

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Bly S37780

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Virginia Sc

On this 25th day of May 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges for the general Court of Virginia personally appears John Bly aged 64 years, resident in the County of Shenandoah Virginia who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of congress entitled "an act to provide for certain personas engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war," that he the said John By in Feb'y 1776 in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Jonathan Clark 8th Virg'a Reg't. Mullenburgh [sic: Regiment commanded by Col. Peter Muhlenberg]. That he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States untill the year 1778 when he was discharged from service at the Valley forge state of Pennsylvania that he was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] & German Town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777] and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of his country for support and that he has not other evidence now in his power of his said services except the affidavit enclosed

Virginia Sc Shenandoah County

Colo Jacob Rinker made oath before me Hugh Holmes a Judge of the General Court that he was a Lieut in the 8th Virginia Regiment commanded by Peter Mughlenburg, that he belonged to Capt'n. Jonathan Clarks Company and knows that Geo Clower [pension application S39323], Joachim Fetzer [S39518] and John Bly were soldiers in said Comp'y. and Regiment which was placed on Continental establishment. that the said Bly, Fetzer and Clower the Affiant knows served more than nine months inasmuch as he served with them and moreover is well acquainted with their characters and can say that they are reputed men of Veracity and integrity & are poor - he affiant further adds that he has the roll of said comp'y on which these mens names are but he requires not that as a memorandum to refresh his memory for he well recollects their services and knows them to have been good and faithful soldiers Given under my hand this 24th day of May 1819

[Bly's application was also certified by Philip Barr, pension application S37725.]

Shenandoah County Virginia

On this 8th day of January 1821 personally appeared in open court being a Court of record for the said County, John Bly aged 64 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. In the Regiment commanded by Colonel Muhlenburg in the Company commanded by Capt. Clarke in the line of the state of Virginia on the continental Establishment from the month of February in the year 1776 untill the month of March 1778 inclusive. And that he hath already made a declaration of the same bearing date on the 25th of May in the year 1818 and hath now in his possession a certificate of his being inscribed on the Pension List, Roll of the Connecticut [sic] Agency which Certificate is numbered 12.552

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 persons 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 table, a chest, four split bottomed chairs, a kettle, two dutch Ovens, a frying pan, a set of plates, a set of knives and forks, a set of spoons, a set of cups and saucers a wool wheel and flax wheel, a set of Carpenters tools and one rifle gun.

I am a Carpenter but thro' the infirmities incident to old age I am not able to work at my trade as in time past and in the heavy or most laborious part of the Work can do but little. My family consists of my wife Barbara Bly aged 46 year three sons Jonathan Bly aged 18 years, Levi Bly aged 14 years & Samuel Bly aged 6 years and two daughters Mary Bly aged 12 years and Dorothy Bly aged 10 years. They are all healthy and the oldest son is learning my trade by working with me.

John Bly