

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Byrd S35807

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State of Kentucky Sct

On this 30th day of March 1819 before me the undersigned one of the Circuit Judges for the Commonwealth aforesaid personally appeared John Byrd aged about 60 years resident in Bourbon County & State aforesaid who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war That he enlisted in the service of the United States as a private soldier in the year 1776 on the 9th day of March that the company in which he enlisted was commanded by Capt Jonathan Clark of the 8th Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. Mughlenburgh [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] which regiment belonged to the Virginia line on the continental establishment. that he continued to serve in s'd. company & regiment for two years the term of his enlistment & was discharged at the Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania. that he lost his discharge at a place called the defeated camp in an Indian defeat in the year 1786 & therefore cannot produce it. That he was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] & German Town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777] & some skirmishes & that from his reduced circumstances in life he stands in need of assistance from his Country for support.

Also Thomas West [probably pension application S37512] states upon oath that he was acquainted with the applicant John Byrd when he was a private soldier in Capt Clark's company of the 8th Virginia Regiment in the years 1776 & 1777 & part of 1778 & he believes that s'd. Byrd served in s'd. Company & regiment for about two years.

Also Thomas Ravenscraft [S1248] states upon oath that he was acquainted with the applicant John Bird when he was a private soldier in Capt. Clark's company of the 8th Virginia Regiment in the years 1776 & 1777 & part of 1778 & that he believes that s'd. Byrd served in s'd. company & regiment for about two years. He further states that he is well acquainted with s'd. Byrd's present circumstances & that he is well satisfied from his reduced circumstances in life he stands in need of assistance from his Country for support as he is old infirm & has very little property & has a very helpless family.

State of Indiana } SS

Fayette County }

Fayette Circuit } Be it Remembered on the 27th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty three personally appeared in Open Court being of record holden in and for County and State aforesaid John Byrd Resident in said County of Fayette, and Circuit aforesaid aged about sixty three years who being sworn according to Law doth on his oath Declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows towit, the Term of two years in the company commanded by Captain Jonathan Clark under Col. Mullenburgh commanding the 8th Regiment of the Virginia line on continental establishment as is more fully detailed in his original declaration in the war office dated the 22nd July 1818 in pursuance of which he has been inscribed on the pension list Roll of the Kentucky agency at the Rate of Eight Dollars per month and has received a Certificate thereof dated 22nd day of July 1819 which is now in his possession, And he does solemnly swear that he was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of his property, or any part thereof with intent thereby as to come within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" and that he has not nor has any person in trust for him any property, or securities contracts or debts due to him, nor has he any income other than what is contained in the Schedule annexed and by him subscribed. Schedule of the estate of John Byrd, wearing apparel, and bedding excepted,

One Horse worth \$60.00

One plough & gears 12.00

One Cow & Calf	10.00
Five hogs	5.00
pot mettal	20.00
One Chest & Trunk	3.00
One wheel & four chairs	4.00
Cupboard furniture	10.00
Two hoes and one log chain	<u>5.00</u>
	Total \$129.00

The said John Byrd has a wife aged fifty seven years, and one child aged twenty years living with him to be supported, and he feels unable to support them &c by labor &c

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Be it remembered that amongst the Records of the Fayette Circuit Court within and for the County of Fayette aforesaid in the third Circuit in the said State of Indiana being a Court of Record there is the following towit:

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Be it remembered that at the October Term of the Fayette Circuit Court in the year AD 1823 being a Court of Record then here came personally into open Court John Byrd a Revolutionary Soldier who after being duly sworn in open Court deposeth and saith that on the 18th day of March in the year 1818, he, this deponent had in personal property and debts owing to him one thousand dollars Exclusive of the debts owing by him that Eight hundred dollars of the money owing to the deponent was payable in commonwealth Bank Pappers of Kentucky that previous to the time this deponent could coerce the payment of the same, Commonwealth paper depreciated in value one half leaving this deponent but four hundred dollars out of the debts owing to him that this deponent became security for Cornelius Clapool Nathaniel Smellen and Zachariah Jacoby for for seventy five dollars, who became insolvent and this deponent was compelled to pay the same without the probability of ever receiving any thing from them that he this deponent since the 18th day of March 1818 has necessarily expended in removing himself and family from the State of Kentucky to the State of Indiana and supporting himself and family in Indiana before he could possibly earn a support that further sum of Two hundred dollars, that the Daughter of this deponent, since that time, intermarried and this deponent gave her, as an out setting in order to enable her and her husband to go to house keeping about forty dollars worth of bedding and furniture that the balance of the money has been expended in divers necessary ways not now recollected but this deponent has none left, nor has he ever disposed of one cent for the purpose of reducing himself within the limits of a pensioner that he this deponent was informed by the Hon’ble James Noble Senator in Congress that by a late Act of Congress the Revolutionary pensioners were reinstated in their former pensions and until then he thought it unnecessary to exhibit his Schedule nor was he aware of the mistake of this impression until after the passage of the act of Congress of the 1st of March 1823. And further this deponent saith not. - John Byrd - [28 Oct 1823]

NOTE: A letter dated Connersville IN, 23 Oct 1840, inquires whether Elinor Byrd would be eligible for a pension for the services of John Byrd, whom she married in March 1780 and who died about 1829 or 1830.