

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hardy Bird W18597

Jerusha

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State of North Carolina Johnston County

On this 8th day of September 1842 personally appeared before the Subscriber one of the Justices of the peace in and for said County, Mrs. Jerusha Bird widow of Hardy Bird deceased resident of Johnston County aged 88 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed the 4th of July 1836 that she is the widow of Hardy Bird deceased who was a soldier of the Revolutionary War that her husband the said Hardy Bird enlisted in the Army of the United States during the Revolutionary War in the year 1777 and served in the Continental Army under Captain Shepherd. She further declares that she was married to her late husband the aforesaid Hardy Bird in the County of Johnston State of North Carolina by Lewis Cardell a preacher of the Gospel in the month of April 1776 the time of her marriage is readily ascertained by her from the fact that her husband the said Bird enlisted in the Army the next summer twelve months after they were married and also from the fact that her oldest child Pught Bird was born only a short time before her husband left home to join the Army that her husband the aforesaid Hardy Bird died in the County of Johnston State of North Carolina in the year 1825 aged 75 years and was known and believed by all who were acquainted with him to have been a soldier of the Revolutionary War and to have served as she has herein stated and that she has remained a widow ever since as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed.

S/ Jerusha Bird, X her mark

State of North Carolina Johnston County

On this 9th Day of September 1843 personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Lemuel Lee<sup>1</sup> aged 90 years who being duly sworn according to law doth upon his oath make the following affidavit

This affiant testifies and says that he has been well acquainted with Mrs. Jerusha Bird and her late husband Hardy Bird deceased for the last eighty years late of Johnston County who was a Soldier of the Revolutionary War that I lived in the same neighborhood and was present when

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<sup>1</sup> [Lemuel Lee R6253](#)

they were married about year in the year 1776 and they lived together as man and wife up to his death. I also know he was in the War of the Revolution. I was a soldier and served a few months with him in Captain Sheppard's Company I believe he died about the year 1825 and Mrs. Jerusha Bird has lived a widow ever since. This affiant has a perfect Recollection of the aforesaid Hardy Bird and his marriage and death as set forth by Mrs. Jerusha Bird his widow he enlisted in Johnston County where he lived and died.

S/ Lemuel Lee

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written  
S/ J. G. Gully, JP

[fn p. 7: copy of a marriage bond issued to Hardy Byrd and William Reals in Johnston County North Carolina on April 2, 1776 to secure the marriage of Hardy Bird to Jerusha Durpree [?].]

State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State, that Hardy Bird a private Soldier in Captain Shepard's Company of the 10th Regiment in said line, enlisted on the 23rd day of July 1777 for 3 years, and that he was a prisoner 1st June 1779, mustered again in November 1779.

Given under my hand this 20th day of September 1843  
S/ Wm Hill

[Widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for the two-years of service rendered by her husband as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]