

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Francis Boyd S42627

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State of Ohio Sct.

be it remembered that on the fourth day of December Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and eighteen of the Independence of the United States the 43<sup>d</sup> and of our State the 17<sup>th</sup> personally came before me the subscriber president of the Courts of Common pleas of the Second Circuit Francis Boyd of Fayette County in said State who being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty GOD deposeth and saith that he is in the sixtieth year of his age that he enlisted in Halifax County Virginia for two years in revolutionary war in April of the year seventeen hundred seventy six in Captain Nathaniel Cox's [sic: Nathaniel Cocke's] Company and marched first to Guynne's Island [sic: Gwynn Island, 8 - 10 Jul 1776] to drive Governor Dunmore away, which was done; with his fleet, thence to head quarters to the north and joined the army under Gen'l. Washington near Philadelphia and remained with the said body untill battle of Brandywine was in that battle which was fought in September "seventy seven" [11 Sep 1777] was there wounded and taken prisoner and hauled to a place called turkey head [Turkey Head?] and some time before Christmas in same year we the prisoners were delivered over to our Country and we were hauled & marched to Lancaster Pen'sya. as soon as affiant got so that he could walk, he joined his regiment commanded by Col. McClenahan [sic: Alexander McClenachan], and Col. [William] Nelson Gen'l. Woodfords [William Woodford's] brigade at the Vally forge [sic: Valley Forge], where they had wintered, and in Phi'a of the same year reenlisted for three years in same company commanded by Cap. mosely at that time same regiment and brigade, and performed services in Pen'ya. and Jersey & New York, untill seventeen hundred seventy nine, marched to South, then in same Company, and was at the battle at Charleston, and we were all taken, by the enemy [12 May 1780], and lodged in Camden jail, and he with others escaped, and went to army of ours[?], at Port's ferry on Santee river, and remained with the southern army untill the close of the war, and procured a discharge from Col. Marian [possibly Gen. Francis Marion] which is lost and that affiant is in reduced circumstances and needs the assistance of the Country for support Francis hisXmark Boyd

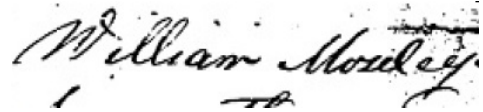
[The certification by the court states that Boyd was "lame in left knee in which he received a wound at battle of Brandywine, and his other leg has become disabled by disease."]

District of Ohio Fayette County SS      On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 1821 Personally appeared in open court being a court of Record having power to fine & Imprison & by the Supreme court of this State recognized as such for said county, Francis Boyd in the sixty second year of his age resident in said county, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War, as follows: in the Seventh Regiment of the virginia line on continental establishment & in the company commanded by Capt. William Mosely. He saith the date of his original declaration is the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 1819 and the number of his pension certificate is 10.946. He also declares as follows. "I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 to wit. "one cow. one horse, [illegible] cow, seven Hogs seven sucking pigs a pot a skillet & dutch oven some plates, knives & forks, and an equitable claim to a moiety of one hundred and twenty five acres of land not very good, the whole of what he is worth not more than one hundred and fifty dollars except a pension from virginia relinquished by him and by a decree of this present court against him on a case where he was bail, he finds his property

will not near pay off the demands against him. He saith he is by occupation a farmer but is so crippled from hard times in his younger days now bearing upon his old age that he cannot earn more than twelve & a half cents pr. day. He saith the family living with him are his wife who is old & Infirm whose name is Anne & a daughter by the same name about sixteen years of age, who can work middling well but cannot support him Francis hisXmark Boyd

[From [Revolutionary pension records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I Certify that Francis Boyd was a Soldier in my company at the Action of Brandiwine in the year 1777 and was wounded & taken Prisoner. I was Captain in the 7th Virginia Regt at that time,  
William Moseley Maj [pension application W5385]  
June 9th 1787



Dr. Foushee [William Foushee R14223] will please examine the wounds of the above person & report thereon. J Wood.

[The left part of the online image is illegible at the places indicated by \*.]

[\*] examination of Francis Boyd who appears to be about Twenty Eight years of age [\*] a Ball has passed through the Joint of the the left knee & greatly diminished the [\*] thereof, this with a contraction & lessening of the Limb, renders the poor man [\*] disabled from supporting himself by hard Labour only; he says that the wound [\*]ly suppurates & discharges a small pieces of Bone, tis not improbable [\*] account may be true.  
W. Foushee/ June 23d 1788

I do with the advice of the Council hereby Certify that Francis Boyd, aged about 28 years, late a private of the 7th Virginia Regiment and whose pay was at the rate of £24 per annum, was disabled in the service of the United States, by a wound received in his left knee which occasioned the contraction and lessening of the Limb; And that he is allowed the sum of Ten pounds yearly, to commence from the first day of January 1788.

Given under my hand as Governor of the Comonwealth of Virginia, at Richmond, this 24th day of June 1788.

T. Meriwether

Edm. Randolph

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do Certify that Francis Boyd a Soldier the fifth Virginia Continental Regiment has served from the first of January 1777 untill the 30th August 1780.

(Copp)

W Moseley Maj'r]/ October 8th 1783

[The following item brought to my attention by Bruce Duncan is from a book entitled "Record of Deeds No. 9" for Scioto County OH pages 574-575 available online from FamilySearch at <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSTH-YSFQ-Y?cat=267188>. Although the document contains little information about the service of Francis Boyd, and he apparently never claimed the bounty land, it is transcribed here as an unusual example of how such claims were handled. There is a similar document on pages 575 and 576 of the book, not transcribed.]

United States of America

To } To all whom it may concern  
A. D. Kendrick } Know Ye

That in consideration of military service performed by Francis Boyd a soldier for three years, and Hezekiah Jackson [possibly VAS1117] a soldier for three years to the United states in the Virginia line on continental establishment and in pursuance of an act of congress of the United States passed on the 10<sup>th</sup> of August in the year 1790 entitled “an act to enable the officers and soldiers of the virginia military line on continental establishment to obtain titles to certain lands lying north west of the River Ohio, between the little Miami and Scioto” and other acts of the said congress amendatory of the said act, there is granted by the United States unto Andrew D Kendrick assignee of Nathaniel Massie, assignee of John Preston, assignee of Robert Preston, assignee of John Schartell, who was assignee of said Francis Boyd, and the said Hezekiah Jackson, a certain tract of land containing twelve and one third acres situate on the waters of Scioto River, north west of the Ohio River as by survey No 14887 bearing date the thirteenth Day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty three, founded on part of two military warrants to wit: Five acres on warrant number one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight, issued in favor of Said Francis Boyd, (The whole thereof being for one hundred acres) and seven and one third acres on warrant number four thousand two hundred and forty six issued in favor of John Schartell assignee of Said Hezekiah Jackson, the whole thereof being for one hundred acres) and bounded and described as follows to Wit: Beginning at a beech and maple in a line of Samuel McCullocks Survey No2629 south eight degrees west twenty eight poles from the northeast corner of Said survey, thence north fifteen degrees west ten poles to a maple and beech, Thence north twenty eight degrees west nine poles to a gum and beech Thence north twenty nine and one half degrees west seven poles to a Birch ash and Maple, Thence north twenty three and one half degrees west Eleven poles to a maple, Thence north twenty eight degrees west fourteen poles to a gum and beech thence north forty two and one half degrees west thirty poles to a red oak and beech, Thence north eighteen degrees west Eleven poles to a gum and beech, Thence north forty eight degrees west fourteen poles to a maple and beech, thence south fifty one and one quarter degrees west ten poles to a hickory and beech, Thence south thirty degrees east one hundred and two poles to a poplar and ash in said line of survey No 2629, Thence with said line north eighty degrees east twelve poles to the Beginning

To have and to hold the said tract of land Together with all and singular the rights immunities, privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining unto the said Andrew D Kendrick and to his heirs and assigns forever,

In Testimony whereof I Millard Fillmore President of the United states of America have caused these letters to be made patent and the seal of the general land office to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand at the city of Washington the first Day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty one and of the independence of the United States the seventy fifth

By the President – Millard Fillmore by Alexander McCormick Ass't Sec'y

E S Terry Recorder of the General land office

Recorded Vol 19 pages 11 to 13

Rec'd & Recorded Oct 24<sup>th</sup> 1865

NOTE: A document in the federal pension file states that Francis Boyd died on 17 Dec 1824.