

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Benjamin J. Byrun R10027

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State of Illinois }

Green [sic: Greene] County }

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 1844 personally appeared before Thomas S. Booth & A. S. Seely two of the Judges of the County Commissioners Court in and for said County Judicially sitting Mary Squire (formerly Mary Byrun) a Resident of the County of Green in the State of Illinois aged eighty nine year who being first 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 July 4<sup>th</sup> 1836 and the Act explanatory of said Act passed March 3<sup>d</sup> 1837. (That reserving for errors by infirmity of Body & Mind in recalling remote events) She states she was married to Benjamin J. Byrun on the 20<sup>th</sup> May seventeen hundred and seventy nine during which time said Benjamin J Byrun was in the service of the United States as a Soldier. That he served three years in all. That they lived on Jacobs Creek in Virginia [near present Martin in Fayette County PA] about 44 miles from Pittsburg where he was Married That said Byrun was marched into the Southern Counties of Virginia in the Militia was in several skirmishes in one of which he was wounded by the British in the left leg. The Officers she does not recollect. And that afterwards he volunteered and went with Capt Mills and Col. Broadhead [sic: Col. Daniel Brodhead of the 4<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Continental Regiment] in a light horse company of Dragoons she believes he stated in the Spring of 1778 that he was out in the last tour twelve months That he went to Chilicothe [sic: Chillicothe] in Ohio and help to build the Fort there

That he left the service of the United States on or near the month of June 1779 That he received a discharge but it has been lost some years since. She believes he was out in the militia unless Capt Mills & Colo. Broadhead was in the regular service. In 1780 he volunteered under Capt Moore and Liut James Burk against the Indians. Burk was kild by the Indians. Byrun returned in August That her husband the said Benjamin J Byrun died of the Bilious Fever in the year 1793 and In the year 1796 in the Territory now State of Illinois she married to one Michael Squire And in January 1820 said Michael Squire Died near Edwardsville in Illinois.

That she does not know of any person living in the west by whom she can prove her first marriage to Benjamin J Byrun. And she has no family Record to proove from. That she has remained a widow since 1820 – the death of M Squire. That she has no documentary evidence in support of her claim. She further declares that to the best of her recollection her said Husband Benjamin J Byrun entered the service of the United States on or near the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 1776 and served during Eighteen months in the Southern Counties of Virginia

And that he went out as a volunteer on or about 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 1778 and served as a Dragoon Twelve months

Sworn to and Subscribed on the day and year first above written before me

Mary herXmark Squire