

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Boyd W9737

Isabella Boyd

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State of Indiana Wayne County

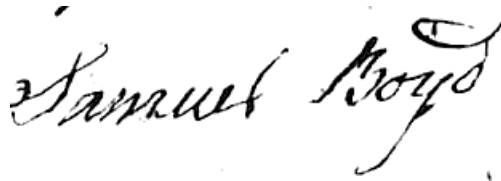
On this the 29th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court, Before the Judges of the Wayne Circuit Court, in the Six Judicial Circuit now sitting, Samuel Boyd, a resident of the County aforesaid, aged sixty-eight years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the Benefit of the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832 --

That in the spring of the year 1780, the British and Tories having taken possession of the State of South Carolina where I then resided and, from the abuse I had my family had received from them I was resolved never to submit to them, and set off towards the borders of North Carolina, and there met & joined Colonel Robuck [Benjamin Roebuck], Major White Captain Thomas & Captain Earle who commanded from one hundred to one hundred fifty men, -- We made several expeditions towards the Center of the State, had any engagement near the British Garrison at the Town of Ninety Six (now Cambridge). In this way we continued to harass the Enemy, until General Green [Nathanael Greene] marched his Army to the Relief of the Country. Colonel Roebuck having died about that time, and General Greene, calling upon the militia to join his Army, I attached myself to Colonel Hays's [Joseph Hayes'] Scouting Company and on Broad River we joined General Greene who employed us to Reconnoiter the movements of the Enemy. On the Second Expedition of this time we fell in with a Scouting party of the Enemy on Bush River where in the Engagement I had my left eye entirely shot out. I still continued in the Army under the command of General Greene, was with the Army at the taking of the British Garrison at Augusta in Georgia and at the Siege of Ninety Six, and still continued in the Army as a militia Soldier until Charlestown was vacated by the Enemy in December 1782, when I was discharged from the Service after having served between two and three years -- I have no Documentary Evidence, and, know of no person whose Testimony I can procure, to testify to my service.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatsoever 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. But my name has been and is on the Pension roll of the wounded Pensioners of the State of South Carolina, under a law of South Carolina. But I have not drawn any money for the last eight years nor do I know but my name may be now struck off.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Samuel Boyd



[John Beard, a clergyman, and Robert Leavell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Quest. 1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born? Ans. I was born in the year 1764 in Bradford County Virginia. Quest. 2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it? Ans. I have no record of my age at present. I have seen and had it since I was a man, but it is now lost or worn out. Quest. 3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live? Ans. In Ninety Six district South Carolina from there I removed to the State of Kentucky in the year 1787 I resided in Kentucky from that time until the year 1811 I then removed to this County of Wayne (Indiana) where I have resided ever since and where I now live. Quest. 4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom? Ans. I was a volunteer. Quest. 5<sup>th</sup> 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. Ans. Colonel Roebuck, Major White, Captain Thomas of the militia, General Grain, Colonel Lee of the Regular Army. I don't recollect the particular names of the Continental or militia Regiments. My services were all performed in South Carolina except perhaps two months service taking the Fort of Augusta Georgia, from the British. I served during the whole time of the siege of the Fort of Ninety Six. Quest. 6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it? Ans. I received a discharge or rather a certificate of service etc. from Colonel Hays near the close of the War, or about the time Charleston was evacuated by the British. But what has become of it I cannot tell. I lost it many years ago. Quest. 7<sup>th</sup> 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. Ans. Beale Butler and Asa M. Sherman, Esquires members of this Court, Samuel Taylor and Robert Leavil, I could name many more who are not now present in Court.

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State of Indiana Wayne County: Be it remembered that on the 18th day of March A.D. 1833 personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Wayne and State of Indiana Samuel Boyd who being by me 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 (to wit)

I entered the service of the United States in the Spring of the year 1780 in South Carolina under the command of Captain Thomas who was killed two or three months thereafter. I was then placed under the command of Captain Earle and attached to Colonel Roebuck's Regiment and placed near his person until his death, he died in about one year after I entered the service with the smallpox. I served under his orders as a private volunteer soldier for one year. Colonel Hays then succeeded to the command of the same Regiment and I continued to serve under him

as a private soldier until the spring of the year 1782 when he (Colonel Hays<sup>1</sup>) was taken prisoner by a party of Tories who were commanded by one Cunningham [William "Bloody Bill" Cunningham] and hung. From that time until December 1782 I served under Captain Duval and Colonel Pickens (afterwards General Pickens [Andrew Pickens]) was a private soldier. I therefore state that I served without intermission from the Spring of the year 1780 until December 1782 under the officers above named as a private volunteer Soldier for two years and six months, and for such service I claim a pension. And further in a skirmish with a party of British & Tories I had my left I shot out as is stated in my declaration to which this affidavit is affixed as an amendment, for which I also claim a pension.

S/ Saml. Boyd

Sworn to & subscribed before me the day and year first above written.

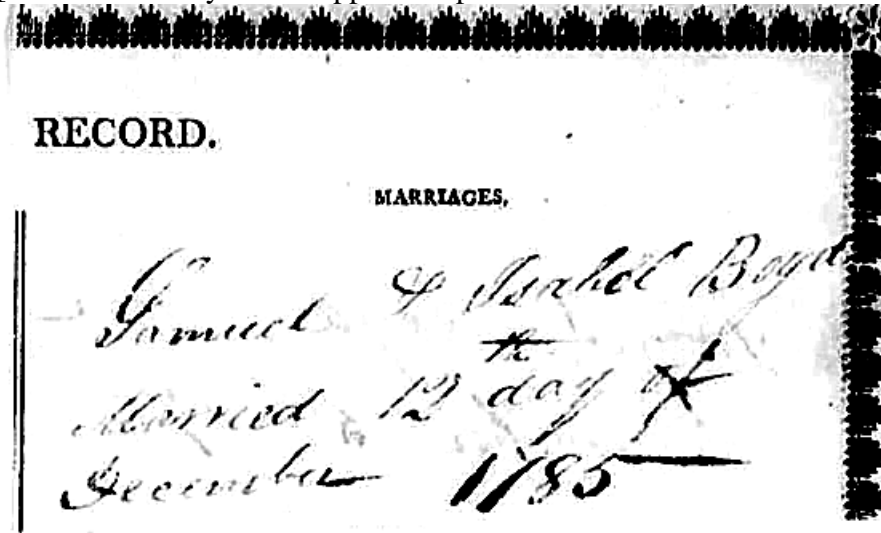
Given under my hand & seal

S/ Daniel Strattan, JP

[p 8: on September eight, 1840 in Wayne County Indiana, Isabella Lloyd, 76, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Samuel Boyd, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him December 12, 1785 in Chester County South Carolina; that her husband died November 27, 1835; that she remains his widow as proof of her marriage; "which record states that, Samuel & Isabel Boyd married 12th day of December 1785, and that James Boyd born December fifth 1786...."]

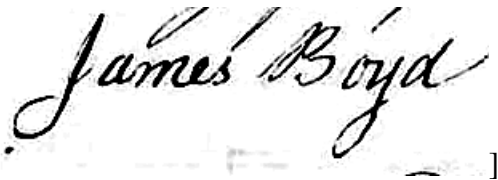
*Isabel Boyd*  
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[the actual family record appears at p 9



<sup>1</sup> Veteran appears to be describing Colonel Joseph Hayes, who was captured along with part of his command at Hayes Station. The Tories who captured Colonel Hayes and his men were led by William "Bloody Bill" Cunningham. The action at Hayes station is thought to have occurred in November 1781, but this veteran by his testimony will place the event some time in 1782.

[facts in file: the widow died October 31, 1852; p 10-11: the veteran and widow's son James gave an affidavit in support of his mother's claim and in 1840 was a resident of Wayne County, Indiana.



James Boyd

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two years service as a private in the South Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>2</sup> relating to Samuel Boyd                    AA9  
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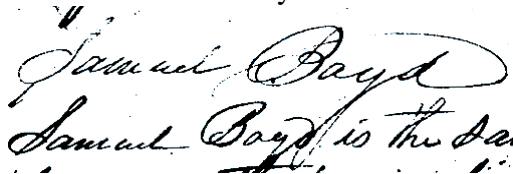
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To the Honorable the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina –

Your petitioner humbly Sheweth, that he is an old man of the Revolutionary War, that he was wounded in the service of this State in a Battle with the British & Tories in Newberry District on Bush River, by having his eye shot out, and after a long & painful suffering he so far recovered as to be able to work for his living and that shortly after the close of the war he removed to the Western Country; that your petitioner while able to work made a support and did not apply for a Pension as by Law he might have done until the year 1822, when your Honorable body placed him on the Pension list – Your petitioner lives in the State of Indiana, and from his age and the distance to come to this State, to receive his pension almost renders this pension useless to him – He therefore prays that he may be allowed his arrears of pension and that his country will not suffer his gray hairs to descend to the grave oppressed by poverty and the ingratitude of that Country for which he bled & for which he has suffered so much.

S/ Samuel Boyd



Samuel Boyd  
Samuel Boyd is the son

We do Certify that the above Samuel Boyd is the same that your Honorable body placed on the pension list in 1822, that he was a true Whig & that he fought faithfully for his country & that his left eye shot entirely away – November 16<sup>th</sup> – 1825

S/ Charles Allen, J Qu

S/ John Rodgers

S/ William Irby

S/ John Dendy

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<sup>2</sup> 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.

S/ John Boyd

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The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Boyd praying for arrearages of Pension

Report that your committee have had his petition under their consideration and find that petitioner was placed on the pension list in 1822 he now lives in the State of Indiana and find it exceedingly inconvenient to come so far to receive his pension he has proposed to your committee to take \$500 in lieu of all claims against the state. Your committee therefore recommend that the treasury be directed to pay him \$500 on his giving the Treasurer a final clearance forever against the State of South Carolina

S/ E. Benbow Chairman

[p 6: is a receipt dated 21 December 1825 given by Samuel Boyd acknowledging receipt of \$80 for three years' pension up to March 1. 1826.]

[Note: This file does not contain any papers relating to the 1822 petition filed by this veteran]