Pension Application of John Byrne S35808
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

I John Byrne in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed on the 18th day of March 1818, entitled “an Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” do make this my declaration as follows: I am a citizen of the United States, resident in Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, aged sixty seven years; I am in reduced circumstances in life, and in need of assistance from my country for support; I was a Soldier in the Revolutionary War, and enlisted in January 1777, in the Company [raised in Fairfax County VA] of Captain Thomas West of the sixth Virginia regiment, on the Continental establishment in the Virginia line, and served out my time of enlistment of three years, until some time in the year of 1780, when, being left sick in Philadelphia, I had not an opportunity of obtaining a regular discharge; during my said service I was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], and Germantown [4 Oct 1777], and was at the taking of Stony Point under Gen’l. Wayne [Stony Point NY, 16 Jul 1779, under Gen. Anthony Wayne]; I have no other evidence now in my power to offer of my said services, except the annexed affidavit, and I have never received any pension for the gen’l. or any State Goverment

Virginia  Fairfax County to wit.

Personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid John Powell, and made Oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that John Burnes served in the Revolutionary War in the Sixth Virginia Regiment, Commanded by Colo. John Green for three years to wit, for the years 1777 1778 and 1779 that he was enlisted by Cap. Thomas West, and served the above time as a good and faithfull Soldier – Given under my hand this 19th day of March 1818

District of Columbia  SS.

On this sixteenth day of October 1820, personally appeared, in open court, being a court of record for the said district John Byrne aged sixty five years, resident in George Town [Georgetown] in said district, who, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: in the Tenth regiment of the Virginia line under the Command of Col. Edward Stevens and as a private of Captain West’s Company
And I 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. I do further swear that I was placed on the pension list as a private under the law of the 18th of March 1818 as will appear by my Certificate of the 25 day of March 1818

My Real property none – personal property none mixed none
by profession a weaver but from age & infirmity unable to obtain a living thereby & that I am in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support myself without the assistance of my Country

John hisXmark Byrne
NOTE: The file includes a declaration by John Byrne dated 23 March 1818 that has vertical lines drawn through it. It states that he served in the brigade commanded first by Gen. George Weedon, then by Gen. Peter Muhlenberg.