

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Byrd S39266

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State of Virginia towit

On this nineteenth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighteen before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the General Court of Virginia allotted by law to the thirteenth Circuit, which comprehends the County of Grayson, personally appeared William Byrd aged sixty five, resident in the county of Grayson in the 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 the said William Byrd enlisted with Lieutenant John Holcombe as a private for the period of two years, in the month of March seventeen hundred and seventy six and belonged to Captain John Mortins [sic: John Morton's, pension application S9035] company of the fourth Virginia Regiment on continental establishment commanded by Colonel Adam Stevens [sic: Adam Stephen]: that he continued in service upwards of twelve months, when he was, on account of his extreme debility, produced by long, and severe illness, discharged by his before named Colonel but has long since lost his discharge: that he was never present in general action with the British enemy and was only in a skirmish on James River in Virginia: that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for his support.

And I do farther certify, that John Fielder [pension application R3533], a credible and respectable witness, made oath before me, at the time & place abovementioned, that the fact of the said William Byrd's enlistment with Lieutenant John Holcombe, for two years, is within his knowledge, & recollection; and that the said William Byrd was absent from home in military service of the United States about eighteen months, and returned home, so extremely emaciated, that there was then little prospect of his surviving long.

The Commonwealth of Virginia Ss.

At a Court held for Grayson County on Tuesday the 27th day of February 1821.

On this day appeared in open Court (being a Court of Record) William Byrd aged sixty seven years resident in the County of Grayson who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as followeth. He enlisted as a regular soldier in Captain Mortons Company of the 4th Virginia Regiment on continental establishment commanded by Colonel Adam Stephens at Prince Edward County Virginia about the year 1777 as near as he recollects, and served twelve months. That he was in no Battle and that he was discharged on account of sickness at Suffolk Town on James River by the said Colonel Adam Stephens which discharge is lost; and the said William Byrd made oath and subscribed to the following affidavit viz. "And in pursuance of the Act of 1st May 1820 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, which Schedule is as followeth ToWit: "Schedule of William Byrd. ToWit. One mair 19 years old, one Small Horse, 2 Cows and Calves, four Sheep, 2 Hogs. nothing else except clothing and bedding (signed) William Byrd"

The declarant states his occupation to be Farming but being almost unable to persue it on account

of age and infirmity: His family consists of himself, his wives mother aged 99 years entirely unable to contribute to her support and a Grand Daughter Matilda Byrd, aged about Eight years
(signed) William Byrd