

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lawrence Byrum S9125

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State of North Carolina, Cumberland County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions September Term 1832

On this the 4th of September A.D. 1832 Personally appeared in open Court before the Court now sitting Lawrence Byrum aged about Seventy three and after being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That he is now a citizen of Cumberland County. That in May 15th, 1776 being then a citizen of Granville County in this State he enlisted in the Continental line in a troop of Horse commanded by Captain John Dickerson, under the command of Colonel Nash [Francis Nash] and General Moore [James Moore] and attached to the sixth Regiment of Foot – that they marched from Granville to Wilmington and from thence to Brunswick in Cape Fear where they remained one summer – that in the fall they marched to Charleston in South Carolina, staid there until sometime in March 1777 – they marched from there through Halifax in this State, then through Petersburg and Richmond in Virginia to Georgetown where they went through the smallpox – he was then under the command of Captain Samuel Ashe, who took the Captaincy from Dickerson who resigned at Halifax – they then marched to Baltimore and from there on to Philadelphia – and joined the Regular Army at a place called the Valley Forge – under the Command of General Washington. He then marched to Germantown [October 4, 1777] and was present at the attack upon the Royal Army at that place – as well as this affiant recollects he was in the Corps or reserve under Lord Stirling [William Alexander] and General Nash [Francis Nash] and that battle General Nash was killed, the third day he thinks Nash, died, and this affiant assisted in his burial-- near a place called Penny Baker's mills, and from there he marched to Walnut Ridge, where he was detached under "Pulaski" to the floating Bridge over Schuylkill, to dislodge a party of Hessians, in order to Release the Soldiers at Mud Island Fort – after that he went to Fork Ford where he remained sometime and was there when the Battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] was fought – and marched to Fort Pitt – and continued there until his discharge in 1778 by General McIntosh [Lachlan McIntosh] of Georgia and Captain Samuel Ashe -- his Captain-- he then returned home – And then volunteered in the County Light horse of Granville, and continued also known, until Lord Cornwallis was taken at York [October 17, 1781]. He served in the Regular Army about two years and a half and in the state troops three months.

=In the State of Virginia, Surry County as he is told he was born but raised in North Carolina and was born the 15th of November 1759.

= The record of his age is on a piece of paper given him by his parents.

=Lived in Granville County, when called into service and lived there until about 17 93 – when he left and has resided in Moore, Chatham and Cumberland ever since, and now resides in Cumberland.

=He enlisted in the Regular Army – and volunteered in the State troop.

=He knew Generals Washington-- Nash – Greene, Morgan, Pulaski – DeKalb, Lafayette – Lord Stirling

= His first discharge was signed by General McIntosh and Captain Ashe – which discharge is in the

Land office of this State.

= the second was signed by one Captain Kidd – and that he now has in possession – but did not know it was necessary to forward it.

= That all the documentary evidence of service he has was a warrant for 228 acres of Land – No. 202 lying on Red River in Tennessee

There is no Clergyman from whom I can obtain the necessary certificate – but the sends the certificate of the service and his character under the of the Court of the County of Chatham. His neighbors John King, Richard Huckabee can testify as to his character for truth.

He hereby relinquishes all claim for a pension or annuity except the Present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the year and day aforesaid.

S/ Law^{re} Byrum

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lawrence Byrum". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

S/ D. McDiarmid, Clk

[John King & Richard Huckabee gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do certify that it appears from the Warrant book in this Office that Lawrence Byrum a private Soldier of the revolutionary war, obtained a Warrant for 228 Acres of land for his services in the line of this State in the war aforesaid on the 24th day of October 1783, it being the quantity of Acres allowed by law for two and a half years services, and that the said Warrant was issued at the time when all such Warrants were issued on certificates of Field Officers.

Given under my hand this 16th day of April 1833

S/ Wm Hill

State of North Carolina Chatham County: This day Jacob Byrum personally appeared before us George Luther and Thomas Ragland two of the Acting Justices of the Peace in and for said County and after being sworn in due form of law deposeth and saith as follows (to wit)

Question are you acquainted with Lawrence Byrum

Answer yes I am we were Raised together

Question were you acquainted with him before and during the Revolutionary war

Answer I was

Do you know of your own knowledge that he Lawrence Byrum Enlisted as a Soldier and served in the Army during the Revolutionary war

Answer I do know that he enlisted and served two years and a half in the Continental Army in the cavalry and I saw his discharge after he returned home.

Question do you know in whose Company he Lawrence Byrum enlisted in

Answer he enlisted under Capt. John Dickerson and after Dickerson resigned Capt. Samuel Ashe took the command and he served under him to the end of his Term of Enlistment


Question Do you know of your own knowledge that Lawrence Byrum who is now present is the identical man that you have testified to in the above Deposition

Answer I do know him to be the same man

And further this deponent saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed before us this 15th day of October 1831

S/ Jacob Byrum¹

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jacob Byrum". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Jacob Byrum¹".

[Veteran pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service for 2 years as a private of the cavalry in the service of North Carolina.]

¹ [Jacob Byrum S4983](#)