amount rec'd I do not remember. I line addressed to the proper Officer at Richmond Va. would put you in possession of those facts.

Very Respectfully Yours/ David Potts Jun'r

Treasury Office 29 Feb'y 1832

I hereby certify that David Potts Jun'r has this day deposited with me the following evidence of public debt

"We the Auditors of public accounts do hereby certify that Abraham Boyce is entitled to thirty six pounds specie for the balance of his pay to the 31 day of December 1781 as a soldier of the infantry in the Virginia line on Continental establishment, payable the first day of January 1785 with an interest of six per centum per annum, agreeable to an act of General Assembly passed in the November Session 1781. Given under our hands this 4 day of February in the year 1782 signed B Stark"

State of Pennsylvania }
Berks County } SS.

Personally appeared in Open Court of Common Pleas held in the City of Reading this 18th day of April Anno Domini 1851, in and for Berks County Evans Evans Esqier Administrator of Hannah Boice or Boyce deceased: who being first duly sworn according to law on his oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision of any act of Congress the 15th of May A.D. 1828, in rights of the services of Abraham Boice or Boyce deceased. From the best of his knowledge and belief, he makes the following statement of his services. It is reputed of Abraham Boice that he served in the war of the Revolution as a soldier in the Continental army Virginia line, and that he served to the end of the war. The said Abraham Boice died on the eleventh day of July Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and thirty two (1832) This claim then is made for pensions, due Abraham Boice deceased in his lifetime, from the 4th March A.D. 1826, up to the day of his decease, the 11th of July A.D. 1832, for a full pension, the evidence of his service is herewith connected which is a Record from the state of Virginia

He would further state that Hannah Boice, wife of said Abraham Boice, survived her husbands death, and remained his widow, and died on the twenty first day of August Anno Domini one thousand

eight hundred and forty five, (21st August 1845) he would also state, that from a family Record in possession of his daughter (Mary Whitaker) since the decease of her parents, it appears that Abraham Boice and Hannah Wells (his wife's maiden name) were joined in marriage on the seventh day of August Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty six (1786) which family Record is herewith sent to you dated Boston MDCCXL. The marriage ceremony I believe was performed by the Rev. William Boas of Reading. Therefore in consideration of the services of Abraham Boice deceased as aforesaid, and the marriage with Hannah Wells in the year 1786, she would have been entitled to Pension as his widow. The said Hannah Boice his widow died on the twenty first day of August in the year Anno Domini 1845, there would therefore be a pension due her under Acts of 7th July 1838, 3rd March 1843, and 17th June 1844, that is the pay would be due from 4th March 1836, to 4th March 1841, and from 4th 1843, up to the time of her decease, at the same rate that was due her husband

The following are the surviving children, and all there are of the said Abraham Boice and Hannah his wife Viz: Abraham Boice, Jacob Boice, John Boice, Robert Boice, Mary intermarried with Isaac Whitaker, Margaret intermarried with Jonathan Wamsher and Sarah intermarried with William Davis.

This declaration is therefore made by me the undersigned as administrator of Hannah Boice deceased for the benefit of the children, who are living at considerable distance from each other, I reside in the neighbourhood where they died. The said Abraham Boice and Hannah his wife were residents of Berks County Pennsylvania, and died in Berks County Pennsylvania, and that the said Abraham Boice and Hannah Boice neither of them ever received pension in their lives either from the United States or from the State of Pennsylvania to the best of my knowledge and belief

Evan Evans

Pension Office, Nov. 6, 1851

Sir: The declaration of Evan Evans, Adm'r. of the Estate of Hannah Boyce dec'd. widow of Abraham, has been examined and filed. The Adm'r. alleges that Abram Boyce served to the end of the war in the Va. Continental Line, and claims a pension under the Act of 15 May 1828, but the evidence filed does not sustain that allegation. The certificate of the Auditor of Va. does not show that he was in service after the 31 Dec'r. 1781. If he served afterward we have no evidence of it; in fact the probability is that he did not, from the fact that he is not returned here as a war's man and as being entitled to bounty land from the General Government. He is therefore, not entitled to a pension under that act. He is however, under Act of 7 June 1832 up to the time of his death, provided you can identify Abram Boyce the husband of Hannah with the soldier who actually performed the service. This may be done by proving he belonged to the Va. Continental Line or that he was always reputed & believed to have been a soldier of that Line. The evidence of marriage is sufficient.

Very Respectfully/ Yr. Obt. Servt
Wilson/ for Comm'r.

James May Jones Esq'r./ Reading Pa.

NOTE: The family register referred to above and transcribed below is in a small book entitled *The Self-Justiciary Convicted and Condemned. Or, A Discourse Concerning the Difficulty and Necessity of Renouncing our own Righteousness...* by Samuel Mather, Late Pastor of the Church at Windsor, Boston, 1740.

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Reigester of the Names of the Children Born to Abram Boice by Hannah His Wife

Nicholas Boice (son) Was born July 20th 1787

Abram Boice (son) Was born November 5th 1789

Jacob Boice (son) Was born May 14th 1792

John Boice (son) Was born July 31st 1794

Hannah Boice (Daug't) Was born December 10th 1796

Mary boice was Born In the year 1799 November 19

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William Bice (sir) was born September 1801

Robert Bice sir was born September 29 1802

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Margret Bice Was born April 16 1807

Ezekiel Bice (sin) was Born Jenuwery 19th 1809

Jeremiah Bice (sir) Was Born March 13th 1811

David Bice (sir) Was born March 11th 1812

Sarah Bice (sir?) was born October 17 1815

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Hannah Griffith Daughter of Abraham Boice Sr. and wife of Jesse Griffith departed this Life May the 9th 1824 Aged 27 years 4 months and 19 Days.

Ezekiel Boice Son of Abr'm Boice & Hannah his Wife who departed this Life in the year of our Lord 1826 on the 9th day of August aged 17 years 6 Months & 20 Days

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Abraham bice the sun of nicholas bice was born in the year 1760 September 17 day

Hanah bice daughter of Isaac wells was born in the year 1770 October 30 day they ware

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Maried in the year of our lord 1786 August 7 day 1786

Asa Petre (Sir) was born March 10 1815 The issue of Hannah Boice junior, the Daughter of Hannah Boice Senior, Abraham Boice's Wife