

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Michael Boyers S3022

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State of Tennessee, Claiborne County

This day (being 14th day of May 1834) personally appeared before me William McBee, one of the acting Justices of peace who the Court of pleas and quarter sessions held for said County, the same being a court of Record, Michael Boyars [sic] aged about 78 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the Benefit of an act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

States that he entered the [service of the] United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he resided in Lancaster County, in the State of Pennsylvania, and about the first of November 1777, in said county, he was drafted to perform a two months tour [tour] in the name of his country and that he belonged to a company commanded by Capt. Alderbrook which said company was attached to the Regiment commanded by Col. Grubb [probably either Curtis Grubb or Peter Grubb, both of whom were militia colonels in Lancaster County, PA] and the company to which this applicant belonged was ordered out by Col. Grubb as a scouting party in pursuit of the Tories and applicant states that they marched to various places through the country and took about two hundred of the Tories prisoner and delivered them over to Col. Grubb who was then stationed at the town of Lebanon. Applicant states that the company to which he belonged was then stationed at Lebanon for the purpose of guarding the Hessians and after his tenure of service expired, he received his discharge from Capt. Alderbrook. He states that he served in said company as a private which said discharge he has lost or mislaid so that he cannot procure the same. Applicant states that he still resided in said County of Lancaster in said State and sometime in the month of May 1778 that he was again drafted for two months tour of duty and the company to which he belonged was commanded by Capt. Shoufler [perhaps Valentine Shoufler of Lancaster County] and said company was attached to the Regiment commanded by Col. Cloninger and we marched from thence to the west branch of the Susquehanna River where the Regiment was stationed for the purpose of guarding the frontiers against the invasions of the Indians. Applicant states that after his term of service expired which was for two months, he received his discharge from Capt. Shoufler which said discharge he has lost or mislaid so that he cannot produce the same. He states that he a private in said company.

Applicant begs leave further to represent to the department that shortly after he returned home from the last above mentioned campaign, that he moved to Washington County in the State of Virginia and about the first of August 1780 he was again drafted to perform a three months tour of duty in said county and the company to which he belonged was attached to the Regiment commanded by Col. Campbell [William Campbell] and his captain's name was Deasy [probably James Dysart] and we marched to the State of North Carolina to King's Mountain in pursuit of the Tories where they were stationed under the command of Col. Forgason [sic, Patrick Ferguson] where we had a severe battle [October 7, 1780] and gained victory over the British and Tories and we then guarded the prisoners to Wilks [sic, Wilkes] County Court House in said state and from thence we marched back to Washington

County in the State of Virginia where this applicant received his discharge from Capt. Dasey after having been three months in the [service] as a private which discharge I have Lost or mislaid so that I cannot produce the same.

And Applicant further states shortly after return home from the last above mentioned campaign that he moved into the County of Sullivan in Franklin Government now Tennessee and sometime in the month of March 1781, that he was drafted to perform a three months tour of duty in the cause of his country and that he belonged to a company commanded by Capt. Wearan [sic, Waring, Warren?], which said company was attached to the Regiment commanded by Col. Shelby [Isaac Shelby] and marched to Big Creek to guard the frontiers, and after my term of Service expired I received my discharge from Capt. Wearan. He states that he performed the last above mentioned service as a private; he states that he has lost or mislaid his discharge so that he cannot produce the same.

And Applicant states that putting the whole of his services together that he did serve his country in the army of the mentioned states the term of Ten Months. He states that he has no documentary evidence of his service nor does he know of any living Testimony [sic] by whom he can prove the same.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency whatsoever. Applicant states that he he received no wounds in the Army.

Questions put by the Justices:

1st: When and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born in the County of Lancaster in the State of Pennsylvania in the year 1755.

2nd Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

Answer: I have no record of [my] age.

3rd Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer: I lived in the County of Lancaster in the State of Pennsylvania and in Washington County in the State of Virginia and in Sullivan County under the Franklin Government now Tennessee when I was called into service. I have lived a while since the revolutionary war in Sullivan County Tennessee and now live in the County of Claiborne Tennessee.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?

Answer: I was drafted.

5th State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: I knew the Regiments commanded by Colonel McIntosh and Colonel Hartley, Colonel Campbell, Colonel Shelby and Colonel Cleveland and Colonel Grubb.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?

Answer: I received several: one from Captain Dasy; one from Captain Shoufler; one [from] Capt. Wearens; one from Captain Aldenbrook.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Answer: I know Samuel McBee, Valentine Fulp, Fielding Lewis, William Lewis and many others.

S/Michael Boyers, X his mark

Sworn to and Subscribed to this the 14th day of May 1834.

S/ William McBee, a Justice of the peace.

[Samuel McBee, a clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit. William Lewis gave a separate standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private in the Pennsylvania and Virginia militia for 10 months.]

[Note: this file contains no family data.]