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Pension Application of Bartholomew Cyrus W25467 Phebe Cyrus VA
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Virginia

At a Superior court of Law held for Buckingham county on Monday the twentieth day of April 1818

Bartholomew Cyrus a resident of this county appeared in court and made oath that in September 1777 in the county of Chesterfield he enlisted in the company commanded by Capt James Harris in the service of the United States, and sometime thereafter joined the American Army in the ensuing spring at the Valley Forge the 15th regiment commanded by Colo. Mason [David Mason VAS506] of General Woodfords [William Woodford] brigade; That he was in the battle of Monmouth the next summer [28 Jun 1778] and acted as drummer. The ensuing winter the army took their winter quarters at Middlebrooke [sic: Middlebrook NJ], and he then enlisted [for] during the war. He was sometimes attached to Colo Russells [William Russell BLWt1849-500] regiment, sometime after joined the regiment of Colo. Richard Campbell [BLWt347-450], was in the battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] and Eutaw [Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781], at Ninety Six [Siege of Ninety-Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781], and Campden [sic: Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781], and continued to serve faithfully to the end of the revolutionary war, and then obtained an honourable discharge from the company of Capt. Kilpatrick of the Second Virginia regiment near Winchester under the command of Gen'l Mughlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg BLWt1495-850] in July 1783, to the best of his recollection. He further states that he is in reduced circumstances and needs the aid of his country for support, and that he has no other evidence now in his power in relation to his services and discharge. [The court certification states that Cyrus was apparently "about 60 years of age."]

Virginia.

At a Superior court of Law continued and held for Buckingham county at the courthouse on Wednesday the 20 day of September 1820.

On the 20 day of September 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Virginia Bartholomew Cyrus aged upwards of sixty years, being a resident of the said county of Buckingham in the s'd circuit who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows. That in September 1777 in the county of Chesterfield he enlisted in the company commanded by Capt James Harris in the service of the United States & sometime thereafter joined the American army in the ensuing winter at the Valley forge the 15 Regiment commanded by Colo. Mason of Gen'l. Woodfords brigade, that he was in the battle of Monmoth the next summer and acted as a drummer. The ensuing winter the army took their ["winter" evidently not legible in the original copy] quarters at Middlebrook, and he there enlisted during the war. He was sometime attached to Colo. Russells regiment, some time after joined Colo. Richard Campbells, was in the battle of Guilford and Eutaw, and Campdan, and continued to serve faithfully to the end of the revolutionary war and then obtained an honourable discharge from the company of Capt Kilpatrick of the second Virginia regiment near Winchester under the command of Mughlenburg in July 1783 to the best of his recollection, he further states that his original declaration was dated the [blank] day of April in the year 1818, that he has received a pension by virtue of a warrant numbered 6790 — I Bartholomew Cyrus do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 18th 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.

One Cow, worth about . . \$2
2 beds \$25
1 small hog \$1

Bartholomew Cyrus

And the said Bartholomew Cyrus further declares upon oath that he is by occupation a farmer, that he is old and unable to labour for a support having lost the use of one hand by the bursting of a gun, that his wife Salley is living with him who is very old and unable to support herself by labour being much afflicted – he has no other person residing in his family except Salley Fretwell a small girl about the age of nine years, who cannot support herself by labour.

Nov. 21st 1821 Buckingham Cty.

Honorable presedent and secetary of war belonging to the united states I wish to inform you of my sufferance in the revolutionary war I inlisted in the year 1776 I went from Cherterfield County under Capt. James Harris a three year Soldier then inlisted some time after that for during the war I belonged to the 15 Virginia Ridgment General Woodfords brigade near Philadelphia at valy forge next summer we fought at monmouth the year following our brigade was sent off to Charlestown [Charleston] South Carrolina there almost all were taken prisoners by the British [12 May 1780] then General Green took command of us [sic: Nathanael Greene, 3 Dec 1780] and the first battle was at Gilford Courthouse the next [sic] at eutawsprings and a number of lives were lost on both sides we lay at ninety six siege near 1 month scarcely 1 hour in the night but firing like claps of thunder many days we could not get any thing to eat 40\$ was cried through the camp for 1 hoecake of bread and it could not be got we were like hogs that had been wallowing when we came out of the intrenchment the next siege was at camblain near 1 month and we suffered very much there and a great many dserted and would not stand the sufferance I was never absent one day without liberty. I was discharged in the year 1783 July the 6 day at winchester barracks under the command of General neulinburg Capt. kirk partrick was my Capt. I served during this time without ever being confined or one lick [lash of the whip] which few can say in truth sir look at your records and you'll find this to be truth Sir I have received three draws from the pension you bestowed us then I sent my Schedule and have got no return from it proved before judge Daniel I am upon sufferance I have had the misfortune a few years since to loose one of my hands by a gun bursting and am troubled at times with reumatic pains and my wife worse off than myself I am going on 64 years of age and my wife is near 70 years of age I was a poor boy had nothing but my shirt and pantaloons when I went in to the army. I think it hard for me to suffer now after doing as much for my country as I have and without your assistance am oblige to go to the poor house and I had almost rather died I thank you for what you have done with more thanks than my lips can express and would freely down with my nees for assistance no more at present but your well wishing friend

Bartholomew Cyrus

I would be thankful to you to let me know at Oakville post office Buckingham County what I am to depend on

Bartholomew Cyrus.

N.B. Sir I received your letter that you sent to Mr Joseph Dilliard and the form to draw my schedule by I got one by it and went to the clark, and he would not record it because there was one sent before lately I have had one copied from the record by the clark and sent on which I have got no account of yet I am sir you most obedient servant

Bartholomew Cyrus

BOUNTY LANDS

FOR REVOLUTIONARY SERVICES—INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION.

STATE OF Virginia } SS.

County of Buckingham }

I, Bartholomew Cyrus aged Seventy Three years, do, upon oath, testify and declare, that about or in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven I enlisted or entered the service as a Regular for the term of “during the war,” in the 15th Va regiment, commanded by Col. Mason and afterwards served in 1st & 2nd Va regiment under the command of Colonel Gaskins [Thomas Gaskins BLWt867-450] & afterwards by Colo Campbell and that I continued in the service aforesaid until the close of the war, when I was regularly discharged from the 2nd Va regiment, commanded by Colonel Woodford of the Virginia line; and when I was Discharged at the end of the war I obtained a regular discharge, written discharge I deliver’d to Mr David Booth, for the purpose of Getting my due from Government and have never been able to obtain it since.

[22 Jan 1829]

[The following is from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

To his Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

The Memorial of Bartholomew Cyrus of Prince Edward County Virginia, late a soldier and Drummer of the State line of Virginia on Continental establishment in the war of the Revolution: Respectfully sheweth:

That he enlisted in the month of September, 1776, under Capt James Harris for the term of three years, and was attached to the 15th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, commanded by Col Mason: That he served the said term of three years faithfully, and was regularly discharged from service. That, afterwards, he enlisted under Capt. Booker [possibly Samuel Booker BLWt315-300] to serve for and during the war of the Revolution, and was attached to the 1st Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, commanded by Col Gaskins & Col Woods. He served faithfully in the said Regiment untill the 6th day of July, 1783, at which time he was honorably discharged from service, at Winchester Barracks. All of which will more readily appear by reference to the accompanying certificates, herewith filed. That he retained from many years after the close of the war, his said discharges, which have since been unfortunately lost or mislaid.

Your Memorialist further states, that he has only received Two hundred acres of Bounty Land from the state of Virginia, on account of his enlistment and service “for and during the war;” and that he has received no compensation, or allowance of Land Bounty for the first enlistment and service of the term of “Three years.”

Your Memorialist, therefore, humbly pray, that the Executive Department will grant him the quantity of land allowed a soldier of the State line of Virginia on continental establishment, for a service of three years; pursuant to the laws of Virginia in such case made and provided. And as in duty bound, shall ever pray &c

Witness/ James [illegible]

Bartholomew hisXmark Cyrus

[Campbell County 4 Nov 1837]

NOTES:

This may be the same soldier as Bartholomew Cuyrus VAS3248.

On 5 Apr 1855 Bartholomew Cyrus, 97, of Appomattox County VA applied again for bounty land for his services as a Private and Sergeant.

On 6 Sep 1855 Phebe Cyrus, 61, of Appomattox County applied for bounty land for herself and back pay for her late husband on the grounds that he had been a Sergeant part of the time during his service. She stated that she married Bartholomew Cyrus in Campbell County on 22 Jan 1833, and he died

in Appomattox County on 11 July 1855.

On 29 Dec 1865 Phebe Cyrus applied for the restoration of her pension, which had been suspended during the Civil War. She was unable to return the old pension certificate, because it was “destroyed by being in a house between the lines of the two armies while engaged.” William W. C. Durrum deposed that Phebe Cyrus had given him the original pension certificate to keep in his house, and during the Battle of Appomattox Courthouse “it was destroyed or taken off by the soldiery.” She stated that she had resided in Appomattox Courthouse during the Civil War, when her means of subsistence had been “a small remnant of her pension fund and then she was supported by her relations and friends, except a small allowance from the pauper fund from the Overseers of the Poor of Appomattox County.” The file contains the Amnesty Oath signed with her mark.