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Pension application of **George Boan (Bone)**, Natl Archives Microseries M804, Roll 277,
Application #S18326 f32SC

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Chesterfield District, SC, March 21, 1837, George Boan, aged 74 years:

That he was born in the District of Marlboro *in the State aforesaid, in January in the year of our Lord 1763. That his age was set down in a Bible given to this deponent, by his father, when a boy at school – that many leaves of the Bible have since been destroyed, and amongst them that on which his age was written.*

That this deponent went into the Revolutionary service in December in the year 1778, at which time he volunteered for one month under Captain Tristram Thomas, Stephen Wright orderly sergeant. That he does not recollect the names of the other officers of Captain Thomas's company, nor does he know if he was attached to any battalion or regiment, but appeared to act alone against the Tories of Marlboro District. That he served the whole time under Captain Thomas, but was not in any engagement during the time. At the expiration of the month he returned to his father's, who shortly afterwards removed to Richmond County, North Carolina, taking this deponent with him. That in March 1779 he was drafted in Richmond County, NC for three months under Captain John Speed, Major John Jones and Colonel Thomas Crawford. He does not recollect what the regiment was called. Before marching, they were joined by Colonel Wade [*Thomas Wade*], who took the command of this regiment; he then marched under the said officers from the house of Colonel Crawford in Richmond County, by way of Gum Swamp to Bettises Bridge on Drowning Creek, where a number of Tories were then lying under the command of Colonel Hector McNeill.¹ The night before we attacked them, Colonel Fanning [David Fanning] with a number of Tories joined Colonel McNeill. Though the force of Colonel Wade was greatly inferior to that of McNeill and Fanning, he made the attack and was completely defeated. In this engagement, this deponent received five bullet holes through his coat and had his horse killed under him. At the moment the deponent's horse fell, a Tory captain of horse rode up near him and ordered him to surrender. Deponent's gun was loaded and he shot the captain and made his escape upon his horse. That he was out on this tour the whole three months for which he was drafted.

¹ Veteran appears to be describing the engagement on Little Raft Swamp on September 1, 1781.

http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_little_raft_swamp.html

That some time afterwards he volunteered under the same officers (except Colonel Wade), Colonel Thomas Crawford having the command, and marched from Peedee River in Richmond County to near Wilmington, NC, in order to join General Rutherford's [*Griffith Rutherford's*] army, intending to assist him in driving the British who had possession of Wilmington, from the town. When Colonel Crawford arrived near Wilmington, he found that General Rutherford's army was on the opposite side of the river and that he (Colonel Crawford) could not cross. The night after Colonel Crawford arrived near the town, the British marched out and crossed the river towards Colonel Crawford's camp, who immediately retreated a few miles. The next day, General Rutherford took possession of the town and this deponent returned home with Colonel Crawford's regiment, having served four months in this tour – *making in the whole a service of Eight months in the militia.*

That he never received any discharge. That he lived in Richmond County North Carolina from the time his father settled there as above stated until 1831. In January 1831, he removed to Marlboro District in South Carolina & resided there until February 1832, when he removed to Chesterfield District where he now resides. This deponent does not know or recollect of any of his companions in arms who are now alive having lately learned that Aaron Knight who lived in the State of Georgia & Moses Knight who lived in Richmond County North Carolina are both dead. 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.

Sworn to in Open Court the day & year above written.

S/ JS Richardson, associate judge

S/ George Boan



[John Parker, S H Parker & Hugh Craig gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

DeKalb County, GA, February 11th, 1833:

Personally appeared before me H. B. Latimer a justice of the peace in & for the said County Aaron Knight who being sworn saith that he knew Lewis Boan of Marlborough District in South Carolina from the commencement to the close of the Revolutionary struggle and that the said Lewis Boan served under the command of Major Robert Lloyd, Captain Henry Council, Lieutenant Henry Goodman and Lieutenant Tristram Thomas, and that said Boan marched from the above mentioned district to Seaweed Bay and thence to Hadrell's Point [Haddrell's Point], thence to St. John's Island, and that he the said Boan, there received his discharge. This deponent further saith that George Boan of the district and state aforesaid did serve with this deponent in the Revolutionary War. This deponent further says that the above mentioned men were to his knowledge true Whigs throughout the struggle.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11 February 1833

S/ H. B. Latimer, JP

S/ Aaron Knight²



² I can find no evidence that Aaron Knight filed for a pension from the federal government for his services.

[p 3: On April 22, 1856 in Chesterfield District South Carolina, Martha Stogner of said district executed a power of attorney in which she describes herself as one of the children and legal representatives of George Bowen, deceased a revolutionary soldier and Penelope Bone his wife who is also deceased.

Martha Stogner]

[p 5: Finding dated April 29, 1856 by the clerk of the Chesterfield District South Carolina Court that satisfactory evidence has been adduced to show that George Bone, a revolutionary pensioner at the rate of \$26 per annum died in August 1845 leaving a widow, Penelope Bone, who died about 1847 and Martha Stogner and John W Bone as his only living children.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.67 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the South Carolina and North Carolina militia.]