

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Irby R5492

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State of South Carolina Laurens District:

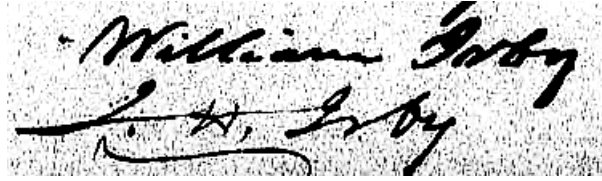
On this the twelfth day of August A.D. 1853, personally appeared in open Court before me Judge of the Court of Ordinary for the District and State aforesaid, the same being a Court of Record, Dr. William Irby aged sixty-two years, and Colonel James H Irby aged sixty years, who being duly sworn according to law declared that they are the sons heirs at law and executors of Captain William Irby (Deceased) who was a soldier in the Continental Army of the revolutionary War of the then colonies of America with Great Britain. That they have often heard their Father speak of his services in said War, that he stated he entered the Army in the State of Virginia (where his parents then resided) in the year 1776, and continued in said Army for the term of three years; that he was then a private, and as such fought in the following battles (to wit) Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777], Monmouth [June 28, 1778], and the taking of Poiler's Hook [Paulus Hook, August 19, 1779] which latter was under the special command of Major Green, that during all the time above mentioned he was in active service in the Army commanded by General Washington (the names of the subordinate Officers not recollected by these declarant). That the end of the three years service aforesaid he returned to Halifax County Virginia where he had left his parents when he entered the service; that upon his return he found that his Father and family had removed to the State of South Carolina, where he immediately followed. That upon his arrival in South Carolina he entered the service in that State, was commissioned a Captain and continued to command a company until the end of the War.

That during his service in South Carolina he was not engaged in any regular Battles with the British Army: but was in many skirmishes with the Tories who were numerous in the Western portion of Carolina, And with whom he was in a constant state of warfare.

These declarant's do not recollect the names of the Superior Officers under whom he served in South Carolina, but they have often heard him speak of the hardships, and perils he then encountered, and that his services were unremitted to the close of the War, and that in consequence of his services during the entire war as aforesaid, he was exempted from Ordinary militia duty the remainder of his life. That after the Revolution he remained in South Carolina, until the last of September 1828 when he died at Laurens Court House:

They make this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the amount that may be due you the children of the said Captain William Irby under the Act of Congress passed in 1827 to take effect in 1826 granting a pension to all officers and soldiers who had served during the Revolutionary War.

S/ William Irby  
S/ J. H. Irby

The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive. The top signature reads "William Irby" and the bottom signature reads "J. H. Irby". Both signatures are written in dark ink on a light-colored, textured background.

South Carolina Greenville District:

Personally appeared before me J T Bennett one of the justices for the Greenville District and State aforesaid John Mattox<sup>1</sup> and made oath in due form of law that he was personally acquainted with Captain William Irby that to his knowledge the said William Irby entered the American Army in the year 1776 that to his knowledge the identical William Irby was in the memorable Battle at Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781] as a private that the said William Irby was appointed Captain in the year 1781 and served during the War under Colonel Steward. That the identical William Irby was the second Captain that saluted General Lafayette at his landing at New York in 1780 [could be 1781] that he (the [word written over and illegible]) and the said William Irby were both born and raised in the State of Virginia Culpeper County that the said William Irby was older than himself. That they both entered the service at the same time near Culpeper Court House. That he knows that he the Identical William Irby was in the service of the American Army during the seven years war. That he the evidence is now in his 88th year to the best of his knowledge. Sworn to and subscribed third January A.D. 1851

S/ John Mattox, X his mark

[Capt. William Irby gave supporting affidavits in the case of [Thomas Turner S39111](#).]

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<sup>1</sup> I could not identify this affiant as being a pensioner of the US for service in the Revolution.