

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of David Boylls (Boyles) W12322 Polly Boylls VA
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State of Indiana } Sct.

On this first day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Eighteen personally came David Boylls aged sixty seven years of Clark County and State of Indiana before me David Floyd president of the Second Judicial Circuit in the State aforesaid and being sworn according to Law for the purpose of obtaining the benefits of a Law passed by the Congress of the United States at their last Session making provision for pensions to such Individuals as Served in the Service of the United States in the Revolutionary war upon his oath aforesaid saith that he enlisted in the Continental Service in Loudon [sic: Loudoun] County State of Virginia in the year or about the year 1779 in the Company of the officer not recollected who inlisted him but served in the Company of Capt. Lewis Booker and in Capt. Singleton's [Anthony Singleton BLWt2068-300] Company of Colo. Harrisons [Charles Harrison VAS1411] Regement of Artillery that he served about four years in the States of Virginia North Carolina & South Carolina and was in the Battle with the British on Gombee river [sic: Combahee River, 27 Aug 1782] in South Carolina in which he was wounded in the hip was at the Siege of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] and at the Capture of Cornwallis that he was decharged in the City of Richmond after the Capture of Corn Wallis and has lost his discharge by the burning of his brothers [probably Charles Boyles (Boyll) S35784] house – and that this is the best Evidence now in his power of his said services And that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support.

State of Indiana } Jackson County } Sct.

On this 16th day of October 1820 Personally appeared in open court David Boyls aged 67 years Resident Citizen of said county who first being duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, that he enlisted in 1779 in Captain Bookers Company in Colonel Harrisons Regement during the war and served his time out. and that the date of his former Declaration is dated October 1st 1818 the number of his Pension Certificate 11931. I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

Schedule – One horse and bridle

David hisXmark Boyle

His occupation hiring about to labour where he can find employ. no family —

State of Indiana } }

Jackson County } SS [10 Nov 1828]

I David Boyles or Boylls aged seventy three or four years do upon oath testify and declare that about or in the year one Thousand seven hundred and seventy eight I enlisted or enter'd the service as a private for the term of during the war in the regiment commanded by Col. Harrison and afterwards served in the aforesaid regiment under the command of Colonel Harrison and that I continued in the service aforesaid untill the close of the war, when I was regularly discharged from the same regiment Commanded by Colonel Harrison of the Virginia line and when I was a private, and I further state that the certificate of my discharge was destroyed by fire in my Brothers House about the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty eighty eight. I further declare that I have never received a warrant for the Bounty Land promised to me on the part of the Untied States, nor have I ever assigned or transferred my claim in any manner

whatsoever. [Power of attorney follows.]

I Charles Boyles or Boylls aged eighty four years past do upon oath declare that I have been long acquainted with David Boyles or Boylls who has subscribed the above declaration in my presence and well know that he is the identicle person he therein represents himself to be and further I know or believe that he did perform the military service therein stated.

Charles Boyles or Boyle/ hisXmark

[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) misfiled as Biggs, Benjamin.]

This is to certify that David Boils Soldier in the first Regim't of Artillery was enlisted for the war on the 1st of January[?] 1780 and still continues a Soldier in the said Regm't having never received his pay, then five thousand five hundred Dollars payd him in August 1781.

[signed] J Brooke Lt [John Brooke VAS2146]
of artillery

[illegible signature]

(Copy)/ B Stark

NOTE: On 8 Apr 1856 Polly Boylls, 65, of Lawrence County IN, applied for a pension as the widow of David Boylls late of Lawrence County and formerly of Monroe County IN. She stated that as Polly Sappington she was married to David Boylls by R. C. Dewey, a magistrate, in Lawrence County 27 or 28 years before, and her husband died in Lawrence County on or about 17 June 1845. The file includes a copy of the record of the marriage of "David Biles" and Polly Sappington on 1 Dec 1825. She stated that she had been informed that her husband's surname was spelled "Boylls" on his tombstone, and that that was the way he usually spelled it himself. She stated that they had four children: Columbus Perry, David, George W., and Melissa. Columbus P. Boylls died in infancy, according to Liscum Dixon (female, aged 100) and Thomas Dixon (61). On 22 Mar 1856 Polly Boylls applied for bounty land.