

Pension Application for Valentine Boyer (Boyea, Buyer)

Declaration under Act of 7th July 1838

R.1100

State of New York

Oneida County

On this day of April, personally appeared before the Hon. Ralph McIntosh, Justice of a Court of Record and Special Surrogate in and for the County of Oneida and state aforesaid. Elizabeth Boyer of the Town of Lenox, County of Madison and State of New York to me made known, aged eighty seven years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by act of Congress passed July 7th 1838, entitled "An Act Granting Half Pay and Pensions to Certain Widows."

That she is the widow of Valentine Boyer deceased, who was a private in the company commanded by Captain John Keyser (1) in a regiment commanded by Jacob Klock in the War of the Revolution.

That he entered the service aforesaid in about the month of [blank] A.D. 1776, and continued in active service in said War until the third day of December 1782, as this declarant was informed by her said husband Valentine Boyer deceased and which she truly believes to be true. That she well remembers when said Valentine entered the service or left his home for that, purpose which was, to wit, at the time above set forth and that she was informed afterwards by said Valentine as well as others who went with him from the same place to wit, Manheim in the County of Montgomery and State of New York, that being the place of his residence and when he was drafted or enlisted, that on or about the third day of May A. D. 1781, her husband Valentine Boyer was taken prisoner by the British officers and remained so imprisoned at Bucks Island in Canada for a period of 19 months, and who suffered greatly by the abuses practiced upon him by the British authorities. When on the third day of December A. D. 1782, (2) he was released and honorably discharged as will more fully appear by the proof hereunto annexed. That the number of his certificate of discharge as filed by the proper officer of the United States was No. 38052.

She further declares that she was married to said Valentine Boyer on the 20th day of March in the year of seventeen hundred and eighty. That her husband the aforesaid Valentine Boyer died on the 20th day of August A. D. 1832; that she was married to said Valentine Boyer prior to his leaving the service to wit, at the time above stated as will more fully appear by proof hereunto annexed where reference is made for greater certainty.

And she doth further declare that she is physically disabled to appear in open court is the reason why she appears before the Hon. Ralph McIntosh, Justice of a Court of Record and special surrogate in and for said County of Oneida in his office in the Village of Vernon in said county and she makes this application for a pension & arrears of pension which has accrued to her since the death of her husband in virtue of said act. (Signed with her mark) Elizabeth Boyer

Signed and sealed in the presence of W. Brown, Abraham Buyer

End Notes—R.1100—Valentine Boyer

1. Valentine served as a private and was later promoted to Corporal in Captain John Keyser's Company in Colonel Jacob Klock's Second Regiment of Tryon County Militia. He also at some time during the war served as a private under Captain Peter Waggoner (Wagner, etc.) in Colonel Klock's Regiment.
2. Valentine put a claim in for his back pay after the war while a prisoner from May 3, 1781 to December 3, 1782. It is in the Audited Accounts, Volume A., Page 225. Special Collections and Manuscripts, New York State Library, Albany, N.Y.