

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Birdsong R856

Mary Birdsong

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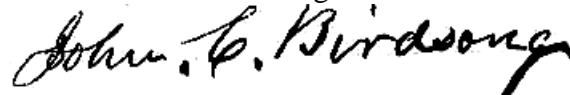
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Know all men by these presents, that I John Campbell Birdsong of the County of Madison and State of Tennessee and one of the children and legal representatives of William Birdsong¹ deceased a Revolutionary Soldier and Mary Birdsong his wife who is now deceased, do hereby irrevocably constitute & appoint William H Smith & W E Jones Esquires of the City of Nashville Tennessee, my true and lawful attorneys for me and in my name, to examine into & prosecute any claims that may be due or found to be due, the children & legal representatives of William Birdsong in virtue of said William Birdsong's services in the Revolutionary war under the several acts of Congress relative thereto and that might have accrued to either of the said parties and not drawn during their lifetime and now due to their legal representatives. I hereby confirm whatever my said attorney's may do or cause to be done legally in the prosecution of said claims.

Witness my hand & seal this 23 of August 1854.

S/ John C Birdsong



Witness

S/ R. J. Hays

S? Henry Brown

[attested August 28, 1854]

¹ William Birdsong filed two affidavits in support of the pension claim of his brother, [John Birdsong R855](#).