

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Byrd (Bird) W8183

Nancy

fn78NC

Transcribed by Will Graves

10/20/10

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Also, the handwriting of the original scribes often lends itself to varying interpretations. Users of this database are urged to view the original and to make their own decision as to how to decipher what the original scribe actually wrote. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. Folks are free to make non-commercial use this transcript in any manner they may see fit, but please extend the courtesy of acknowledging the transcriber—besides, if it turns out the transcript contains mistakes, the resulting embarrassment will fall on the transcriber. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. I welcome and encourage folks to call those and any other errors to my attention.]

State of North Carolina Orange County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term A.D. 1837

On this the 31st day of August 1837, personally appeared before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions, now sitting for the County aforesaid, Nancy Byrd, of the aforesaid County about 65 years of age (widow of Thomas Byrd, Deceased of the aforesaid County) who being first duly qualified according to law maketh on oath the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

This Declarant stateth upon her said oath that she has [words obliterated] to believe and does believe that her deceased husband [words obliterated] Byrd, aforesaid, did serve the United States in the [words obliterated] the Revolution nine months as herein after set forth.

[Word or words obliterated] Declarant remembers of hearing her deceased husband Thomas Byrd aforesaid, say that he served a tour of three months as private of Dragoons in Captain Elliott's Company and that said three months expired a little while before the battle at Guilford Court house, and thinks that she has heard her deceased husband say he was regularly discharged in the Town of Hillsboro after having served out his tour of three months in said Company, but as to his receiving a discharge for this tour [she] does not distinctly remember what her husband said.

2. This Declarant further sets forth upon her said oath that she has reason to believe and does believe that her husband the aforesaid as private of Dragoons, did serve a tour of three months duty in the United States service under Major McClary, and was in the Battle at the Eutaw Springs. That said tour this Declarant thinks she has heard her husband aforesaid say commenced sometime in the summer before the battle of Eutaw Springs. That she remembers of seeing a Discharge from Major McClary for the tour but does not now know anything of it; – This tour this declarant however proves by the affidavit [of] James Dollor¹ of Chatham County, which affidavit is hereunto annexed.

3. This Declarant further stateth upon her said oath, that she has reason to believe and does believe that her deceased husband aforesaid, did in the year of 1782 serve a three months tour of duty as private of Infantry in a Company of Militia under command of ___ Captain, which

¹ Sic, [James Dollar W25535](#)

company was stationed in the Town of Hillsboro and whose duty it was to guard said Town – one Taylor she thinks she has heard her husband say was Colonel of the troops stationed to guard said town. This tour this Declarant proves an affidavit of William Moore Esquire of the aforesaid County whose affidavit is hereunto annexed.

This Declarant distinctly remembers of her husband's having a discharge for this tour of duty signed by Colonel Taylor, which discharge are now all lost were misplaced – That her husband emigrated to this County from the State of Pennsylvania when quite a youth.

That he was living in Orange aforesaid during the war of the Revolution – that he lived in this County till his death.

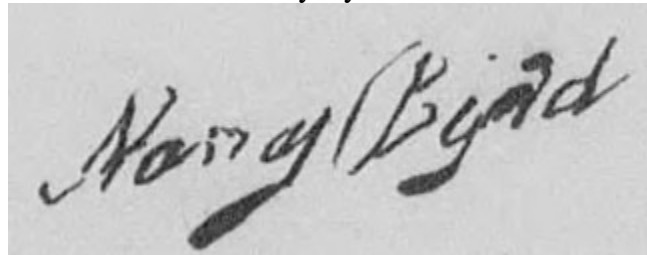
That he was known in his neighborhood to Colonel James Graham, William Hamilton Esquire who can testify as to their belief of the Revolutionary Services of the said Thomas Byrd, Deceased.

This Declarant (on behalf of her deceased husband) hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that the name of her husband aforesaid is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State that she knows of.

Sworn & subscribed the day & date first above written.

Test: S/ J. Taylor, CC

S/ Nancy Byrd

A black and white photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "Nancy Byrd". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[fn p. 15]

State of North Carolina Orange County

On this the 19th day of November 1837 personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, Nancy Byrd, of Orange aforesaid, widow of Thomas Byrd (Deceased) who being first duly qualified according to law maketh oath, that her Husband Thomas Byrd, aforesaid, died on the 13th day of May 1835, and that previous to his death, he had attended the County Courts at Hillsboro as many as two or three times, for the purpose of establishing his claim to a pension, under act of June, 1832, and that the last time that he went to Court for the purpose of fixing his pension, was in February 1835, when he learned that Jonathan Dollor,² by whom he expected to prove his service in part was dead. There were some other persons her deceased husband mentioned had recently died who was in the service with him & by whom he expected to have established his service at that Court – Before the next County Court my husband died – Within the last 12 or 18 months, I have understood that James Dollar of Chatham County and William Moore Esquire of Orange, each, was in the Service in the War of the Revolution, with my deceased husband, & this evidence was accordingly taken and forwarded with this Declarant's Declaration, which he made at the last August Court.

Sworn & subscribed the day & date first above written, before me

S/ Thomas Lynch, JP

S/ Nancy Byrd

² Sic, [Jonathan Dollar S9330](#)

[fn p. 22]

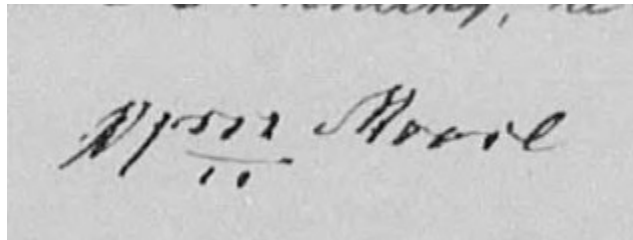
State of North Carolina Orange County: SS

On this the 28th day of July 1837, personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in & for the County aforesaid, William Moore Esquire a resident of the aforesaid County, aged 72 years, who being first duly qualified according to law maketh oath, that in the spring of 1782, he served as private in the militia in Captain Douglas' Company a three months tour of duty in the United States Service, and served part of the time in the town of Hillsboro in the County aforesaid, remembers the fact that Thomas Byrd (Deceased) of the aforesaid County was a private in a three months tour in guarding said Town. The company to which said Thomas Byrd was attached, this affiant does not now remember, but that he served three months, he remembers.

Sworn and subscribed this the 28th day of July 1837 before me.

S/ W. Montgomery, JP

S/ Wm Moore

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "Wm Moore". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

[fn p. 24]

State of North Carolina Orange County: SS

On this the 29th day of September 1836 personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid James Dollar a resident citizen of Chatham County, about 74 years of age who being first duly qualified according to law maketh oath that he served a three months tour in the militia in the United States service in 1781 and was in the battle at Eutaws [sic, Eutaw Springs]; and in that Tour saw Thomas Byrd of Orange in the service as a Dragoon and that said Byrd served all of said tour as a Dragoon with us under Major McClary and this deponent in conclusion says that the said Thomas Byrd was esteemed a good Whig, and is a man of truth and veracity.

Sworn & subscribed the day and date aforesaid before me

S/ J. W. McGee, JP

S/ James Dollar, X his mark

[fn p. 9: on December 1, 1855 in Alamance County, NC, Nancy Byrd, 87, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Thomas Byrd; she states that she married him December 23, 1824 in Orange County North Carolina; that her maiden name was Nancy Hamilton; that her husband died May 13, 1835 and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 10: On December one, 1855 in Alamance County North Carolina, Catherine Pickett and Thomas Byrd, Junior gave testimony that they were present at the marriage of Thomas bird to Nancy Hamilton on December 23, 1824 before the Reverend Thomas Reeves and that Thomas bird died May 13, 1835.]

[Veteran's widow was awarded the pension of \$35 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 up to May 13, 1835 the date of her husband's death for his six months service as a private in the

North Carolina cavalry and three months service in the North Carolina infantry; thereafter, she was awarded a pension in her own right as his widow.]

[fn p. 78: the Bounty Land Warrant Record Card of Thomas bird, a private in the Virginia line who was awarded a warrant Number 11952 whereby he acquired 100 acres of land issued July 7, 1792 to Robert Means, assignee, is erroneously included in this file.]