

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Patrick Boyd W5846 Ann Boyd VA
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Virginia, Monroe County S.S.

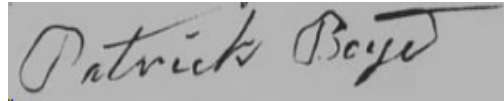
On this 17th day of September 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of said County of Monroe & State aforesaid Patrick Boyd a resident of said County aged 73 years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. that he enlisted in the regular Army of the revolution in the year 1777 he thinks in the month of September of that year for the term of Three years under Ensign Robert Kirk in the County of Augusta Va. that the company was (for a time) commanded by Capt [Granville] Smith and afterwards by Capt Bell and Colonel Grayson [William Grayson BLWt1366-500] he does not recollect his Maj'r. he was marched to Valey Forge [sic: Valley Forge] where the troops wintered and from that to West point from that to Middlebrook & Bondbrook [sic: Bound Brook] in the State of Jersey having at that time served one year and about seven months he was in camp sick at the time of the Battle of monmouth [28 Jun 1778] and unable to do duty. finding his health bad he concluded to hire a substitute for the ballance of his time of Inlistment and gave a man one hundred pounds to take his place (the name of the person he has forgot) at the same time he was offered a Leiut's. place if he would continue in the service. he got his discharge from his general Mullenburgh [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] but has lost or mislaid it many years past and knows nothing of it. that Colo. Gamble of the Town of Staunton Va. many years past obtained for him his Warrant for his land but does not recollect of giving him his discharge altho he might have done so he believes the warrant was obtained in the City of Richmond Va. That afterwards in the year 1781 he volunteered under Capt. Thomas Smith in the County of Augusta Va. to go to Gilford in North Carolina the Troops rendezvoused at Waynesborough [sic: Waynesboro] in said County of Augusta was commanded by Colo. [George] Moffett the Majr. not recollected, and was marched passing James river at or near Lynchburgh [sic: Lynchburg] and on the Gilford C.H. in N.C. and was in that Battle [Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781] upwards of two hours it was about one month before he got home. Afterwards he vollunteered in September 1781 in the said County of Augusta under Colo. Bawyer [sic: John Bowyer] for the purpose of preventing the enemy from coming up the Country at the time they were as far as Charlottsville [sic: Charlottesville, 4 Jun 1781] and was marched as far as Charlottsville when the troops got there the Town was on fire by the enemy was marched on and seen the enimy at a place called the gum Springs and when he got to Richmond he seen the Enimy going out of the City from there he was marched to Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] and was discharged at Hickorynut Church [8 mi NW of Williamsburg] near to a place called Hotwater in Sept. or first of October 1781 having served in this last tour about one month he was in no Battle during his service as a militia man in the state of Virginia.

he was born in the County of Augusta but has no record of his age he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Patrick Boyd

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Virginia } Personally appeared before the County Court of Monroe now sitting Patrick Boyd, who being first duly sworn according to Law, deposeseth 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 his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. For one year and seven months, before he got sick under Captain Smith, Capt. Bell and Col. Grayson, and the balance of three years, he hired a substitute for which he paid the sum named in his former declaration. He volunteered in the year in 1781 as stated in his declaration hereunto annexed, and served not less than one month and afterwards on september 1781 I volunteered under Col. Bowyer, was marched to Richmond &c

as stated in his declaration and served not less than one month, making in all Two years and one month that I served myself and one year and four months by my substitute which I hired, and for such service I claim a pension.
[signed 20 May 1833]

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrick Boyd".

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Augusta County, Ss

Smith Thompson [S38438] personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for Augusta County, and made Oath, that Patrick Boyd was a Soldier regularly enlisted for three years, in Capt. Granville Smith's Company, belonging to the 16th Virginia Regiment, commanded by Colo. William Grayson in the revolutionary army of the United States against Great Britain. Given under my hand this 13th day of October 1808.

John Wayt

I certify that I was personally acquainted with Patrick Boyd in the Revolutionary army; the 16th or Graysons Rejiment to which he belonged composed part of Scotts [Charles Scott] Brigade in which I was – which to gether with my acquaintance of him from infancy enabled me to recognize him. Smith Thompson also who gave the annexed affidavit was in the same Rejimint with Boyd and at the period of their enlistment Viz about Feb'y 1777 – it is known that no engagements was for less than three years or during the Warr. In addition to my opinion of the Veracity of Smith Thompson – The relations of Patrick Boyd – living in the vicinity of mine – had he failed to complete his three years service, would have been known to me. I have the fullest conviction on my mind that he the said Patrick Boyd did complete his time of serving & entitled to the Bounty of Land allowed in such cases – Smith Thompson & the majistrate before whom the affidavit was taken; lives in Staunton, & doubtless some gentlemen in the Executive is acquainted with maj'r Wayt. – Patrick Boyd the claimant of land lives in GreenBryer [sic: Greenbrier].

Given in Richmond Jan'y 25th 1809 Ro Gamble [Robert Gamble BLWt869-300] late
Capt. in the Va Cont'l Line

NOTE: On 19 Apr 1841 Ann Boyd, 74, applied for a pension stating that she married Patrick Boyd on 26 Apr 1787, and he died 1 Mar 1835. A copy of the marriage record shows that Patrick Boyd was married to Anna McDowell by Rev. John McCue in Greenbrier County VA (now WV).