

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Pleasant Bybee W18687  
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At a Superior Court of Law continued and held for Fluvanna County on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 1818 This day Pleasant Bybee aged sixty years resident of the said County personally appeared in Court and made the following declaration on Oath That he entered the service of the United States as a private soldier in the war of the revolution on or about the [blank] day of [blank] 1778 as well as he recollects that he belonged to a company commanded by Captain Kendall in the ninth Regiment commanded by colonel Richard Parker of the Virginia line and continental establishment that he served as a soldier twelve months or upwards and quit the service in consequence of being discharged which discharge is lost or mislaid and that he is in reduced circumstances and needs the aid of his country for support which fact aforesaid as respects said service was supported by the Testimony of Elijah Humphrey [pension application S38066] a witness sworn in open Court. [Court certification not transcribed.]

Pleasant Bybee in his declaration under the act of March 18 1818, claimed for services of "twelve months & upwards." His name is found on the roll, and was paid depreciation £19.12. . He was probably an 18 mo's man and served that time, yet his declaration will not justify an allowance to be made for more than 12 mo's.

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State of Virginia }  
Fluvanna County } On the twenty fifth day of July one thousand eight hundred and twenty personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said County proceeding according to the course of the common law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount keeping a record of its proceedings and expressly made a Court of record by the laws of the said State Pleasant Bybee aged sixty two years resident in said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: That he entered the service of the United States as a private soldier in the war of the Revolution on or about the [blank] day of [blank] one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight as well as he recollects that he belonged to a company commanded by captain Kendall in the ninth regiment commanded by Colonel Richard Parker of the Virginia line and continental establishment that he served as a soldier twelve months or upwards and quit the service in consequence of being discharged which discharge is lost or mislaid. 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 person 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 and by me subscribed to wit: Five head of Cattle five shoats two sheep three ploughs four hoes two axes two Tables two Chests six Chairs one loom two Iron pots three ovens two skilletts six knives and forks six pewter spoons six barrels or casks half dozen Pewter spoons one basin one Dish one earthen tea Pot one coffee pot seventy acres of Land one Pale and one piggin. The said declarant states that he is by occupation a farmer which he is illy able to pursue by reason of age and infirmity – his family consists of a wife aged about sixty two years and a small girl related to the family aged about ten years neither of whom are able in but a small degree to contribute to their support. And the said declarant further states that the number of his original Certificate is fifteen thousand eight hundred and ninety nine.

Pleasant hisXmark Bybee

At a Court of monthly session held for Fluvanna county on Monday the 22<sup>d</sup> day of December 1823.

Pleasant Bybee, who was heretofore inscribed on the Pension List Roll of the Virginia Agency at the rate of Eight dollars per month commencing on the twenty seventh day of May one thousand eight hundred and eighteen under a Law of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 as a private in the army of the Revolution, agreeable to a Certificate from the War Department dated the twenty seventh day of November, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, and numbered fifteen thousand eight hundred and ninety nine: and having heretofore rendered a Schedule of his property, and was thereafter stricken from the said Pension List at the Office of Department of War upon a Schedule of his property being rendered, This day came into court and made oath that since his former Schedule was rendered he has become much more reduced in his circumstances than he then was; that some of the property of which he was then possessed (being of a perishable nature) has died, in consequence of his not being able to feed them, that other part thereof to wit the Land contained in his said Schedule especially he has been compelled to dispose of to pay his just and bona fide debts: and thereupon rendered, under his hand, the following as a Schedule of all the estate of which he is now possed to wit: "one mare, three heifers, one Ewe and one Lamb, one pot, one oven, one skillet, one kettle, two axes, one mattock, on cary plough, one coalter, three hilling hoes, one flare wheel (out of repair) one cotton spinning wheel and one Loom.

(signed) Pleasant hisXmark Bybee

[The same oath as in the preceding declaration.]

and further that he is rendered by age and infirmity more unable to support himself than he formerly was, that his family consists of a wife as stated in his former Schedule, and a small girl who lives with him, who is a relation of his said wife and is a poor orphan. That he is in consequence of being afflicted with pains of the rheumatic kind often confined to his bed so as to be unable even to make himself a fire, is entirely unable to gain a subsistance by his own labour and therefore needs assistance for support

NOTES:

In the file is a 17 Dec 1823 deed from Pleasant and Mildred Bybee and William and Sarah Bybee of Albemarle County conveying 70 acres of land on Little Byrd Creek in Fluvanna County to Sherwood Bybee of the same county. In a document dated 23 Aug 1824 several persons, including Thomas Preddy, stated that debts owed to them by Pleasant Bybee had been paid by Sherwood Bybee.

On 23 Nov 1840 Mildred Bybee, 81, applied for a pension stating that she married Pleasant Bybee on or about 3 Sep 1789, and he died 16 July 1835. The file contains a copy of a bond signed on 3 Sep 1789 by Pleasant Bybee and William Preddy, Jr. for the marriage of Bybee to Mildred Preddy.