

[Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Jesse Boswell W705

Mary Boswell MD

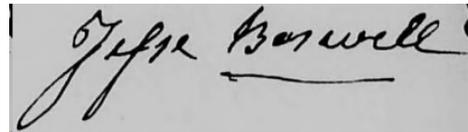
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South Carolina.

Jesse Boswell, resident in York District in the State of South Carolina being duly sworn Declareth that in the month of July 1780 at Port Tobacco in the State of Maryland, he enlisted as a common Soldier in Second Regiment of the Maryland line of the Army of the Revolution in the service of the United States for the term of three years. That at the time he joined his Regiment it was commanded by Col. Alex'r. L. Smith [Alexander Lawson Smith, pension application W4247] and his company by Capt Francis Shepherd, and that under their command he marched to the Southward and joined Gen'l. Greens [sic: Nathanael Greene's] army when in North or South Carolina, and after he joined that army his company was commanded by Capt. James Bruff and the regiment by Col [Benjamin] Ford That he remained with the command of Gen'l Green untill the expiration of his enlistment and was regularly discharged at Anapolis, and that during this service he was in the Battles at Gilford [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781], Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781] at the Siege of Ninety six [22 May - 19 Jun 1781]. and that his discharge is lost.

The Declarer further saith that he is a native of the United States, that he has always heretofore and still resides therein and from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for support.

[Certified 27 Oct 1818.]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesse Boswell". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[On 22 June 1822 Jesse Boswell applied for a new pension certificate to replace one destroyed when his home burned on 19 Nov 1820.]

State of South Carolina York District

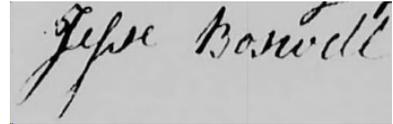
On this twenty-fourth day of October 1821 personally appeared, in open Court being a Court of record for the said District Jesse Boswell aged sixty-six years resident in South Carolina in said District who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: That he the said Jesse Boswell enlisted for the term of three years, about the sixth day of July in the year 1780 in the State of Maryland, Charles County, in the Company commanded first by Captain Shepherd & afterwards by Captain Bruff in the Regiment commanded first by Colonel Smith, and afterwards by Colonel Ford in the Maryland line. That he continued to serve in the said Corps during the term of his enlistment and for some time afterwards when he was discharged from the said service at the City of Annapolis in the State of Maryland. That he has received a pension, but does not recollect the number of his pension certificate, said certificate having been burnt with his house. That he was in the battle at Guilford, The battle at Camden, the battle at the Eutaw Springs, at the Siege of ninety-six, and in several skirmishes, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services;

And in pursuance of the Act of the 1st May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States, on the 18th day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighteen 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 persons engaged in the land and naval services 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

Pot mettle [sic: metal] worth about	\$4.00
Household furniture	11.75
Corn Cotton & Fodder	<u>13.00</u>
	\$28.75

I am a farmer and not able to pursue it on account of old age and infirmities my family consists of myself my wife aged about 42 years & 3 children. 1 daughter aged about 10 years another about 7, & another about 5, & we are not able to support ourselves

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesse Boswell".

NOTE: On 4 May 1853 Mary Boswell, 72, applied for a pension stating that she married Jesse Boswell on 24 Dec 1809, and he died 23 Nov 1828. On 18 Apr 1855 she applied for bounty land stating that her maiden name was Kelough or Keler. On 28 Aug 1865 Nancy Garvin, Elizabeth Boswell, and Margaret Boswell, the only children and heirs of Mary Boswell, stated that she died 12 Nov 1863 and they wished to collect the pension that was suspended during the Civil War. The file contains the following oaths of allegiance signed on 28 Aug 1865: by Nancy Garvin, 53, 5 ft 5 in tall, with fair complexion; by Elizabeth Boswell, 53, 5 ft 4 in tall, with fair complexion; and by Margaret Boswell, aged 49, 5 ft 5 in tall, with fair complexion.