

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

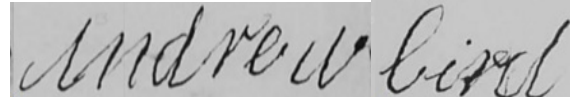
Pension Application of Andrew Bird S39994

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Cumberland County Ss  
State of Pennsylvania

On this eighteenth day of June A.D. 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Andrew Bird aged fifty five years and two months resident in Greenwood Township County 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 and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" That he was enlisted in the City of Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania in the year 1777 by Ensign Thomas Shanks in the company commanded by Captain [John] Stone in the 10<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania regiment commanded by Col. Hoobley [sic: Adam Hubley BLWt1151-500], that the term of his enlistment was for three years or during the war, but that after the revolt of the Pennsylvania line [1 Jan 1781], he was discharged, and he then enlisted again in the 10<sup>th</sup> regiment Penn'a line for during the war and the regiment he belong'd to was part attach'd to the 1<sup>st</sup> and part to the 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment Pennsylvania line, and that he was attach'd to the 1<sup>st</sup> regiment and that he continued to serve in the said regiment untill the end of the war when he receiv'd his discharge at the city of Philadelphia, he being then attach'd to the company commanded by Captain [Andrew] Irvine. That he was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Paoli [21 Sep 1777], Germantown [4 Oct 1777], Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], Green Springs in Virginia [6 Jul 1781], at the taking of Cornwallis in Yorktown [19 Oct 1781], Deponent further states that he sent his discharge with a certain John Swann to Philadelphia to obtain a patent for his land, and that he never received it again and that he is in reduc'd circumstances and stands in need of his country for support, and has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.



State of Pennsylvania } Ss  
Cumberland County }

On the twentieth day of June 1820 Personally appeared in open Court of Common pleas of Cumberland County aforesaid it being a court of Record which proceeds according to the course of the common Law with jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount keeping a record of their proceedings, Andrew Bird aged fifty eight years resident in said County and State, who being first sworn according to law doth declare on his solemn oath that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows. declarant enlisted in the month of August in the year 1777 in capt Stones' Company the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Pennsylvania line commanded by Col Hubley declarant served in said company and Regiment and in the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment of the Pennsylvania line untill the end of the war declarant was at the Battles of Brandiwine, Germantown and Pioli the green springs and at the taking of Cornwallis. The date of his original declaration and the number of it he does not recollect he left it home which is a distance of 30 miles from the court house. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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

A schedule of the real And personal estate of Andrew Bird the aforesaid declarant

2 Horses	3 Baskets	
1 Wagon (small)	1 Harrow	And some small articles
1 Plough	1 Table	of Kitchen Furniture
2 Cows 2 Calves	1 Rifle Gun	
2 Hogs 2 Sheep	4 Chairs	
1 Case of Drawers	92[?] Acres of mountain of land with a small log cabin and log stable thereon	

erected in which declarant lives about 15 acres clear worth about for Rent \$10. dollars per annum all except the 15 Acres is stoney and mountain land not fit to be tilled.

(signed) Andrew Bird

Andrew Bird the declarant is a laboring man has no trade he now is infirm and unable and if he had not the small home of his own he now could not support himself he is infirm and decriped with Rheumatism & cannot support himself by his labour

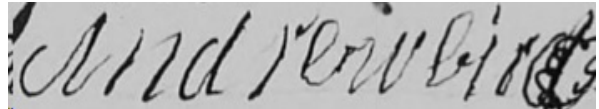
Declarants wife is fifty four years of age, he has four children living with him viz Andrew Eighteen years of age, Henry thirteen years of age, Jacob nine years old, and Elizabeth six years old this constitutes declarants family

(signed) Andrew Bird

20<sup>th</sup> June 1820 The Court value the property exhibited in the foregoing schedule at the sum of two hundred and eighteen dollars [See endnote.]

State of Pennsylvania }  
County of Perry, Ss. } [5 Feb 1836]

I Andrew Bird a Revolutionary Soldier do upon my oath declare & testify, that to the best of my knowledge and belief, I enlisted for the term of during the War in the year 1777 and served in the Regiment No. One under the command of Colonel Broadhead [sic: Daniel Brodhead] of the Pennsylvania line, & that I continued in the service untill the War ended. I further declare that I have never received a warrant for the Bounty Land promised to me on the part of the United States. [Power of attorney follows.]



NOTE: The Pension Office considered a veteran with an estate worth more than \$200 to be too wealthy to merit a pension under the act of 1820. The file contains a letter dated 24 Nov 1829 and bearing 12 signatures petitioning the War Department to restore Andrew Bird's pension.