

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Isaac Bird W1806 Gertrude Bird [NJ]
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For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the act, entitled “An act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution,” approved on the 15th of May, 1828, I, Isaac Bird of Green Township in the county of Sussex in the State of New Jersey do hereby declare, that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued in its service until its termination; at which period, I was a Private in Captain George Handys Company, in Col. [Henry] Lee’s Regiment, of the Virginia Line. And, I also declare, that I afterwards received certificates for the reward of eighty dollars; to which I was entitled, under a resolve of Congress, passed the 15th of May, 1778. that I have Lost my discharge and have no means of obtaining any other Evidence

And I further declare, that I was not, on the fifteenth day of May, 1828, on the Pension List of the United States

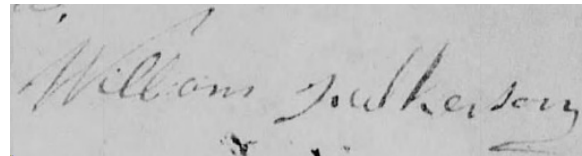
Witness my hand, this seventh day of August, in the year of our Lord 1828 Isaac hisXmark Bird

[The pension application of Jacob Coleman S42140 contains the following additional information about the service of Isaac Bird.]

New Jersey, Somerset County Ss. Personally appeared before me Nicholas Arrosmith, one of the Judges of the inferior Court of Common pleas in and for the said county of Somerset, William Fulkerson [S34362] of the county and state aforesaid who being before me duly Sworn according to law, did upon his oath declare, that he the said Wm. Fulkerson together with Jacob Coleman and Isaac Bird did all at one time in the town of Hackensack in the state of New Jersey inlist, under Major Henry Lee, to serve as Soldiers in the american Revolutionary War for the term of three years or during the war, and they so continued in said service under him the said Maj’r. Lee, during the war, which completed the term of three years service, and was discharged at the Head of Elk [now Elkton MD], or near that, and we three continued in company, after being discharged till we came to near Germantown in New Jersey, then we parted and each went their own way,

This deponant, further states, that he very well knows that that the said Maj’r. Lee with his Infentry and Horse was in the battle of Guilford Court House, the battle of utaw Springs, taken of the English tender in Pede [sic: Pee Dee] River, or rather ashly river [sic: possibly the armed galley *Alligator* on Ashley River in SC, 19 Mar 1782], and was at taken of Scotch Lake fort [Fort Watson SC, 23 Apr 1781]. fort Mott [sic: Fort Motte SC, 12 May 1781]. fort on Congaree [Fort Granby SC, 15 May 1781] from that went and took the fort in Augusta in State of Georgia [Fort Grierson, 23 May 1781] Came back and was at the Seige of fort 96 [Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] together with a number of other incidents – and further this Verily believes that the said Jacob Coleman did his duty as a good and faithfull soldier through out the whole of his three years service or inlistment and was in the before mentioned battles or doing duty elsewhere.

taken sworn, declared and subscribed
before me the 2^d day August AD. 1824



State of New Jersey } Ss Personally appeared before me Robert Thompson one of the Judges of
Sussex County } the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Sussex Isaac Bird
[W1806] and being duly sworn on the holy Evangelist of All mighty God did depose and say that he this deponent was well acquainted with Jacob Coleman & Wiliam Fulkerson and they did all enlist at one time under Major Henry Lee in Hackensak in the State of New Jersey for three years or dury the war of the

amerin revolation that he this deponent served in said war with the affore said Jacob Coleman & Wm Fulkerson for nearly three years that they were at the battle of Guilford Cort House likewise at the taking of an English tender in Pede or rather Ashley River also at the taking Fort Mot on Congaree and a fort in Agustel in the State of Georgia & this deponent further saith that he believes that the said Coleman served as a faithful solder & was discharged together with myself & Wm. Fulkeson at one time

Taken sworn [undeciphered word] and Isaac hisBmark Bird
subscribed before me the 14th day of August 1824

NOTE: On 10 March 1853 Gertrude Bird, 34, applied for a pension stating that at Flanders NJ on 1 Oct 1836 she married Isaac Bird, who died on 10 March 1837. The file includes a copy of the record of the marriage of Isaac Bird and Gertrude L. Emmons. On 10 Sep 1853 she was said to be 33. On an application for bounty land dated 24 March 1855 her age was given as 35, and her maiden name was said to have been Gertrude Lemmens. This application was certified by John Moot and Margaret Lemmens. On 23 Sep 1859 Gertrude Bird was said to be 39.