

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of John Bayliss S39175

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State of Tennessee }

Knox County }

On this 5th day of May 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Circuit Court for said State personally appears John Bayliss aged 68 years resident in said County of Knox in the second Judicial Circuit, who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the the provision made by the late 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. That he the said John Bayliss enlisted in the month of October 1780 for eighteen months in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Ewell of the second Virginia detachment or Regiment commanded by Colonel Hill [sic: see below] that he continued to serve in the said Corps or detachment in the service of the United States untill the month of January 1782 when he was discharged from said service in the State of North Carolina at Salsbury [sic: Salisbury] that he was in the battles of Gilford [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781] at the Siege of Ninety-Six [22 May - 19 Jun 1781] and afterwards at the Battle at the Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781] – Said John Bayliss also on oath states that his discharge is lost or mislaid that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support – and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the accompanying evidence of James Crews [pension application S39387].

[signed] John Bayliss

[James Crews, 60, stated that he was with Bayliss at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse.]

State of Tennessee }

Knox County }

On this 10th day of April 1819 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Circuit courts for the state aforesaid personally appeared John Bayliss a citizen of said County of Knox and after being duly sworn according to law states that he made the statements in the preceding declaration except as to the Colo. of the Reg't that he then stated that he enlisted in Colonel Haws [sic: Samuel Hawes's] Reg't of the Second Virginia Reg't. and not Colo. Hills Reg't. as stated that he presumes it was a mistake in the person who drew the declaration. That he did serve 18 months in Colo. Haws Reg't. on the Continental establishment as stated in said declaration and was in the battles therein mentioned and prays the secretary of war may look at the roll of Col. Haws Reg't. for the name of the applicant

[signed] John Bayliss

STATE OF TENNESSEE, } SS. July Sessions 1820

Knox COUNTY }

On this fourth day of July 1820, personally appeared in open court, being a court of record, (having the power of fine and imprisonment and also having been made a court of record by the laws of said state,) for the said county, John Bayliss aged seventy years, resident in the county aforesaid, who, being duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath, declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: That he served the United States eighteen months in Capt. Andersons company in the 2^d Virginia Regiment commanded by Col Hawes – that his Original Declaration was dated the 5th of May 1818 – that his pension certificate is dated 12th June 1819 and of No. 11,743

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in

the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

10 Acres of Land of the value of.	\$20 —
1 horse beast, 4 head of cattle 8 head of hogs.	38 —
1 Small pot, 1 Small Oven & ½ Doz knives & forks.	<u>3.50</u>
	\$61.50

That he is a farmer and from age and infirmity not able to labor for a living – has a wife aged from sixty to sixty five years, who is also unable to labor for a living – and has no children or other person living with him —

Sworn to in open court this 4th day of July 1820

[signed] John Bayliss

NOTE: The file contains a receipt for the final pension payment of John Bayliss up to the date of his death on 6 Aug 1824, acknowledged by Robert Bayliss, administrator of the estate.