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Bird, John

S. 10372

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Let to h. and June 20. 1839
James persons 23 Oct 1839

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~~Alabama~~
John Bird

Dale Co. in the State of Alabama
who was a private in the Company commanded
by Captain Greene of the regt. commanded
by Goodwin in the S. Carolina
line for seven months

Enrolled on the Roll of Alabama
at the rate of 23 Dollars 33 Cents per annum
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 10th day of Jan'y
1837 and sent to George
Parker Tallahassee Florida

Amount to the 1st of Decr 1836 \$ 128.33
Pension allowance ending 4 Mo 31 11.66

\$ 140.00

{ Provisionary Claim, }
{ Act June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by Wm. H. Allison Clerk
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State of Alabama } personally appeared before me
Pale County } William Harper Judge of the
County Court of Pale County John Bird of the State
and County aforesaid and being duly sworn
according to Law saith on oath that he is of the
age of seventy nine years and does on his oath
make the following declaration in order to obtain
~~the benefit~~ the benefit of the provisions made by the
act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832 that he volunteered
in the service of the United States under the command
of Capt John Graves Lieutenant Colonel Joseph
Cinklen and General Andrew Williamson.
I was then living in the State of South Carolina
Camden District when I volunteered under the
above named officers I was marched from the above
named Dist. to a place called the Dutch fork
between Broad river and Saluda and encamped
at a Dutchmans house whose name was Kamsawers
at the place we joined Gen. Williamson
then Williamson marched us down the river to attack
Governor Wrights plantation and while
we was stationed here the sun was totally
eclipsed from this place we was marched
into the State of Georgia to fort McIntosh near
the Sea shore then we was marched for Augustine
and on our March probably on the third
day we come to Burnt footed browns encampment
where the said Brown commanded
the Tories Indians Negroes and British
here we had a battle and our troops gave ground
till we were reinforced and then we drove the
enemy behind their breast works General Clark
was wounded and lost his horse and horse
The next morning we was sent to take the
Breast works and Brown and his men was gone
this place we called Kettle Creek as there was
the largest Kettle there I then saw Gen. Williamson
ordered us to turne back on our return we

serve: I have no record of my age at this time I left it
in South Carolina Comdn District in the possession of William
Caseri; I received a discharge and it was sent by Colonel
Bunklin I received this discharge & purchasing I amal Linkhorn
refused to send it as he wished to keep us and send us to
a place called The Devils Elbow He said discharge I sent
since I have been living in Dale County I no of no living
witness whereby I can prove my service in the revolutionary
war; he hereby relinquishes every claim what so ever to a
pension or an annuity except the present and he declares
that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency
in any state sworn to and subscribed this the 8 day of
November 1833 before me William Barker John B Byrd

and the said Court do hereby declare their opinion that
the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier
and served as he states

Attest, Asa Alexander Clerk
We Dempsey Newling and Abraham Warren Clergomen
residing and being in the County of Dale do hereby Certify that
we are well acquainted with John Byrd who has subscribed
and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him
to be of the age of seventy three years that he is reputed
and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to
have been a soldier of the revolution and we concur in
that opinion sworn to and subscribed this the 8 day of
November 1833

J. m. Byrd. Dated 11/02/33

before me William Barker John B Byrd
The State of Alabama,
Dale County

I, Asa Alexander Clerk of the
County Court of the County and State aforesaid do hereby
certify that the foregoing confirming the original
proceedings of the said Court in the matter of the
application of John Byrd for a pension

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and
private seal this being no seal of office this 8th day
of November A.D. 1833 and I sh. appear of American
Independence

Asa Alexander Clerk
Seal

which I done But when we arrived at the creek Sumpter
and his army had left there about midday so we pursued
after him and over took at Graversy Ford on the
Water re River here Sumpter received information
that Gales was defeated and at this place turned his
army back we then was marched up the river
above the mouth of Rocky Creek at this place
the British dragons fell up on Sumpter and
his army and defeated us while I was in this Battle
I swam the river on my horse and made my
way to the Warsaw Settlements in ^{South} Carolina
Some time after this I returned home at Camden
District in the West place I was called out under
the Command of Corkin or Colonel Gooden and we was
marched for the Utaw Springs in the Battle at
this place I was left to guide the baggage Waggons
which we turn d back some distance for safety
I then served for short periods under different commands
and had many skirmishes with the Tories too
tedious to mention I have forgotten to mention
in my declaration before this that I was in the
Battle at Stone in South Carolina in this Battle
the British gave ground and we took their artillery
then they were reinforced from their ships
and retook the artillery from us the British
then took the advantage of the night and went
off I also was in the Battle at a place called
Rocky mount at this Battle Capt Whitaker
was killed I have served not less than
one year and nine months with the except
tion of the above named services I do not
recollect I was home in the year 1754 in the
State of North Carolina Dupler County my stepfather
carried me into the State of South Carolina while
I was a Boy Camden District here I lived to the
end of the war after the war I lived in Edgfield
District South Carolina from there to the State of
Georgia and what was then called Montgomery County
from there into the State of Alabama Dale County where I now

Burnt our Waggon. After we passed Fort Clinch
I served at this time four months. Secondly I
volunteered under the Command of Capt Graves
and we rendezvoused near the high hills of Santa
here we were Commanded by Sumpter and Post and
and Frederick Humbert from the place we were
marched to a place by the name of Dodgerston
a small Chick village here the Northern troops
found us and they gave them horse beef to eat
from this place I was marched within six miles
of Charleston at a place called the Quanten
House from this place I was marched ^{to a place} called
Prisonsburg near savanna we then was marched
on the way to the mouth of Breck Creek by the order
of General Sunkhento Dore the Northern troops
at the battle at the mouth of Breck creek
here General Ash was defeated our troops were
on the other side of the River from them in the
time of the battle after this defeat we returned
home in this town I served six months
Thirdly I was drafted and ~~and~~ went under the
Command of Capt Graves we then was marched
to the state of Georgia at the town of Augusta
after we arrived there we was stationed on
a high hill called Perdues hill on the East
side of savanna River at the mouth of a
creek called Horse creek was Commanded Colonel
Corklin within a very short time after we arrived
here the Siege of Augusta commenced and was
retaken by our troops at this time Burnt
footed Brown Commanded the Tories at Augusta
then we returned home at this time I served
one month
Gates and his army was marching for Camden
on the East side of the water or River
and General Sumpter was marching down
on the other side of the said River for Camden
and General Sumpter sent a express to
me to take the name of Every good man
and take them with me and meet them at the
at the mouth of the Dutchmans Creek by sun rise

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Pension Office.

Sir,

The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules and the subjoined notes, you will readily perceive that objections exist, which must be removed, before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will shew what is necessary to be done. These points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a brace, (thus: {). You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them; and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

A Statement, shewing the Service of John T. Birds

Period when the service was rendered.	Duration of the claimant's service.			Rank of the claimant.	Names and rank of the Field officers under whom he served.	Age at present, and place of abode when he entered the service.	Proof by which the declaration is supported.
	Years.	Months.	Days.				
	1			Private	Capt Graves Col Kirkland	19 years Canada	Traditinary
	6			"	Capt Graves Lt Col	Austria S. Co	
	1				Same Captain S. Co		

Sum of his service at Texas
years and Eight Months

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES L. EDWARDS,

Commissioner of Pensions.

June 11, 1940.

Miss Rebekah Dean
Law Librarian
University of Mississippi
University, Mississippi

RA-3/ADY
John Bird, S.10372

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your letter relative to John Bird, soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The data contained herein were obtained from the papers on file in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.10372, based upon the military service in that war of John Bird; the name is shown also as Byrd.

John Bird was born in Duplin County, North Carolina, in 1754, day, month, and the names of his parents are not shown. When a boy he moved with his stepfather, his name not stated, to Camden District, South Carolina.

While a resident of Camden District, South Carolina, John Bird enlisted in June, 1776, served at various times in the South Carolina troops, as private, under Captain John Graves and Colonels Robert Gooden and Kirkland; was in the battles of Kettle Creek, Masha Creek, Stone, Rocky Mount, Sumter's defeat and Bataw Springs and in many skirmishes with the Tories; length of service two years and eight months. He was in the Florida expedition.

After the Revolutionary War he moved to Edgefield District, South Carolina, then to Montgomery County, Georgia, and then to Dale County, Alabama.

He was allowed pension on his application executed November 8, 1833, at which time he was a resident of Dale County, Alabama.

In 1839, soldier was living in said Dale County, with his daughter, her name and age are not shown.

The name of soldier's wife was not stated, and there are no further family data.

In order to obtain the date of last payment of pension, the name of person paid and possibly the death date of soldier, you should apply to the Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, Records Division, Washington, D. C., and cite the following data: "John Bird, Certificate No. 30946, issued January 10, 1837, rate \$23.33 per annum, commenced March 4, 1831, Act of June 7, 1832, Adams Agency".

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER
Executive Assistant
to the Administrator