

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

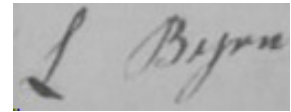
Pension Application of Laurence Byrn (Byrne) R1576
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Elizabeth Byrn PA

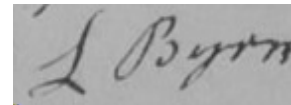
State of Ohio } Ss
Clermont County }

On this 27th day of May in the year of our Lord 1819 before me the subscriber one of the judges of the court of common Pleas for the county aforesaid personally appeared Laurence Byrn aged sixty three years residing 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 provisions made by the late act of Congress entitled An act to provide for certain persons in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war That the said Laurence Byrn enlisted in the year 1776 in Philadelphia in the state of Pennsylvania for the term of one year in the company commanded by Capt Alexander Grayton [sic: Alexander Graydon] of the 3rd Battalion of the Pennsylvania line that he was taken by the British when the garrison surrendered at fort Washington on York Island [16 Nov 1776] that he was paroled and afterwards in the year 1777 he again enlisted in Philadelphia as aforesaid for the term of three years or during the war in a company commanded by Capt Christy [sic: Christie] in a Regiment Commanded by Col Thomas Craig that he was in the Battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and Germantown [4 Oct 1777] that at Germantown he was again taken prisoner that he made his escape from the British and again joined his regiment and was in the Battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], after which battle he was transferred to a company Commanded by Capt Thomas Boude in a Regiment Commanded by Col Josiah Harmer [sic: Josiah Harmar], that he was in the Battle of Jamestown in Virginia [Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781] and at the siege at the taking of Cornwallis at Yorktown [19 Oct 1781] that afterwards near Savana in a battle with the Indians he was wounded [probably skirmish at Sharon GA near Savannah, 24 May 1782] that afterwards as soon as he recovered from his wounds he returned to South Carolina and joined his company and was discharged in Philadelphia in the year 1783 and his discharge is lost

And he further on his oath saith that he never has received any pension and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for supp[ort]



I the aforesaid Laurence Byrn offer to the Honble Secretary of War as further proff the enclosed Letter and certificate of Captain Boude under whose command I served as he has stated and I do hereby relinquish my claim to every pension heretofore allowed me by the Laws of the United States



Columbia [Lancaster County PA] Novr 28 1818

Mr Lawrence Byrne

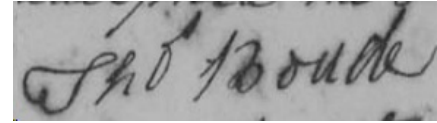
I received yours of Nov'r 1st by mail in which you mention you left a certificate of Colonel Harmer's with Mrs Boude, I recollect nothing of it, but as I have entirely lost my sight for upwards of two years I know little or nothing about my papers. I have a roll of all the officers and Soldiers who embarked under my Command from James Island in South Carolina on the 8th day of June 1783 on board the Brig Christina. Your name is on the roll and I recollect you perfectly, when you first joined by Company you wore a light horseman's Cap, I don't recollect your being wounded, but don't doubt the truth of it, perhaps it was before you joined my Company, I recollect you requesting permission to assist in working the vessel which I granted as you appear to be something of a sailor, I shall be happy if what I do will turn out to your advantage as you always behaved as a good and faithfull soldier My son writes and will sign this

for me But I will sign the certificate if I can

I am yours with respect

For my Father T Boude/ George W Boude

I do certify that the bearer Lawrence Byrne was enlisted for the war, and served in my Company in Virginia and the Carolinas in 1781 - 2 & 3 and landed with me from on board the Brig Christina the 16th of June 1783 at Philadelphia the vessel belonged to Mr Curless of Rhode Island and was Commanded by Captain Warner. The said Byrne always behaved himself as a [page torn] and faithfull [page torn] and was esteemed and much respected by [page torn] J Harmer and all the officers of the 1st regiment, He was discharged in Philadelphia the 3rd of Nov'r 1783
Witness Present at Signing
George W Boude



Late capt'n of the 1st regiment of Penna and
Major by brevet in the revolutionary Army

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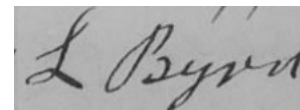
Clermont County } On this 15th day of September 1820 personally appeared in Open Court being the court of common pleas within and for said county and also being a court of record which have the power of fine and imprisonment Lawrence Byrn aged sixty six years resident in said county who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows (to wit) that he enlisted in the year 1776 in a company commanded by Capt Alexander Graydon in the third Battalion commanded by Col. John Shay [sic: John Shee] in the Pennsylvania line and continued to serve in the different corps untill the end of the war and that he was notified of his being inscribed on the pension list roll of the Ohio agency at eight dollars per month by a pension certificate No 14466 dated September the 6th 1819

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an 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" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed (To wit)

One Gelding valued at	\$25.00
two Heifers at	10.00
One Sled and Gears	3.00
one 8 gallon Iron kettle	3.00
one Dresser \$1.00 one axe \$1.00	2.00
one fire shovel	0.75
Six Split bottomed chairs	2.00
one Table	0.75
one sow and four pigs	1.50
one Tea kettle one bake oven one set cups and saucers	<u>3.00</u>
whole amount	51.00

I am indebted to different persons \$87.00

And that I have no occupation but that of a day labourer very infirm and afflicted with the rheumatism and wounds received in the Revolutionary war and can seldom do a days work I have wife Elizabeth aged fifty six years very infirm one daughter Sarah aged seventeen years who can support herself but can contribute nothing to my support one son George aged fifteen years



NOTES:

On 13 Sep 1838 Elizabeth Byrne, 72 or 73, applied for a pension stating that she married Laurence Byrne in Philadelphia about 50 years previously, and he died on 15 July 1832. She stated that her second child Philip B. Byrne, deceased, was born in 1791. Elizabeth Byrne also stated that her family moved from Bucks County PA to Clermont County in 1806. On 26 Nov 1838 one David Kirgan, 46, stated the following: "Lawrence Byrne and Elizabeth Byrne came down the Ohio River from Green County Pennsylvania with Daniel Kirgan the father of this deponent and in the same Boat and that this deponent came along with them in the same Boat, and all landed near New Richmond in Clermont County about thirty three or thirty four years ago."

Elizabeth Byrne's claim was rejected, apparently because the proof that she was married before 1794 was considered insufficient.

A document in the file certifies that Elizabeth Byrn died in Cincinnati OH on 15 Dec 1838 leaving the following children: Nancy Fisher, wife of David Fisher; Margaret Hobbs, wife of James Hobbs; William K. Byrne; Sarah Goudy, wife of Edward Goudy; George S. Byrne – and the following grandchildren: "John Byrne, Eliza Curtis wife of Jonathan Curtis, James Byrne, Sarah Byrne, Franklin Byrne and William Byrne Children of Philip Byrne deceased who was a son of the said Lawrence and Elizabeth Byrne, and Elizabeth Byrne and Mariah Byrne children of John Byrne deceased who was also a son of the said Lawrence and Elizabeth Byrne deceased." The file contains a letter by her son signed "W K Byrne."