

American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John Boyd R1089

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[Punctuation, grammar & spelling corrected for clarity]

State of Indiana, Hendricks County

On this 11th day of November 1833 personally appeared before Samuel Jessup, sole Judge of the Hendricks Probate Court (now in Session), John Boyd, a resident of Guilford Township in the County of Hendrix and State of Indiana aged 72 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 provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. Captain Joseph White & Colonel Charles McDowell and Major Joseph McDowell. He states that he was born in the year 1761 in North Carolina. : he entered the service in the month of August in the year 1782 [sic], does not recollect the day of the month and served three months as a volunteer and was discharged in the month of November 1782 [sic] as well as he now recollects. He states that he was living in Burke County North Carolina when he entered the service as aforesaid. [There is an insertion of several illegible sentences which appear to contain the statement that the declarant lived in North Carolina at the time he entered service and that he later moved to Indiana.] He states that he volunteered into the service as aforesaid. He states that about sixty dragoons attacked the troops to which he belonged after night [&] 1 of the British and one of the British dragoons was wounded and died and before his death he told their number. The above attack was made in South Carolina near Prince's Fort. He states that he was marched through North Carolina into South Carolina to Prince's Fort. He served in one of the regiments of the State of North Carolina but he does not recollect which. He does not now recollect any [of] the names of any other officers but served several. There were other officers that were retreating from the enemy at several times in South Carolina and one Captain Ned Hampton was killed, as he recollects. And he states that in the attack aforesaid by the British there was eleven wounded and three killed of the Americans as well as he now recollects. He states that he entered the service of the United States again in the year 1782 [sic] in the month of November or December as a volunteer under Captain James Gidons [Gibbons?] and was marched by him up into Wilkes County North Carolina and there his Captain threw up his commission and [declarant then] volunteered under one Captain James Shepherd and all his men then went under Captain James Shepherd, Major Jesse Franklin, Major Winston from Surry County, North Carolina, Colonel Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] who claim the command of the North Carolina troops and he was marched up to Burke County and there Colonel Cleveland and Colonel Campbell [William Campbell] joined their forces together. He was marched over Broad River and across [? looks like "Gown"] River; there [Campbell and Cleveland] called a council and Colonel Campbell took the command of all of the Troops and they then concluded to leave the footman and to march the horseman to attack the British as Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] was about to retreat. He states that he was on foot and followed on after the horseman. He states that ["I got a horse that night and went on with them, with the horseman.["] He was marched on all night and went across Broad River and after they crossed the River there was a false alarm and shortly the guns began to go off and the British and the Americans fought a battle which was called the battle of King's Mountain and he states that Colonel Cleveland told him that he and Colonel Campbell lost each one hundred fifty men of the Americans. He does not recollect what number of the British were killed but he recollects that an officer of the British by the name of Ferguson was killed. He states that they took about between one thousand and fifteen hundred prisoners of the British and several Tories were hung--he thinks about nine in number. He states that he was marched into Surry County and was there discharged after having served three months. He states that he received his discharge from Captain Shepherd but has lost the same. He states that he volunteered again in the month of February or March 1783 [sic] under David Umphries

[sic Humphrey?] who was his Lieutenant, John Anderson was his Major and he states that they were marched after Cornwallis. Cornwallis was stationed at Hillsboro. He was marched on and made no [?] and when they came in about one quarter of a mile of the British and there Armstrong took a [?] and had a small scrimmage with the British but that they had to retreat and lay in a barn all night. He states that they came up to Haugh [sic, Haw?] River that they met the Virginia troops. The British were seen at several times and some guns fired. He then saw General Greene's Army. This service was rendered in the year 1783 [sic, 1781] in the month of February or March and was discharged at Guilford Court House in the month of May or June in the year 1783 [sic, 1781]. And he states that he was discharged as aforesaid and has lost them all.

He states that he has no documentary evidence of his service and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. He states that he served as a soldier of the revolution nine months in all.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. He states that William Boyd, Bowater Bales & James McClure are men living in his neighborhood who can testify my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution. He states that he has no record of his age but has been told by his parents his age. And for answer to the interrogatories to be put by the Court, he refers to his declaration &c. S/John Boyd

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me.

S/ S T. Hodley, Clerk