

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of James Byrnes S39267 MD PA
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State of Virginia } Ss.
County of Ohio } [4 May 1818]

James Byrnes of the county of Brooke in the state aforesaid, Gardner [gardener], before the court of Ohio

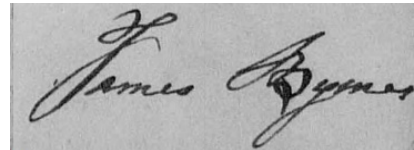
County (being a court of Record) at May term in the year Eighteen hundred and Eighteen, upon oath makes the following declaration:

That the said James Byrnes early in the winter (the month not recollected) of the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven enlisted as a private for the term of Three years in captain John Smiths company of foot in Col. Mordici Gist [sic: Mordecai Gist's] Regiment in the Maryland line; that whilst in said service said declarant was in the battle of Camden in South carolina [16 Aug 1780], at which battle his Captain was taken prisoner, and said declarant at the expiration of his enlistment was honorably discharged by Major Archibald Anderson of the Third Maryland Regiment.

That said declarant after having performed the aforesaid service, he enlisted as a private in the services of the united States with Capt'n. John Heard of the Infantry in the Pennsylvania line to serve to the end of the war and was attached to Col. Moylens [sic: Stephen Moylan's] light Dragoons. That said declarant faithfully served the whole of the last mentioned term, and was at the end of the war honorably discharged by Col. Richard Butler, in the Town of Lancaster in the State of Pennsylvania – said discharge being countersigned by Maj'r. General [Benjamin] Lincoln

That the said Declarant received written certificates of his Discharge, and that he has lost the same by time and accident.

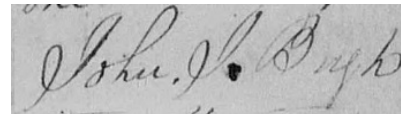
That the declarant is sixty three years of age and having been wounded at the Battle of Camden is now lame and infirm; and from his reduced circumstances in life is now in need of assistance from his country for support; and that he hereby relinquishes his claim to every pension heretofore allowed him by the laws of the United States.



Fayette County }
Pennsylvania }

Personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for said county John Jacob Baugh and after being sworn according to law deposeth and saith that James Burns was a soldier in the army of the United States in the time of the revolution and that he, this deponant knew him as such in Lancaster Pennsylvania and that he was to the best of his knowled in the Infantry atached to Colo.

Mylons Dragons and that he remained in the army to the end of the war And further saith not
13th June 1815

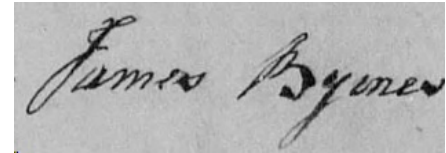


District of Virginia} Ss.

On this 5th day of June 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the said district in the county of Ohio, James Byrnes resident in the county of Ohio, in said district, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath declare, that he served in the revolutionary war

as follows: in Col. Mordaci Gists Regiment and in Capt'n. John Smiths company of foot as a private & promoted to Serg't. in the Maryland line for the term of Three years, after the winter of the year 1777, the time of his first enlistment – that afterwards he served as a private to the end of the war in Capt'n. John Heards company of Infantry, attached to Col. Moilens light dragoons of the Penna. line and was discharged by Col. Richard Butler, and Genl. Lincon at Lancaster, in Pennsylvania. 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 persons 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 or property of any kind except my wearing apparel. That his occupation, when able to pursue, was that of a Gardner, but from age, and incapability (owing to a wound in my right leg) is totally incapable of following the same; that he has no family at present living with him – his wife being dead – and five children supporting themselves. and that at present he lives on the bounty of one of his grand daughters and her husband, who is a poor country shoe maker and has no real estate. That he is at present sixty five years past.

Sworn to and Declared by the above named James Byrnes on the 5th day of June 1820 before the Court



State of Virginia } Ss.
 County of Brooke }

On this 28th day of August 1820 personally appeared in open court for the said county and state, being a court of record by the laws of the sate of Virginia, James Byrnes above named, who being first duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he enlisted with captain John Herd in the town of Lancaster, in the State of Pennsylvania to serve in the Infantry attached to Col. Stephen Moylands light Dragoons in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty two – late in the spring of that year, but now owing to the frailty of old age, the said declarant is unable to recollect in what month of said year he so enlisted.

District of Virginia } On this 29th day of October in the year Eighteen hundred and twenty
 County of Brooke } one, personally appeared in open Court, being a court of record for the
 said county by the laws of the state of Virginia, James Byrnes, aged sixty
 six years resident in said County, in said district, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War, as follows, that he enlisted with Captain John Herd in the town of Lancaster in the State of Pennsylvania to serve in the Infantry attached to Col. Stephen Moylands light Dragoons in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty two, late in the spring of that year, but now owing to the frailty of old age, said Declarant is unable to recollect in what month of said year he so enlisted, that he served to the end of the war, and was discharged in Lancaster aforesaid by Col. Richard Butler.

Original Declaration dated May 4th 1818 Pension certificate No. 17,783. [Oath similar to the preceding follows.] I have no property real or personal, except one suit of coarse wearing apparel.

James Byrnes