

**Pension Application for Thomas Boyce, Bouse, Buys, Boice, or Buyce, etc.**

W.25266 (Widow: Catharine) Married August 28, 1815, Town of Mount Pleasant by Thomas G. Smith, member of the Dutch Reformed Church, WestChester County. Thomas died June 7, 1826. He served as a private and ensign.

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By Richard Varick & Richard Platt of the City of New York Esquires

This is to certify that in pursuance of the Law of the State of New York Entitled "An Act making Provision for Officers Soldiers & Seamen, who have been disabled in the Service of the United States" Passed the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April 1786.

We have examined Thomas Boyce of Philipsburgh in the County of Westchester Blacksmith and find that during the late war he was an Ensign (1) in Captain George Comb's Company in the Regiment of Westchester County Militia lately commanded by Colonel Joseph Drake & afterwards by Colonel James Hamman. (2)

That on the third day of March one thousand seven hundred & eighty two being ordered out on a scout to Morrissania with a party of men under the Command of Captain Israel Honeywell (3) they were overtaken & attacked near Pine's Bridge by the Enemy from whom he received two Wounds with a Cutlass, the one on the left side of his neck, the other on his left arm; by means whereof he is in a great Measure disabled from obtaining his livelihood by Labour.

That he was forty years of age the twentieth day of March last. That his Pay while in actual service was twenty Dollars, per Calendar Month And that he now resides at Philipsburgh aforesaid, wherefore in pursuance of the Law aforesaid we do further certify that upon the Principles of the Act of Congress of the seventh Day of June 1785 the said Thomas Boyce is entitled to receive from the Treasurer of this State a yearly pension of ninety six dollars from the third day of March in the year of our Lord [line missing from tear in paper] Eighty two if not before received.

Given under our Hands this fourteenth Day of June 1786. Rich'd Varick, Rich'd Platt

End Notes—W.25266—Thomas Boyce

1. Thomas was commissioned ensign on June 16, 1778 in Captain George Comb's Company in Colonel Joseph Drake's First WestChester County Militia Regiment.
2. James Hammon or Hammond was the Lieutenant Colonel under Colonel Drake.
3. Captain Israel Honeywell of Colonel Drake's Regiment was also commissioned on June 16, 1778.
4. On March 14, 1854 the State Comptroller's Office supplied the following information from the Audited Accounts Book A, pg 97, the following: *Liquidation of Accounts of Ensign Thomas Boyce & Jacob Acker, Acker (Archer) Burgess & Solomon Purdy, Privates in Capt Israel Honeywell's Company taken the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 1782 & released from Captivity the 6<sup>th</sup> June following.*

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Audited Sepr 26<sup>th</sup> 1784.

Thomas's widow Catharine applied for the remainder of his pension had received the above proof of his service etc, proved her marriage and proof of a Thomas Boyce serving as a private as follows: enlisted as a private on 20<sup>th</sup> April 1777, for during war in Captain James Rosekrans first Company in Colonel

Lewis DuBois; omitted (same as being dropped) from muster rolls in September 1777. No reason is given for why he was no longer part of this regiment. This statement was also from the State Secretary's Office on January 5, 1854, by A. G. Johnson, Dep Sec. of State. Whether it was the same Thomas Boyce is unclear but at that time they accepted it and she was granted a pension of \$46.65 per annum.