

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Burd (Bird) R21880

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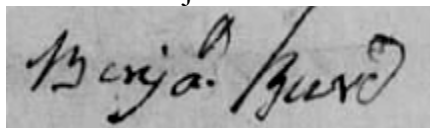
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State of North Carolina Moore County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions November Term 1819

On the 15th day of November 1819 personally appeared in Open Court Benjamin Bird aged seventy-eight years (some time past) a resident in the State of North Carolina and County of Moore, who being duly sworn in open Court according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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, that he the said Benjamin Burd entered as a Volunteer for the term of one year in the month of June in the year 1777 in the County of Halifax in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Cedar Bullard of the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Hogan in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental Establishment, that soon after joining the Regiment they were marched to Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania and that he was the most of his time of service under the command of General Washington in the Eastern States. That he faithfully served the aforesaid term of twelve months and was marched back to Halifax in the State of North Carolina where he was honorably Discharged, the last of June or first of July in the year 1778 – That said discharge is lost or so mislaid that it is not in his power and that he is in reduced Circumstances and stands in Need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said service but what is here with sent.

Sworn to and declared in open Court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Benja.n Burd

A rectangular image showing a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Benjamin Burd". The ink is dark and the background is light.

[John McNeill, Malcolm Buie, James Dowd & Daniel Buie, all justices of the peace for Moore County North Carolina, certified the application to the Secretary of War.]

State of North Carolina Moore County

On the 20th day of November 1821 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record expressly made a Court of record by the law of the State aforesaid which created it for

the County of Moore Benjamin Burd aged eighty years (as near as he can tell) a resident in the aforesaid County and in the State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as a private Soldier twelve months at one time under Captain Ballard in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Hogun in the year 1777 (as well as he can now recollect) in the line of North Carolina Continental Establishment, that he never has been placed on the pension list and that the Original declaration is dated 15th November 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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 (Except what is allowed made by public Charity) that he has no property Except one small bed and some wearing clothes, that his occupation was farming but is quite unable to follow it having been for thirteen years much afflicted with the Rheumatic pains. My family consists of myself and my wife Mary aged 71 years who is quite unable to do any work except Nit [sic] a little and saw a little. Sworn to and declared on the 20th day of November 1821.

S/ Benjn. Burd

State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 24th of November 1819

I William Hill Secretary of State and & for the State aforesaid do hereby Certify that it appears from the musterroll of the Continental line of this State, that Benjamin Bird a private in Captain Ballard's company of the 10th Regiment was mustered on the 20th of July 1778 for the term of nine months and Omitted in October 1778.

Given under my hand the date above

S/ Wm Hill