

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Bird BLWt61001-160-55 Jane fn13NC  
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George Lumpkin County: SS

On this the 11th day of November 1856 personally appeared before made the subscriber a Justice of the peace within and for the County and State aforesaid Jane Bird aged 73 years a resident of said County and State, who being duly sworn according to law declares she is the widow of Thomas Bird deceased who was a private in company commanded by Captain *not recollected* commanded by Colonel *not known* in the Revolutionary War that her husband entered the service in Lincoln County North Carolina about the close of said war the term *not known* and continued in said war for a term of at least 14 days and was honorably discharged, but does not know where he was discharged. She further states that she was married to the said Thomas Bird in Cherokee County North Carolina on *the day not remembered* day of November 1845 by one Jackson Reynolds a Minister of the Gospel and that her name before her said marriage was Jane Rogers that her said husband died in Murray County Georgia on [several words crossed out and illegible] 1851 and that she still remains a widow. She further states that she has heretofore filed an application in the pension office for the purpose of procuring a pension<sup>1</sup> which he refers to the proof hereto annexed to substantiate this claim. She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which she may be entitled to under the act approved March 3rd 1855 and amendatory act of May 14 1856. She further declares that she never has received no applied for Bounty Land under this or any other act of Congress she hereby authorizes William J Barrett of Barrettsville, Georgia to prosecute this claim and to receive the warrant when issued.

S/ Jane Bird, X her mark

State of Georgia County of Lumpkin: On this 23rd day of February A.D. 1857, personally appeared before meet, a Justice of the Peace, within and for the County and State aforesaid, Jane Bird aged 73 – years, a resident of Lumpkin County, in the State of Georgia, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of Thomas Bird, deceased, who was a private in the company commanded by Captain Keys [indecipherable words interlined] in the Regiment of Regulars or Militia commanded by Colonel Cleveland in the Revolutionary War that her said husband volunteered at Dobbs County in the State of North Carolina on or about the

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<sup>1</sup> This file contains no such application. In fact, there is a note that reads "Careful search fails to discover any claim a pension made by Jane, widow of Thomas Bird of NC."

\_\_day of \_\_ A.D. 1779 – for the term of during the War, and continued in actual service in said War for the term of two years and \_\_months and was honorably discharged at \_\_ in the State of North Carolina on or [about] the \_\_ day of \_\_A.D. 1781 or '82 –

She further states that she was married to the said Thomas Bird in the County of Cherokee in the State of North Carolina on or about the \_\_ day of \_\_ A.D. 1846, by one Jackson Reynolds a Minister of the Gospel, and that her name before her said marriage was Jane Moss, that her said husband died in the County of Murray in the State of Georgia on the 29th day of March A.D. 1852 And that she is now a widow, she makes this declaration for the – purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which she may be entitled under "act approved March 3rd 1855" – And she further declares that she has not received or applied for bounty land under this or any other act of Congress.

And she hereby appoints Henry H Walker of Stockstill Georgia her true and lawful Attorney...[ etc., etc.—boilerplate power of attorney language]

S/ Dave Hill

S/ James L. Heard

[Where is the widow's signature????]