

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Bonner Bird S8070

f38NC[sic, SC]

Transcribed by Will Graves

8/30/10: rev'd 1/17/20

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

[p 3]

State of North Carolina Haywood County } SS

On this 3rd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the justices of Haywood County of pleas and quarter sessions now sitting Bonner Bird, aged eighty-two 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated. – Captain John Moore, Lieutenant John Montgomery, General Benjamin Tutt, Major __ Earle – affiant states that he enlisted on or about the __ day of __ 1776 or 7 under Captain John Moore for the term of three years or during the war, that he enlisted in York District in the State of South Carolina he was then marched to Seneca Fort on Savannah River where he remained about nine months – the residue of the time he remained in the service he was out as a recruiting Sergeant then about eighteen months after he entered the service he was discharged by Genl. Ben. Tutt in consideration of his having enlisted into the service thirty men or thereabouts – that he still retained his discharge till about eight years ago it was lost and the general ruin and destruction of his house and household furniture which were swept away by a freshet in the River Swannanoa, in the County of Buncombe and State aforesaid.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ R. Love, Clk

S/ Bonner Bird, X his mark

[p 9]

State of North Carolina Haywood County } On this fourth day of April 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Haywood now sitting (Being a court of record) Bonner Bird who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following additional declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That in the year 1776 or 7 from his age and consequent loss of memory he does not recollect which he resided in York District in the State of South Carolina and enlisted on the __ day of __ in that year in the company commanded by Captain John Moore and Lieutenant John Montgomery in the Regiment commanded by Colonel __ name not recollected and nor the Regiment he thinks the 3rd or 5th and Major __ Earle in the

Brigade of General Benjamin Tutt (not Scott) for the term of three years or during the war in said District of York and was to receive thirty dollars & one hundred acres of land bounty was marched from thence to Seneca (not Seven) Fort on Savannah River where the troops to which he was attached were stationed to guard the frontier from the Indians and the settlement from the Tories he remained at said Fort nine months as stated in his former declaration when he was appointed a Sergeant and ordered on the recruiting Service in which he continued nine months and was then Discharged as mentioned in his former Declaration. That he received & kept his discharge until the year fifteen years ago when his house furniture & papers were destroyed that from his age and want of recollection he cannot state the precise time that he was discharged but recollects that it was a few months before the Battle of Stono [Stono Ferry, June 20, 1779]. On being discharged he moved to Halifax Virginia. He was born in Bertie County North Carolina moved from Virginia to Montgomery North Carolina he enlisted among others that he recollects George West,¹ Barney West, Robert West, Shadrach Whit, Richard Whit, Charles Whit² and William Gent he removed to Buncombe NC in the year 1819 or 1820 and nine years ago the 15th of last September his house was washed of [sic, off] by the River when he lost his discharge and all his papers the spring following he moved to Haywood where he now resides owing to his having [undeciphered word or words] so long ago and his never having returned back since he does not know of any person by whom he can prove his Service he thinks it probable that it may be owing to his being discharged before the Regiment was and before the term of his [sic] for which he enlisted expired that his name is not found on the Rolls in the War Department he was not acquainted with any other regular officer that he recollects than those mentioned he knew General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] of the North Carolina Militia and Captain Gideon Falls [sic, mistaken attempt to name Galbraith Falls] of said State and he gave General Rutherford the information that the Tories were embodied at Ramsours Mill [June 20, 1780] the day before the battle at that place he was discharge twelve or eighteen months before that Battle Captain Falls was killed in that Battle he had a record of his age which was lost when his house was destroyed. He is acquainted with Colonel Jacob Smith and John Howell of Heyward County who can testify as to his character for truth and veracity he has known Mr. Howell to upwards of forty years who owing to declarant's being illiterate he frequently got to examine his papers in the course of Business there is no Clergyman with whom he is acquainted that he can produce in Court at this time he resides in the extreme parts of Haywood County, where the pastor of the church to which he belongs resides whose certificate on oath taken before a Justice of the peace will be procured & appended with others declaration declarant being illiterate and from the length of time his great age and consequent loss of memory cannot say with certainty whether he enlisted in the regular or state troops of South Carolina but his impression is that it was the regular service he enlisted in but in this he may be mistaken. This amendment or addition to his former Declaration he upends and prays to be received and taken as part of his said Declaration.

Subscribed & sworn to in open Court

S/ J. T. Chambers, Clerk

S/ Bonner Bird, X his mark

[John Howell and Jacob Smith gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Adam Carn, a clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 34: On November 20th, 1843, the veteran was still alive and living in Haywood County North

¹ This is probably [George West R11338](#)

² [Charles Whit \(Whitt, Witt\) S7889](#)

Carolina where he stated he has been living for the last 50 years.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$75 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private and 9 months service as a Sergeant in the North Carolina militia.]