

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Byron (Byrum, Byrom, Byram) S30910

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State of Kentucky, Warren County

On this 26 day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Chancery Court for the County of aforesaid now sitting John Byram resident in said County aged 66 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath to the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. He entered said service in the State of North Carolina Granville County, he cannot now recollect the year but it was about one month or six weeks before Charleston in S. C. was surrendered [May 12, 1780] by General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] to Sir Henry Clinton, he entered said service for the term of three months and served under Col. Tinnen [Hugh Tinnen] & Captain Howell Rose, General McIntosh [Lachlan McIntosh] also commanded the Brigade of militia to which he was attached he was raised in said County of Granville & resided there when he entered the service as a substitute for one Thomas Bradford, he marched from said Granville County directly to Charleston being delayed one week on Cooper River to build a Fort at what was called Lampree Point [Lempriere Point<sup>1</sup>] which Fort was Commanded by Colonel Malberdee [Francis de Malmedy, Marquis of Bretagne] a Frenchman who was killed in a Duel by an American officer afterwards; he left said Granville County he thinks in February or March & was taken prisoner at Charleston he thinks on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May, he remained a prisoner eight days in custody, and then paroled & permitted to go home according to the articles of capitulation obtained by General Lincoln (To wit) that all militia might be permitted to return to their homes upon parole, till they were exchanged – he remained at home till some months after his three months tour had expired. He only received a parole but no discharge for this first term, which parole he has lost: he was engaged in constant fighting, with but little intermission for one months before Charleston was surrendered they had been fighting before he got there but the siege continued about one month after he got there – some months after his said tour of three months expired, he was exchanged, but he cannot state now the date of his exchange. After this he entered the service again for three months, he yet resided in Granville County aforesaid, he entered the service this time as a drafted man under the Command of Colonel Jos. Taylor [Joseph Taylor] & Captain Nathaniel Waller, he marched from said Granville County first to Fayetteville on Cape Fear River, then to the Raft Swamp after the Tories – thence to Stoney Point in North Carolina about 20 miles from Wilmington General Butler [John Butler] – General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] were also commanders of the Troops to which he was attached – he cannot state the date of his entering the service this time – but he recollects that Cornwallis was taken just before this last term expired – he was in no battles this tour, he was discharged after his said tour expired at Stoney Point by Colonel William Moore, who signed the same – he has lost said discharge & has no other evidence of his

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1 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/lempriere.htm>

service than what is herewith transmitted.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Byrom, X his mark [sic]

[Zachariah Morris, a clergyman, and George Pearce gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky, Warren County

On this 25<sup>th</sup> day of November 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of aforesaid County now sitting John Byram a resident of said County aged 66 years past who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. He entered the service as a substitute for Thomas Bradford who was a drafted man in the State of North Carolina Granville County where he then resided & was raised in the spring of the year 1780 he thinks or at the spring preceding the Surrender of Charleston in South Carolina, he thinks he entered the service in March, he served under Col. Tinnen & Captain Howell Rose, he entered to the service for three months this tour, he rendezvoused at Harrisburg North Carolina & marched thence to Lempriere Point on Cooper River 7 miles from Charleston, where he remained with the troop to which he was attached two weeks, thence down the Cooper River to Charleston & remained there till the Surrender of that place which was on the 12 May 1780, according to his recollection, he remained in captivity eight days after he was taken & was then paroled as a prisoner of war when he reached Lempriere Point he was under the Command of Colonel Malmedy a Continental officer commander of the Fort at Lempriere Point – he remained a prisoner for some four or five months, when he was exchanged after he had got home. He again in the year 1781 entered the service as a drafted man in the same County where he first entered the service, he served for three months under Colonel Joseph Taylor & Nathaniel Waller as Captain. They marched thence to Cross Creek or Fayette, thence to the Raft Swamp. They were attempting to get to Wilmington in N. C. when there were about 700 Tories & 500 British, when they got within 20 miles above Wilmington they heard of the Surrender of Cornwallis & they rejoiced at the news on Cape Fear River about 2 miles above the long Bridge – he remained in the neighborhood of that place till his time expired & was discharged at Stoney Point near there after having served out said term as well as the recollects by Colonel William Moore. There were two Generals under whom he served this tour Rutherford & Butler, Rutherford being first in command near the Raft Swamp the Tories attacked the troop to which he belonged & 25 of them taken by the mounted men attached to the troop to which he belonged & five of them made their escape, & in a day or two the mounted men to which were attached to the troop he belonged to attacked & dispersed the 700 Tories aforesaid. He has lost his discharge & parole, he has no documentary evidence of his service & that he knows of no person by whom he can prove his service except a brother in the State of North Carolina, if living.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity whatever except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State. Sworn & Subscribed the day aforesaid.

S/ John Byram [sic], X his mark

[Zachariah Morris, a clergyman, and George Pearce also gave the supporting affidavit for this application.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]