

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Reuben Boston S16330

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[Because the original is badly faded, this transcription should be used with more than usual caution.]  
State of Kentucky } This day Reuben Boston a revolutionary soldier came into open court and made  
[county illegible] } oath to the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the late act of  
Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832. It being the county court of Anderson [several illegible words] I  
Reuben Boston a resident Citizen of the county of Anderson & state aforesaid being sworn according to  
law declare that in the summer of 1779 I was drafted in to the militia of the state of Virginia for three  
months in Capt Garland Burnlys [sic: Garland Burnley's] company of Col Francis Taylor's regiment  
marched to the Albemarle Barracks to guard the British Prisoners who were stationed there where I  
[illegible word] my time and was honorably discharged, and again in the month of June 1780 I  
volunteered in Capt Rob Daniels [Robert Daniel's] company of Col G Stubblefields [George  
Stubblefield's] regiment of the militia of the state of Virginia in the county of Orange and marched to  
Hillsborough in North Carolina, and from thence to Camden [South Carolina] where I was in the battle of  
that place in August [16<sup>th</sup>] 1780 and we had to retreat back to Hillsborough and thence to the Cheraw  
Hills [in SC, Jan 1781], where we were stationed there the great part of the winter and Genl Gates was  
succeeded by Genl Greene [at Charlotte NC, 3 Dec 1780] and I was transferred to the company of Captain  
Will [possibly Webb: Moses Willis or Richard C. Webb] and was not discharged until the month of March  
1781 after we had marched near the line between the states of Virginia and North Carolina [14 Feb 1781]  
having served nine months of actual service, and not long after my discharge in [several illegible words]  
1781 I again volunteered in Capt George Waughs company in the Regiment commanded by Col  
[Sampson] Mathews, and marched to Richmond and Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburgh] and we had to  
retreat[?] from Lord Cornwallis army and at the expiration of my time I was honorably discharged near  
Williamsburgh in the state of Virginia, and soon afterwards in the month of July 1781 I again volunteered  
in Capt James Hawkins company of Col Thomas Barbour's Regiment for three months, and marched to  
Richmond & Williamsburgh and from thence near little York where I was selected as an Express rider by  
the Col and carried expresses to Richmond, Fredericksburgh [sic: Fredericksburg] and Williamsburgh  
where my regiment was stationed part of the time and in this service I completed my tour of three  
months aforesaid and my time expired a few days before Lord Cornwallis was taken [19 Oct 1781] and I  
was honorably discharged near Williamsburgh. I have long lost my discharges, and upon being  
interrogated by the court I further state that I was born in Orange county Virginia where I resided during  
the revolutionary war except while in service and continued to live there until about the year 1792 when I  
removed to Kentucky and for the last thirty years where I now live. I recollect of one man by whom I can  
prove some of my services if alive and the Rev'd William Penny & Andrew Hawkins by whom I can  
prove my character for veracity. I hereby relinquish all claim which I have to any pension or annuity from  
the united states except the present and I am not a pensioner of the u states or of any state. Witness my  
hand this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 – R Boston

State of Kentucky } This day Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for s'd  
Woodford County Ss } county Pressley Terrill [Presley Terrell (Terril), pension application  
S38430] and being first sworn according to law doth on his oath declare as follows. I Pressley Terrell now  
in the 68<sup>th</sup> year of my age state That I have been acquainted with Reuben Boston in the year 1780 and  
since, I then served with him as a soldier before and after the Battle of Camden when we served together  
for nine months and we were discharged together [see endnote], I have seen the s'd Reuben Boston  
within a few days, and know him to be the same man, who was then with me in Capt Daniels and Webbs

companies as he has stated, I have also conversed with s'd Boston soon after the Revolution and have no doubt of his performing the other tours stated by him as he is a man of Truth. Witness my hand this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832. Presla hisXmark Terell

NOTE: In his own pension application Terrell did not refer to service during the period of the Battle of Camden, probably because service in the militia did not apply in the pension act under which he applied.