American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of: Jacob Boy¹ W8146 #4833 transcribed by Barbara Krause

State Of Tennessee Sullivan County

On the 21st day of August 1832 personally appeared in open council before the Justices of the Court and interested persons for Sullivan County now sitting Jacob Boy a resident in said County and State aged Eighty one years who being first duly sworn according to the law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as here in stated.

That he was born in York County Pennsylvania and removed from thence to Loudon County Virginia. That sometime he thinks in the fall of the year 1779, he was draughted for eighteen months, he cannot recollect the name of the Captain under whom he marched the Lieutenants name was Pitzforton. That he marched from Leesburg through Fredericksburg and Richmond to their rendezvous at Chesterfield Courthouse. That there he was put under Captain Sensum in Col. Campbell's regiment. That after lying there sometime they marched to Guilford Courthouse Carolina. That he was in the action there under Genl. Green [sic, Nathanael Greene]. From there they marched to Cambden [sic, Camden], where they stayed perhaps three or four weeks and then marched to Ninety Six when they had another action after which they marched to the high hills of Santee, where they remained in quarters sometime and then marched to the Eutaw Springs at which place they had another battle, from whence they marched in different directions until they came to Salisbury, whence he was discharged. He says he has since lost his discharge but thinks it bore the date sometime in the year 1781 and that he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service and that there is no clergyman in his vicinity whose testimony he can procure.

He herby relinquishes his every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the pension and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Jacob Boy, X his mark

Sworn and subscribed on the date above.

¹ C. Leon Harris points out that this veteran is included on the Chesterfield size which he is transcribing and the entry for this veteran will read:

A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following: Jacob Boy/ age 32/ height 5' 8"/ planter/ born in York County PA/ residing in Loudoun County VA/black hair/ gray eyes/ ruddy complexion/ enlisted 1 Sep 1780. "Deserter. Lowden Virg'a. he was Drafted 1779."

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On this 29th day of March 1833 personally appeared before me Ireson Longacre one of the acting Justices of the Peace for said County. Jacob Boy made and subscribed the following affidavit on amendment and explanation of his forgoing declaration for pension. To it that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot be positive as to the period of the war when is services were rendered but believes they commenced as stated in his declaration in the fall of 1779. That he served in on continued tour Eighteen months the time for which he was draughted that he served all the time as a private.

In answer to the 1st & 2nd Interrogatory of the War department he saeth that he was born in the year 1751, that he has a record of his age which is now in the possession of his son in said county.

In answer to the Interrogatory of the department he says that he was living in Loudon County Virginia when called to service and that a few years later after the war he removed to what is now Sullivan County Tennessee where he has resided ever since.

In answer to the 5th Interrogatory he says he at this period can recollect no regular officers with whom he served but Genl. Green. He further states that his name as spelled in his native language the German is Jacob Buch that this generally pronounced and written in English Boy. But whether he was entered on the muster roll as Boy or Buch he does not know.

Jacob X Boy

Sworn and Subscribed before The day and year above written Ireson Longacre Justice of the Peace