

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Byrum S4983

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State of North Carolina, Wake County: Superior Court of Law Fall Term 1832

On this first day of October 1832 personally appeared before the Honorable William Norwood one of the Judges of the Superior Court of Law for North Carolina Jacob Byrum a resident of the County of Wake and State of North Carolina aged Seventy-one years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

Jacob Byrum a Revolutionary Soldier who is now an applicant for a pension under the late act of Congress States that he was born in the State of Virginia the County he does not know owing to his being so young when he left that State and in the year as he did believes of our Lord 1761, and emigrated from thence to what was then called Bute now Granville County in the State of North Carolina. And the said Jacob states that he believes that in the year 1777 the Father of the said Jacob, William Byrum, of the County and State aforesaid was drafted in the United States Service for a five months tour [sic, tour]. And the said William Byrum, being a poor man and having a number of small children to support by his own labor, and the said Jacob your applicant being the eldest of the said children proposed out of Parental affection and humanity to take the tour instead of his Father, which he did, and did serve the said Tour of five months under the following officers (To wit: Joseph Taylor Colonel, William Gill Captain, Pleasant Anderson Lieutenant – Brewington Jones Ensign.) And he started from Granville Court house in North Carolina and rendezvoused at Hillsborough in Orange County. And from thence to Salisbury in Rowan County, from thence to Campden [Camden] in South Carolina and from thence to Purysburg [Purrysburg] – from thence about 12 miles of Savannah River and there stationed two months and built breast works. From thence up the River to Briar Creek where the battle was fought [March 3, 1779] arrived a little too late to be in the engagement. Thence down the River to our former encampment, where I served the balance of the Tour and there discharged – commanding General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford].

Some 12 or 18 months thereafter one William White of this said County of Granville in North Carolina was drafted for a three months tour. And your applicant Jacob Byrum agreed with the said White for a small consideration to become his substitute – which he did and served the said tour of three months under the following officers (To wit) Colonel Yancey [Thornton Yancey] his Given name not recollected Captain Howell Lewis, Lieutenant Howell Rose and Ensign William Ellison. And started from the said County of Granville and rendezvoused at Hillsboro in Orange County. And from thence to Salisbury and from thence to Charlotte – from thence to Camden in South Carolina – from thence to the Eutaw Springs thence to Moncks Corner, thence to Cooper River, thence to Lampru Point [Lempriere Point¹]- thence to Charlestown [Charleston] continued there 31 days during the Siege of that place and taken prisoner by the British [May 12, 1780] – and remained so eight days – and then

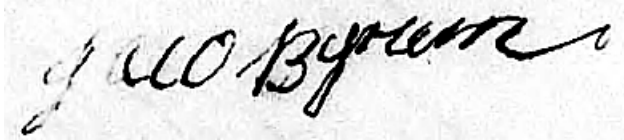
1 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/lempriere.htm>

paroled and admitted [sic, permitted] to go to Our Native homes – Commanding General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln].

The third tour – some 30 or 40 days after having been exchanged and relieved from the British authority, the war still raging, and the British then in Guilford County North Carolina. One John Henderson of Granville proposed to raise a volunteer company in which he was to act as Captain, Mins Burton Lieutenant, Nathan Jackson Ensign, Your applicant the said Jacob Byrum volunteered his services under the said officers for three months. And accordingly he started from Granville County and thence to Chatham and Orange to Colonel Littrell's [John Littrell's] Barracks and from thence to Ramsey's Mill on Deep River and stood as a Guard until the battle at Guilford [March 15, 1781] and from thence to General Greene's [Nathanael Greene's] Army somewhere in Orange from thence to Fayetteville from thence across the River, and there stationed until the British came down and had a small engagement – from thence to Wake Court House which made about 2 ½ months, and then dismissed until further orders. And never called on any more during the war.

The said Jacob further states that in the first tour he had a Certificate of discharge and that he has lost or mislaid the same. That he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. And that he has no documentary evidence. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present And declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any state.

S/ Jacob Byrum [sic]

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jacob Byrum", written in a cursive style. The signature is somewhat stylized and is positioned below the typed name.

Sworn to and subscribed

Test: S/ R. Hinton, C. S. C.

[Woodson Clements and David Holland gave the standards sporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$35 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 ½ months in the North Carolina militia.]