

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Byers R1569

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State of South Carolina Spartanburg District: To wit

On this 29th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas and Sessions, now sitting, James Byers a resident of Spartanburg District, aged seventy-one years who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7 of June 1832.

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That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. -- "In September 1780 I entered the service under Captain George Taylor, in Colonel Brannons [sic, Thomas Brandon's] Regiment in Spartanburg district South Carolina, as a volunteer and marched to Columbia, where I fell under Command of and Lester [sic, another?] Captain in Colonel Taylor's Regiment -- where I remained through the fall and winter -- when I was discharged by Colonel Taylor and returned home. I afterwards went into the service under Captain Ridgeway and Colonel White's Regiment -- and marched to the Eutaw Springs but could not get there in time for the Battle. -- And having served out the time of three months as a draft, I was discharged and returned home. I was afterwards employed in various scouting parties in that neighborhood until the end of the war. I have no documentary evidence now alive who can testify to me. I was born in Granville County in the year 1761 on the 22nd of October -- and have the record of my age at home. -- I lived in Spartanburg when I entered the Service -- and have resided there ever since. I served as a volunteer: -- I never received any written discharge -- as to my character for truth and moral deportment I refer to the Reverend Joshua Richards, to Mister Jesse Tate away [?] or any respectable man who knows me. I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension except the present, and declare that my name is not on the Roll of the agency of any State.

S/ James Byers, X his mark

Sworn to in open Court

S/ Jno. B. O'Neill, Presiding Judge

[Joshua Richards, a clergyman, and Jesse Tate gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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South Carolina Spartanburg District: Personally came before me the Subscribing Justice, James

Byers who being duly sworn, Deposeth and Saith that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively to the precise time of his service or the length thereof -- but according to the best of his recollection, he served as follows --

under Captain Taylor & Colonel Brannon --

he served	1 month
under Colonel Taylor	3 months
under Colonel White	<u>3 months</u>
making	7 months -- besides scouting services the

length of which cannot be recollected. -- All of which services were rendered as a drafted militia man -- the names of the officers as far as he can recollect are mentioned.

Sworn to & subscribed before me 29 June 1833

S/ Wm Trimmier

S/ James Byers, X his mark

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State of South Carolina Spartanburg District

At a Court of Pleas and General Sessions held at Spartanburg on this 6th of October 1853 present and presiding the Honorable J. N. Whitner personally appeared in Open Court Dr. J. G. Gaffney a resident of Spartanburg District South Carolina, who being duly sworn according to law upon his oath says that from an examination of Books in the possession of deponent's Father, he is perfectly satisfied that James Byars a revolutionary Pensioner of the United States died in said District the 1st of January 1835 and from the evidence presented to said deponent he is perfectly satisfied that Sarah the wife of the said pensioner died in Pickens County Alabama the 1st January 1838 -- and is also satisfied that Isaiah Byars of Pickens Alabama is the only living child of the said James & Sarah Byars deceased.

S/ J. G. Gaffney

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State of South Carolina Spartanburg District: At a Court of Probate opened and held for the District of Spartanburg this 25 day of August 1854 personally appeared Catharine Byars aged about 53 a resident of the District aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law upon her oath says she is the daughter in law of James Byars deceased who was a pensioner of the United States on the South Carolina Roll, and who died on the 1st January 1835 in this district and Sarah his wife who died in Pickens County Alabama on the 1st January 1838, she further says she is the identical Catharine Byars to whom a power of attorney which is herewith sent for the purpose of obtaining the pension, due her mother-in-law Sarah Byars deceased -- she states that she does not know if there is any record of the marriage of her father-in-law and mother-in-law in existence, she therefore transmits the best evidence she can show that James and Sarah Byars were married several years before the year 1794, she has not a doubt of its satisfying the Committee of Pensions, she therefore has Daughter-in-law of Sarah Byars and by the power vested in her by Isaiah Byars on the 13th day of June 1853 she claims a pension due Sarah Byars deceased by the act of Congress in behalf of the widows of soldiers of the Revolution passed the 3rd March 1837.

S/ Catharine Byars, X her mark

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State of South Carolina Spartanburg district: On this 22nd day of June 1854 personally came before me William Lipscomb Junior a Magistrate within and for the District of Spartanburg and

State aforesaid, Robert Myers a resident of the aforesaid District and State aged 68 years last March who being duly sworn according to law, upon his oath says that James Byars^{died} of this district and who as deponent understood was placed on the pension roll of South Carolina was an Uncle of deponent's, knowing his uncle from his deponent's childhood, states that he is satisfied his Uncle James was married before deponent's Father was from the fact that in the year 1794 or 1795 his Uncle James and his wife Sarah removed from this district to Chester district in this State -- at that time, they had the following children -- to wit -- Polly, Betsy, Amy, Franky & John, that they returned back to this district in the year 1802 or 1803 bringing back Reuben, Sally & Sarah in addition to those they took away -- Isaiah was born after their return, -- and he further states that his Uncle remained in this district until he died, after his death his wife Sarah removed to Pickens County Alabama and as he understands and believes died, believes that his Uncle James & Sarah Pigg daughter of Edward Pigg were lawfully married never heard their marriage question, and am disinterested.

S/ Robert Byars, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing Marched fourth, 1831, for seven months service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]