

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Boyd W5845

Keziah Boyd

f77SC¹

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State of South Carolina Chester District} SS: In the Court of Common Pleas Full Term 1832

On this the 24th day of October in the year of our Lord 1832, personally came into court before me William D.[?] Martin, one of the Circuit Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for said District, now sitting, William Boyd, a resident of Chester District South Carolina, who is in the sixty sixth year of his age, and being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath make the following declaration -- to wit --

That, -- I William Boyd was born in Ireland in the year 1766 as near as I can now ascertain, the record of my age being lost. About the year 1771 or '72, my father emigrated with his family from Ireland to this country, and landed in Charleston South Carolina. He immediately moved into the interior and settled in Craven County now Chester District South Carolina. I entered the service of the United States as a soldier in the militia of the State of South Carolina, in the fall or commencement of the winter (either in November or December) of the year 1781 under the command of Lieutenant William Brockett [William Brocket] of Colonel Lacey's [Edward Lacey's] Regiment under General Sumter [Thomas Sumter] at Marshall's Mill near Granby. I was a short time afterwards marched from Marshall's Mill to Orangeburg where I remained until I was discharged which was about the first of April 1782: four months or more from the time I joined General Sumter at Marshall's. In this tour of service I think I acted as a substitute for my father; but am not certain. I received no written discharge.

In the month of June 1782, I was drafted and marched under the orders of Lieutenant Archibald Gill from Craven County now Chester District South Carolina to Orangeburg, where we joined General Sumter. We remained at Orangeburg but a short time when General Sumter marched us to the four hole bridge while there, a detachment of 50 men of which I was one, was placed under the command of Major John Adair, with orders to march to Manigault's Ferry on the Santee [River]. We marched to that place, & remained there about two weeks, when Major Adair marched us back, and we joined General Sumter again in the forks of the Edisto [River].

I continued at that place under General Sumter until I was discharged which was about three months from the time when I was last drafted.

I refer to Mr. John Kenmoure as to my service, in this last tour and the Reverend John B. Davies, Colonel George Gill as to my character age etc.

I have no documentary evidence, nor knows no person, whose testimony I could procure,

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to testify as to my services, during the time I served under the command of Lieutenant William Brocket, which were my first services.

In the course of two periods that I was in the Army, I performed militia service under the command of Lieutenant William Brockett, General Thomas Sumter, Lieutenant Archibald Gill, Major John Adair, Colonel Thomas Taylor and Colonel __Bratton [William Bratton].

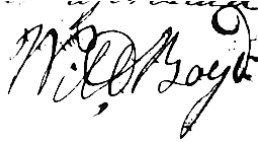
I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

Sworn in open Court

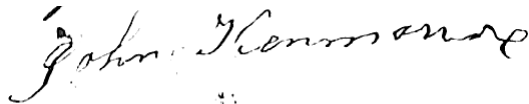
S/ J. Rosborough, DClk

S/ Will Boyd



I John Kenmoure² a soldier of the Revolutionary war, residing in the District of York, South Carolina, hereby certify, that I am well acquainted with William Boyd, who has sworn to & subscribed the above declaration; that I knew him during the war of the Revolution, and that he was a soldier in the militia troops which were under General Sumter at the time that Sumter lay in the forks of the Edisto which was in the fall of the year 1782, as near as I can remember.

S/ John Kenmoure



Sworn in open Court October 24th 1832

S/ J. Rosborough, D Clk

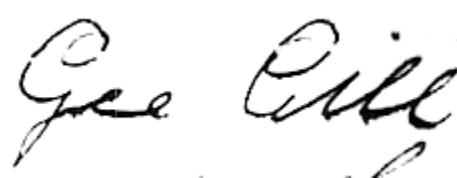
[George Gill and the Reverend John B. Davies gave separate standard supporting affidavits.]

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I George Gill³ residing in the District of Chester, South Carolina, hereby certify, that I am well acquainted with William Boyd, who has sworn to the foregoing declaration, that I have known him ever since he came to this Country from Ireland, that I believe he is of the age he states, and that he performed the services in the War of the Revolution, which he has set forth in the said declaration, and it is believed in the neighborhood.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Gee Gill



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Interrogatories & answers etc.

² [John Kenmoure S21850](#)

³ [George Gill S21229](#)

1st Where and in what year were you born?

A. I was born in Ireland in the year I think 1766.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

A. There was a record of it, but a party of Tories under a Captain Hook [probably Christian Huck] during the Revolution broke into my father's house and destroyed everything in it the record among the rest.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

A. I was living in what was then called Craven County South Carolina now Chester District. I have lived in Chester district ever since in the Revolution and live in it now.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

A. When I first went out I think I went as a substitute for my father, but am not certain. I was drafted when I went out the second and last time.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

A. I performed militia service under General Sumter, Colonel Lacey, Colonel Taylor, Colonel Bratton, Major John Adair, Lieutenant William Brockett & Lieutenant Archibald Gill. I was out in my first tour a service about four months, in the second about three months, I was discharged the second time in the forks of the Edisto.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

A. I never received a written discharge it was given verbally both times when I was discharged.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

A. Colonel George Gill & Reverend John B. Davies

Sworn in Open court

S/ Will Boyd

S/ J. Rosborough

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South Carolina Chester District:

Personally appeared before me the undersigned, a justice of the peace, for Chester District, William Boyd Senior who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades: for four months I served as a substitute in the capacity of a private for my father who was drafted but could not go, this was my first tour; in the second and last tour I served for three months as a drafted soldier; and for such service I claim a pension.

S/ Will Boyd

[p 9: On the 23rd day of December 1852 in DeKalb County Georgia, Keziah Boyd, 80, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of William Boyd, a pensioner

of the United States for his services in the revolution up to the time of his death which took place on January 18, 1838; that she married him in the month of January in the year 1794 in Chester District South Carolina; that she is unaware of any record public or private of her marriage; that she remains a widow.]

[Hugh M. Boyd and Jane Gill gave an affidavit in support of the widow's claim in which they state, among other things, that the widow moved from Chester district South Carolina to DeKalb County Georgia in January 1846.]

[p 15: On April 14, 1855 and for County Georgia, the widow filed for her bounty land entitlement; in this affidavit she states that she is 82 years old; that she married her husband on or about the 15th day of January 1795; that they were married by one William Gaston a justice of the peace and that her name prior to her marriage was Keziah Porter; that her husband died on January the 18th 1837 or 1838 and that she remains his widow.]

[p 19: Hugh M. Boyd and Nancy Wylie gave an affidavit dated June four, 1853, in DeKalb County Georgia in which they state they are the children of William Boyd, a revolutionary war pensioner; Hugh M. Boyd states that he was born June 9, 1802; Nancy Wylie testifies that she was born March 5, 1796 and that her name prior to her marriage was Nancy Boyd the daughter of William & Keziah Boyd; that her parents had one other child born one year and five months before she was born but who is now dead; that she married William Wylie April 18, 1816; that she has several children the oldest being now 37 years of age.]

[p 33: on March 17, 1854 in Macon County Alabama, Charles Boyd gave testimony that William Boyd and Keziah Porter were married some four years previous to his marriage; that he married on December 27, 1798; that William and Keziah were married in Chester District South Carolina and that he, Charles, was an attendant and present at their wedding as a single man; that William Boyd was reputed in the state of South Carolina as a revolutionary soldier. The relationship, if any, of Charles Boyd to William Boyd is not stated.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for seven months service as a private in the South Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]