

Pension Application for Samuel Boyd

W.20746 (Widow: Mehitable) Samuel died August 12, 1831.

State of New York

Orange County SS.

On this ninth day of November one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine personally appeared before the undersigned a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas [Pleas] in and for Orange County Methitable Boyd a resident of the Town of Mount Hope in the County of Orange aged eighty two years who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1838 entitled: An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows.

That she is the widow of Samuel Boyd who was a private in the Militia of the town of Goshen in the County of Orange and State of New York and belonged to a company of Militia commanded by Captain Thompson and in the Regiment commanded by Col William Allison. That as she has been informed and believes her said husband sometime in the latter part of July or the first day of August volunteered from Captain Thompson's company into a company for five months men raised by Captain John Leath, that the same company rendezvoused at Goshen about the first of August seventeen hundred and seventy six and went from Goshen to New Windsor from thence to Fort Montgomery from thence down the river to King's Bridge where they remained until New York was taken from Kingsbridge they retreated to the White Plains and was there when General McDougale was attacked from the White Plains they retreated to Peekskill where they remained until this term of their enlistment expired which was about the first of January 1777 in this service she believes that her husband Samuel Boyd served the full term of five months the full term of his enlistment

That she has been informed and believes that sometime in July 1777 her said husband Samuel Boyd was drafted from Captain Thompson's company for the term of three months and went from Goshen to New Windsor and from New Windsor they went by watter [sic] to Fort Montgomery under Captain John Wood.

That her said husband – Samuel Boyd served at Fort Montgomery under Capt. Wood for two months and then in the regiment commanded by Col. Allison that after the said company had been at Fort Montgomery two months Captain Wood with a company of selectmen were ordered toward New Jersey and sent to Ramapoo Paramus and the English Neighbourhood and that her said husband Samuel Boyd went in the said company and served one month and was discaharged.

That her said husband served from time to time in the militia during the years 1778, 1779, 1780, 1781 as a Classman at Minisin Peenpack, West Point and other places but form old age and loss of memory she is unable to state the particular times but she has no doubt that her said husband Samuel Boyd served at least two years during the war.

She further declares that she was married to the said Samuel Boyd on the eight day of January Seventeen hundred and eighty three—that her husband the aforesaid Samuel Boyd died on the twelfth day of August eighteen hundred and thirty one aged 77 that she [was] not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January seventeen hundred and ninety four viz at the time above stated that her name before marriage was Methitable Tuthill that she still remains the widow of Samuel Boyd. (Signed with her mark) Mehitable Boyd

Sworn and subscribed by making her mark because she cannot see to write on the day and year above mentioned the twelfth. The twelfth erased before signing.

Sworn Hulet Clark, a Judge of Orange County Com. Pleas.