

### **Pension Application for William Boyd**

W.16856 (Widow: Getty Vanderwerken.) Married January 1, 1775, in the Town of Scaticook. Children who applied for pension were, Mary bonce, Eviline Jones, and Rebecca Newman. Getty survived William. William died June 5, 1825.

State of New York

Rensselaer County SS.

On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 1919 before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the said county, personally appears William Boyd, aged 55 years resident in the town of Lansingburgh in the County aforesaid who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War."

That he the said William Boyd enlisted in the Town of Lansingburgh in the state of New York in the month of January 1780 in the company commanded by Captain Benjamin Hicks of the first Regiment of the New York line commanded by Col. Goose VanSchaick.

That he continued to serve in the said corps or in service of the United States, until the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 1783 when he was discharged at Snake Hill, near Newburgh in the State of New York.

That he was in the Battle at the taking of Cornwallis .

That he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support—And that he has no other evidence now in his power (except his discharge which is herewith transmitted) of his said services. Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid. James Mallory, Judge of Pleas

In his 1820 application William stated : "I am sixty two years of age. I was by trade a carpenter but in the year eighteen hundred and six I by accident lost one of my legs which has disabled me from pursuing my trade. The only one of my family who resides with me is a son of the age of fourteen years who is unable to contribute any thing to my support and from having lost one leg I would except for my pension be dependant upon publick or private charity for my support and I have no other means of livelihood except as above mentioned. Dated Lansingburgh May 29<sup>th</sup> 1820. (Signed) William Boyd.