

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Boyce W9361

Elizabeth Boyce

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State of South Carolina Laurens District: to wit

On this fifth day of October in the year of our Lord 1847 personally appeared before William Watts Judge of the Court of Ordinary for Laurens Elizabeth Boyce a resident of Laurens district South Carolina aged eighty-three years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836 -- that she is the widow of William Boyce who was a private soldier in the War of the Revolution that her said husband William Boyce served in the Revolutionary War as a volunteer -- that he entered the service about the year 1779 that to the best of her knowledge & believe he continued in the service of his country more than two years - - that he served five tours, first under Captain William Kimbal [sic, William Kimball], second under Captain [illegible first name] Lewis, third under Colonel Armstrong, fourth under Captain Armstrong & fifth under General Marion [Francis Marion] of South Carolina. He resided in Randolph County North Carolina when he entered the service which was shortly after her intermarriage with him. He left the service after the expiration of the fifth tour, in South Carolina, at the close of the Revolutionary War. He was in the Battles of Guilford ____

He received a written discharge when he left the service at Round O. Bridge in the lower part of South Carolina, which continued in the possession of this deponent for many years, after the death of her said husband, but which has been since mislaid or lost, in some way, to this Deponent unknown. The only other documentary evidence which this Deponent has is the annexed certificate of the Secretary of the State of North Carolina that her husband William Boyce entered the service in Captain Armstrong's Company of the 10th Regiment in 1781 for 12 months. This certificate does not cover the whole term of his service -- This deponent does not know at this time of any person by whom she can prove the services of her husband William Boyce.

This deponent was born in 1764 & married to the said William Boyce in 1779 when she was 15 years old -- they were married in Randolph County North Carolina & continued to reside there until 1804 when her husband William Boyce died & she then moved to South Carolina where she has continued to live ever since -- she has never married anyone since the death of her husband William Boyce, but has remained a widow as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

This deponent further swears that she is unable to attend in court to make her declaration from disease -- infirmity which have also prevented her from making application sooner for the provisions of the Act of Congress of July fourth 1836.

Sworn to & subscribed on the day & year above written before me the undersigned Judge of the Court of Ordinary for Laurens District South Carolina.
S/ W. D. Watts, Judge

S/ Elizabeth Boyce, X her mark

[Drury Boyce (relationship, if any, to the widow or veteran not stated) gave a supporting affidavit.]

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South Carolina Laurens District: Personally came Benjamin Grice before the Subscribing Justice of the Quorum in and for the district of Laurens & being duly sworn makes oath that he himself is 80 years old and was present & saw the marriage solemnized between William Boyce & Elizabeth Nance now Elizabeth Boyce who makes application for a Pension -- that they were married in the year 1779 -- He further states that he was in the revolutionary War with William Boyce under Captain Kimbrel & Colonel Armstrong, that he was in the battle of Guilford with William Boyce & that two of William Boyce's brothers were killed in that battle & that William Boyce himself was wounded in the battle in the ankle & right arm.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this November 16th, 1847

S/ An. McKnight, JQ

S/ Benjamin Grice,¹ X his mark

South Carolina Laurens District: Personally came John Knight and being duly sworn makes oath in due form of law before the subscribing Justice of the Quorum that he is ninety-two years old, that he was present at the marriage of William Boyce with Elizabeth Nance which took place in 1779 in Randolph County North Carolina. Sworn to & subscribed November 16, 1847 before me S/ An. McKnight, JQ

S/ John Knight, X his mark

[p 11: John Rogers, 87, a resident of Laurens district South Carolina also gave testimony that he was present at the marriage of William Boyce and Elizabeth Romance in Randolph County in 1779.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband service as a private in the North Carolina militia for one-year.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts² relating to William Boyce
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 663A

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The petition of Elizabeth Boyce praying to be placed on the pension Roll

¹ I could not find a federal pension application for a veteran by this or any similar name who claimed service at the battle of Guilford Court House.

² The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

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South Carolina Laurens District }

Personally appeared before me John Hellams a Magistrate of Laurens District Mrs. Elizabeth Boyce and made oath that she is the widow of William Boyce a Soldier of the Revolution that she was married to him about the middle of the Revolutionary war and lived together in North Carolina as man and wife until his death and 1805 or 1806 that shortly after their marriage he performed a tour of 3 months duty as a soldier under Captain William Kimbrell in the State of North Carolina and that he afterwards performed a 3 months tour under Captain Samuel Lewis likewise of North Carolina. She further swears that he performed 6 months Duty under General Marion [Francis Marion] of this State and was discharged at the Round O by General Marion himself that his discharge was signed by General Marion and was in her possession for many years after the Death of her husband that she moved to this state shortly after his death and has lived in this District to the present day and that the said discharge has been lost or misplaced so that she cannot now produce it.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day December 1845

S/ Elizabeth Boyce, X her mark

S/ John Hillams, M. L. D.

South Carolina Laurens District }

I hereby certify that I am well acquainted with the within named Elizabeth Boyce and know her to be a woman of good Character, And worthy of credit and I further certify that she is poor and helpless and in need of assistance for a support this 6th December 1845

S/ John Hellams, M. L. D.

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South Carolina Laurens District } Personally appeared before me John Hellams a Magistrate of Laurens District Drury Boyce and makes oath and saith that he saw the Discharge of William Boyce a Revolution Soldier Signed by General Marion Himself in the possession of Elizabeth Boyce.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th December 1845

S/ Drury Boyce, X his mark

South Carolina Laurens District } Personally appeared before me John Hellams a Magistrate of Laurens District John F Coker and makes oath and saith that he saw the Discharge of William Boyce a Revolution Soldier Signed by General Marion himself in the possession of Elizabeth Boyce. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th December 1845

S/ John F Coker



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To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina now in Session at Columbia.

The petition of Elizabeth Boyce of Laurens District Sheweth that she is the widow of William Boyce a Soldier of the Revolution who performed service in this State and the State of North Carolina as set forth in the accompanying affidavit. That she is now and has been for the

last five years in a helpless condition, unable to walk or stand alone without assistance and that she has no property or means of support. She therefore prays your Honorable body to grant her such Amount of Pension as you may think her entitled to for the services of her late husband. And your petitioner will ever pray

S/ Elizabeth Boyce, X her mark

[Note: This file contains no indication of what action, if any, was taken regarding this petition.]