

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Levin Bird R9

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Hon. Sir I understand from a late decision of the Attorney General, that the Interest on certain revolutionary claims will be paid. My object in writing to you is to Learn whether there is any interest due the heirs of Levin Bird, who was Pilot & Lieutenant in the Virginia Navy. The Principal of the claim was received in 1831 or 2 by Hon'l. Thomas M. Bayly Father of the present Thos. H. Bayly our representative in Congress – you will very much oblige me by informing me 1st whether there is anything due Levin Bird's heirs 2nd the course to be pursued to obtain said claim & particularly would I beg the favour the claim should be [illegible word] over until I can have time to work for the reason that certain persons here have administered on the s'd. Estate without any proper authority from either of the heirs, as far as I have been able to learn. I am one of the heirs & can procure the authority or title of the other heirs (in all 7) & either one of us can receive it, without paying enormous for the collecting of it, we think we are competent to collect it without paying $\frac{1}{4}$ & $\frac{1}{2}$ of the amts. due. I have been directed to write to you being apprised that you would render me the necessary information If the money is due I think the proper heirs are entitled to every dollar. If they choose to hire an agent of course they are willing to pay a reasonable compensation for his services but for any person to administer on an estate before the heirs are informed about it & then employ agents to collect it without their consent or knowledge, is I think wrather uncentmous[?]

Your kind attention to this matter Forthwith will very much Oblige your Ob'd Sv't

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