

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Byles (Biles) S3113

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Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June seventh 1832

State of Tennessee Henry County: September Sessions 1832

On this 4th day of September 1832 personally appeared Charles Byles in open court before the worshipful County Court of said County now sitting being a resident of said County & State aged about eighty-three years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to entitle him to a pension under said act of Congress –

That he entered the service of the United States about the year 1778 – in the month of March in the town of Salisbury – County of Rowan and State of North Carolina – of which County he was a citizen at that period – as a volunteer in the company commanded by Captain Hugh Montgomery – Lieutenants in said company – James Craig & David Nesbitt – which company was attached to Colonel Francis Locke's Regiment – and General Griffith Rutherford's Brigade that he served a three months tour in said company – that during said tour they traveled through Salisbury to Fayetteville and beyond about twenty or thirty miles – after serving said three months tour – he again entered the service on the 10th of March 1779 in Salisbury – and served about five months – in the company commanded by Captain Robert Bartley – Lieutenants William R Davie – who was the late General Davie of North Carolina – distinguished in that State as a lawyer & Nathaniel Alexander which company was for a time attached to Colonel Malmadd Regiment [sic, Malmedy's Regiment], a French officer – afterwards we were attached to a Regiment of the Virginia line – we passed through Charlotte – on or near Augusta in Georgia – from thence to Charlestown – we met the enemy at Stono where we had a severe engagement or battle with them – soon after said battle we returned home –

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State – The last tour we were commanded by General Lincoln.

Sworn to in open court September fourth 1832

S/ B. C. Brown, deputy Clerk

S/ Charles Byles, X his mark

[James Cowan gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[James Miller, a clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Henry County: Personally appeared before me Henry Miller an acting Justice

of the peace for said County – Charles Biles – who being duly sworn – deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service – but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned ~~below~~ in his deposition and served in the grades already stated. He has no documentary evidence by which he can prove his services. That if he ever got a discharge he has either lost or mislaid the same – not expecting that the same would ever be of use to him – and for which service I claim a pension.

May 17th 1833

S/ Henry Miller, JP

S/ Charles Biles, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March fourth, 1831, for eight months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

[The Bounty Land Warrant Record Card of Drury Bynum, a private in the North Carolina line, Warrant Number 11969 granting him 100 acres issued June 10, 1791 issued to Abisha (or Abishai) Thomas, assignee, is erroneously included in this file.]