

State of South Carolina

Before me David Johnson
 one of the associate Judges of the said state
 personally appeared Capt. John Bird who made
 the following declaration on oath pertinent to
 the acts of Congress of the United States entitled
 "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged
 in the land & naval service of the United States
 during the Revolutionary War". That
 he entered the land service of the United States in
 the war of the Revolution as a private soldier
 in a company commanded by Capt. George Warley
 in the Reg. Commanded by Col. William Henderson
 the precise time of which is not recollecte^d by
 but he believes in the year 1776 or 1777. That he
 in that Reg. for about two years & was then
 to the 7th Continental Reg. of South Carolina, Col. Charles
 B. Pennington attached to the Company of that Reg.
 commanded by Capt. ~~in~~ Turner, that in this Company
 he acted as Sergeant for some time and was
 finally appointed and commissioned Adjutant
 of the Regiment with the rank of lieutenant &
 remained in that Reg. in that character until
 as well as is recollecte^d about the year 1780 when
 he resigned his commission, and that shortly
 after he joined the Brigade of state Troops in
 the command of Col. ~~in~~ commanded by Gen. Sumpter
 in the character of Lieut. with which he remained
 until near the close of the war.
 He declares further that the several

Commissions which he held during the war has been lost by time or accident so that he has chosen not now to produce, and that he received three gun shot wounds in the sieges of Chancellorsville and Gettysburg.

The Declaraⁿ further saith he is now in his fifty ninth year of age and that on account of his advanced, circumstances, his age and bodily infirmities he needs the assistance of his country for the support of himself and family.

John Bird

I do hereby certify that Capt. John Bird admitted the foregoing declaration on oath before me at Union Point Mass^t this 7th day of July 1818.

David Johnson

South Carolina }
 United District }

On the Twenty third day of March last towards
 eight hundred and twenty one personally appeared
 in open Court being a Court of Record exercising
 unlimited Jurisdiction in both civil and criminal cases at Law,
 John Bird aged fifty four resident in the
 District in the State aforesaid who being first duly
 sworn answering to have doth in his oath declare that
 he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, that
 he enlisted as a Sergeant in 1770 in the 6th Regiment of the
 South Carolina continental line commanded by Colonel
 Thomson for three years in the company commanded by Capt
 Wadley and was afterwards transferred to the first Regiment
 of the Carolina line commanded by Colonel Pinckney in
 Captain Jones's Company, in which he was promoted to an
 ensign with rank of lieutenant and that he has received
 a pension under an act passed 27th Feb 1814 from the War Department,
 and Sole solemnly swears that he was a resident
 Citizen of the United States on the eighteenth
 day of March one thousand eight hundred and
 eighteen and that he has not since that time
 by gift sale or in any manner disposed of any prop-
 erty or any part thereof with intent thereby to dis-
 diminish it or to bring myself within the pro-
 vision 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 he has not now has any person in his
 for me any property or securities contracts or debts

then to me nor have I any income other than what
is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and
by me subscribed, VIZ

1 bed and Furniture Valued at - . . .	\$15.00
1 pot	2.50
1/2 dozen of plates	1.00
1 Set of knives and forks	1.50
1. dish 75. Cups & Saucers	1.50
60 Acs of Land, (in debt at low price money)	120.00
	<u>\$141.50</u>

That the family residing with him consists of
a Wife Elizabeth aged about fifty years very
infirm and not able to support herself

Sown in open court

John Bird

before me

Abraham Nott

I Abraham Nott one of the judges of the superior
courts of law of the State of South Carolina do here
by certify that it is my opinion the real amount
of the value of the property contained in the above
schedule does not exceed one hundred and fifty
dollars -

Abraham Nott

March 23^d 1821

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Declaration of Anna C. Smith
 daughter of Capt John Bird dec^d (who
 was a Soldier of the Revolution) in order to
 obtain in herself and the other surviving
 children of the said Capt John Bird dec^d
 (if alive) the Benefit of the act of Congress
 of the 17th June 1812

State of Indiana
 Union District 355

On this the 25th day of April 1847
 personally appeared before the Court of Claims
 for the said District Anna C. Smith, a
 resident of the District of Union in the state
 of Indiana who on being first duly sworn upon
 the holy evangelists of Almighty God deposed &
 says, that she is the daughter of the
 above named Capt John Bird dec^d whom she
 is informed & believes was a Soldier of the Revolution
 and dec^d a Pension of Dartmoutha Deputy Colley
 per Annum under the act of Congress of the 15th March
 1815. That she was informed long before the
 death of her said Father (which took place on
 the 4th day of December 1843) that he was
 entitled to an increase of Pension under the
 act of Congress passed the 17th June 1812, and
 made an attempt to obtain it, but owing to his
 being entirely blind for several years previous
 to his death, he was unable to travel about
 to obtain it or attend to it, and it was therefore
 neglected. This Deponent further states that
 at the time of the death of her father the said
 Capt John Bird dec^d he left no Widow, his
 wife the Mother of this Deponent having dec^d

Many years before, but that he left the following children, to wit: His Dependent aged about fifty six years, & residing in the said District of Ohio. Sally Bird, now the widow of James Carr, aged about sixty years, living when last heard from somewhere in the State of Massachusetts, the County and Town of West Henry C Bird aged about fifty four years, not heard from for some years, but when last heard from said to be living in Texas. Catherine Bird, now Mrs Hancock aged about fifty one years, and when last heard from living in the State of Alabama, County not known. James C Bird aged about forty six years, living when last heard from in the State of Alabama County not known.

It having been some years since the above named father and mother of this Dependent were heard from with any certainty although she has made efforts to hear from them, she does not know whether they are alive or not.

The said John Bird did had one other son whose name was John Bird but who died many years before his father and left five children, the survivors of these children if any at the death of the said Capt John Bird did reside or Dependent is informed somewhere in the far West - but she cannot state anything more definite in regard to them.

This Dependent deems it unnecessary to say anything in regard to the Revolutionary Services of her father. She refers to the Evidence now on the files of the proper Department upon which the said John Bird

was placed upon the Pension Roll under the act of Congress of the 18th March 1818, and solicits that if the said John Bird as her father, is entitled to an increase of Pension under the act of Congress of the 4th June 1812, her rights may not be withheld but rendered to her according to Law. She further states, that she has always understood that her father did not resign in 1781, but that he was taken prisoner by the British in 1781, and begs that she be permitted to offer proof upon this subject with the view to recover the accumulated & Bounty Land to which she has been led to look her said Father was entitled. If however her father has stated in his declaration that he did resign in 1781, she admits that is conclusive but begs that his declaration be re-examined upon that subject.

And further this deponent saith

Not.

Sworn to & subscribed
Before me in Charlestown
this the 24th day of
April 1846.

Anne C. Smith

State of South Carolina
Union District

On the thirteenth day of June
A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty
three personally appeared before the undersigned
Magistrate for the District and
State aforesaid Nancy Sharpe wife of
John Sharpe a resident of the same
District & State aforesaid who after being
duly sworn according to law on the oaths
doth make the following declaration in
order to obtain the benefit of the provision
made by any law of the United States allowing
the Pension or annuity of Pension Commutation
pay or bounty fund as here at law of
Lieutenant John Reid who was a Revolutionary
War Pensioner at the rate of two hundred
and forty dollars a year and on the South
Carolina Pension Roll; That she is un-
formed and believes she is entitled to come
from the United States under existing
laws a man of Pension & increased Pension
and also Commutation pay & bounty
fund due to her grandfather the said
Lieut. John Reid and not drawn nor
received by him in his lifetime That she
is one of four sisters still living children
of John Reid Junr. was a son of the
said Lieut. John Reid deceased That
her father John Reid Junr. died in the
year eighteen hundred & twenty eight or
thereabouts near to the death of her
grandfather the said Lieut. John Reid
That her grandfather the said Lieut. John
Reid did not have signed estate before
his death in the year eighteen

hundred and forty five that she is not certain
the said Lieut John Bird left any children known
living as all of them had removed from the
State years before his death she refers to the
pursuant rolls and several affidavits for
proof of her claims and her relations to
the said Lieut John Bird deceased

Nancy Sharpe

Sworn to and subscribed before me
the day and year above written

B. J. M. M. M.

State of South Carolina
Union District

Magistrate

On this thirteenth day of June
ad om thousand eight hundred and fifty
three personally appeared before me Joseph
Heighes a resident of the District & State
aforesaid who after being duly sworn
according to law depose and say that he
is well acquainted with Mrs Nancy Sharpe
whose name appears to the foregoing
declaration that he knows positively that
the said Nancy Sharpe is a grand child
of Lieutenant John Bird deceased; that
he was well acquainted with Lieut John
Bird & his son John Bird father of the said
Nancy Sharpe that the said John Bird &
Married Deborah's sister and and as de-
parted before in the year eighteen hundred
twenty eight and that the said Lieutenant
John Bird died about the time stated in
the year ~~and then~~ above declaration
of Mrs Nancy Sharpe but the precise time

he does not distinctly remember He further states that the said Lieut John Bird left him carrying Nancy Sharpe and three children his grand children and children perhaps of other deceased sons & daughters that he is in no wise interested in the claim of the said Nancy Sharpe Jos. Hughes

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day & year above written and I certify that Joseph Hughes is a person entitled to credit

B. J. [Signature]
Magistrate

State of South Carolina
Union District

On this 13th day of July, 1853, personally appeared before me Major Samuel Francis a resident of the district and State aforesaid after being duly sworn according to law he deposed & says that he was well acquainted with Lieut John Bird in his lifetime that he is also well acquainted with Nancy Sharpe whose name appears in the foregoing declaration that the said Nancy is a grand child of the said Lieut John Bird and a daughter of John Bird Junior, who was a son of Lieut John Bird that the said John Bird Junior died some years before the death of his father the said Lieut John Bird that he is not interested in said claim

Samuel Francis

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day & year above written & I certify that Samuel Francis is entitled to credit

[Signature]

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[Arrangement of 1870.]

Capt. John Bird of Union District & Carolina
 Having signified to me his wish to obtain a
 Commission in the Army of the United States, & to
 give my opinion of his fitness to command,

Captain Bird has the advantage of
 much experience, he served through the Revolu-
 tionary War, & was promoted from the Rank of
 a Lieutenant, which appointment he filled
 with Credit to himself, & advantage to the
 Service; In my opinion he possesses military
 talents & capacity to command a Company

Wm. M. B. Genl.
 of the Army of the U.S.

Camp at Lyons old field.

Oct. 4th 1814

I know that Capt. Bird was in the Revolutionary
 service, and have heard that he made a brave offer
 I believe he is yet a brave man; and a zealous
 friend to his country. Nov. 13th 1811

Wm. Smith

I am personally acquainted with Mr. Bird
 and several other brave
 gentlemen of the first respect-
 ability of the State
 Wm. C. Calhoun

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Capt. John Bird of Union District S. Carolina Having signified to me his wish to obtain a commission in the Army of the United [State]s, & to express my opinion of his fitness to command.

Captain Bird has the advantage of much experience, he served through the Revolutionary War, & was promoted from the ranks to a Lieutenancy, which appointment he filled with Credit to himself, & advantage to the Service; In my opinion he possesses military talents & Capacity to command a company.

ThoS. Moore B. Genl.
3rd Brgde. S. C Militia
Camp at Lipseys old fields.
Octr. 4th 1814

I know that Capt. Bird was in the Revolutionary service, and have heard that he made a brave officer. I believe he is yet a brave man, and a zealous friend to his country. Novmr. 12th 1814

Wm. Smith

I am personally acquainted with Mr. Moore and Mr. Smith and several other subscribers to Mr. Birds recommendation and Know them to be gentlemen of the first respectability

6 Feb 1815 John C. Calhoun¹

¹ John C. Calhoun (1782-1850) was the Representative to the House from South Carolina at this time. Because of his excellent record from the War of 1812, he was made Secretary of War, and later served as the seventh US Vice President from 1825-1832.

Declaration of Ann C. Smith the
 Daughter of Capt. John Bird dec'd. and her
 husband Daniel Smith, in order to obtain the
 benefit of the act of Congress of 7th June 1832.
 State of South Carolina
 Union District } Sd.

On the twenty first day of
 January A.D. 1848 personally appeared before the
 Court of Ordaining for the District aforesaid, Daniel
 Smith and his Wife Ann C. Smith the Daughter of
 Capt. John Bird dec'd. late a resident of the same
 District and State, and who died on the fourth day of
 December 1823. being at his death about eighty five
 years of age, which said Daniel and Ann C.
 Smith after being duly sworn according to law,
 doth on their oath make the following declaration,
 in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made
 by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832,
 That the said Ann C. Smith formerly Ann C.
 Bird, is the Daughter of the said John Bird,
 and the only child of his, known to be living;
 that her eldest brother John Bird died in ^{Mississippi} ~~Mississippi~~
~~Mississippi~~ about fifteen or sixteen years ago,
 Sally C. Bird, the next oldest, married James Carr
 and when last heard from about eight years ago,
 resides in Mississippi.
 Ann C. is the next in age.
 Henry C. Bird the next, was in Arkansas
 about five years ago when last heard from
 Catharine Bird the next, married Richard ^{Smith} ~~Smith~~
 and when last heard from about four years ago, was
 in ~~Mississippi~~ Alabama.
 James C. Bird the youngest, was in ~~Mississippi~~ ^{Florida} ~~Florida~~ ^{Mar}
 about four years ago, when last heard from.

repeated exertions have been made within the two past years, to hear from all the above named brothers & sisters, by the declarants, but in vain, therefore they have been led to the melancholy conclusion that they must all be dead... they are the only children of the said John Bird dead and all by the same wife, as he was never but once married, and his wife died some years previous to his death.

These declarants know that the said John Bird was a Revolutionary Pensioner, and drew a Pension of \$200. per annum as a Lieutenant under the act of 1818, and this is made, for an addition under the act of 1832, to which he and they believe he was entitled; that they have often heard him speak of his services, and have every reason to believe he served as stated in his affidavit made before his death, which is herewith sent, together with the affidavits of Joseph H. Bunkin and Thomas Young in his behalf, who were both in the Revolutionary War by reputation, and both drew Pensions.

David Smith

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
SECOND COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE.

June 12th 1845.

Sir:

Under the act of the 6th of April, 1838, entitled "An Act directing the transfer of money remaining unclaimed by certain Pensioners, and authorizing the payment of the same at the Treasury of the United States," and the third section of the Act of August 23, 1842, extending the time within which pensioners may receive their pensions from the pension agents, The Com: of John Bird, Act: a Pensioner on the Roll of the Louisiana Agency, at the rate of two Dollars and no Cents per ^{month} ~~annum~~, under the law of the 18th March 1818, has been paid at this Department, from the 4th of Sept. 1843, to the 4th Dec. 1843.

Respectfully, yours,

Wm. B. Lewis

Comptroller.

APPLICATION FOR A NEW CERTIFICATE.

District of Columbia

County of Washington ss.

On this twelfth day of February 1823; before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for the said county of Washington personally appeared John Bird who, on his oath, declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain George Turner in the regiment commanded by Colonel Charles C. Pinckney in the service of the United States; that his name was placed on the pension roll of the state of South Carolina that he received a certificate of that fact, under the signature and seal of the Secretary of War; which certificate, on or about the 15th day of December 1822, at or near Columbia in South Carolina

he was robbed of
sundry papers, and his certificate among
them

Sworn and subscribed to, before }
me, the day and year aforesaid. }

Wm. Maulden
Justice of the Peace

J. N. Bird

NOTE. The last four blanks are left for the applicant to set forth the time, place, and manner of the loss or destruction of the original certificate.

The oath to be taken before a duly qualified magistrate, whose official character and signature must be properly authenticated.

If the pensioner has never received a formal certificate, but has drawn his pension on a mere notification, as was the case in a few instances many years ago, he should leave out the above words in *italics*, and insert, in lieu thereof, "but has never received a formal certificate, and now wishes to obtain one."

South Carolina
 (Newborn District) { Personally appeared before me
 Stephen Johnson a justice of the
 peace for said district Capt
 John Kirtley of said district who
 being duly sworn saith on oath that
 he was a Lieutenant in the first Continental
 Regiment commanded by Colonel Charles Cotesworth
 Pinckney and was taken prisoner at the reduction
 of Charleston in the State aforesaid in the year
 One thousand seven hundred and eighty.

And the officers were all sent over to Head Quarters
 point I was taken sick and by reason of absence
 from Col. C. Pinckney as a surgeon may be
 called for if I could get liberty of the command-
 ing officer of the British or my I obtained from
 the commanding officer of the British Army a
 Parole on the back of my Commission and went
 home in July 1780 and then came a Liberty ring
 to when I was and took my property, as well as
 my clothing I followed him and on the same
 day I overtook them and Capt. Proff led my
 Regimental coat or after showing my papers they
 gave me my clothing again I went home
 and a few days after a Tory party came a short
 and hearing I had come home from the continent
 service and took all I had and the next day
 if they could catch me then my papers were
 under these circumstances to turn and
 country I broke my parole and went
 fought for my country to the end of the war
 a letter from Col. Pinckney when the exchange
 but fought under the same Commission and
 claimed anything from this State for my
 my bounty land and that I never obtained
 to pay and said I must look to the government
 and I was under the command of General Moultrie
 at the battle of Blackstocks on Sept.

I was also at the siege of Fort Mifflin when General Green
commanded I was at Fort Mifflin's defeat at King's Mountain
I was at the Cowpens at Charlton's defeat under the
command of General Morgan I was at Guilford's defeat
the day after General Gates was was defeated on the Catawba
River I was in many other skirmishes too tedious to mention
the above battles are not put down in the order that they
took place but I was at them all

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 12 day of May 1836.

C.B.

Stephen Johnson J.P.

W. J.

Both Carolina
Union District } Personally appeared before me, Stephen
Johnson one of the justices of said District
Major Joseph M'Intosh & Major Thomas
you who being duly sworn said the on
oath that they were at Hammons' Store when
we defeated the Tories under the command of Col
Washington and that they were at the battle of
Guilford and that they believed the above named
Major M'Intosh was in both of these engagements
and was in several other engagements together
and occasionally saw and was with him
during the war, and that they know him to be
the same John Bird as mentioned in his
official report

Sworn to and subscribed
me this 12 day of

Joseph M'Intosh
The Deponent

Stephen Johnson J.P.

... .. 3 I certify that in conformity
with the Law of the United States
of the 18th of March 1818 John Bird Late a
Lieutenant in the army of the revolution is en-
rolled on the pension list roll of the South
Carolina agency at the rate of twenty dollars
per ~~month~~ month to commence on the
seventh day of July one thousand eight
hundred and eighteen

Given at the war office of the United
States this twelfth day of February one
thousand eight hundred and twenty three

(Signed) J. C. Calhoun
Secretary of war

South Carolina)

Wmison Bister A², Personally came

John Bird before me and being
duly sworn made me oath that he
is the identical John Bird named
in the original pension certificate

of which the preceding is a copy
and he desires the benefit of the act of Congress passed
on the 18th of March 1818 before

my present oath given 1823

James Wilson S. P.

J. Bird