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Pension Application of Samuel Byland W6221

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State of Kentucky } Sgt.

Campbell County }

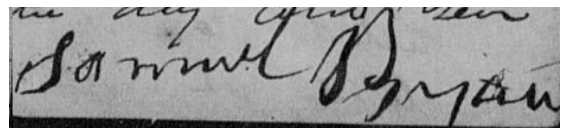
On this 26 day of August 1833 personally appeared before the Justices of the Campbell county court, Samuel Byland a resident of said County aged sixty-seven years [sic: see endnote] who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of an Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. He enlisted in the regular service of the United States in the year 1775 with Capt Johnson of Loudon Co. [sic: Loudoun County] Va for the term of one year & served in the 2 Virginia Line for the term aforesaid under the following named officers as he believes to the best of his recollection – for the most part, under Col. Stephens & the remaining time under Col. Meriwether. Capt. Johnson, Lieut Sandford, 2 Lieut Tibbs & Ensign Harrison & that when he enlisted & entered the service he resided in Loudon Co. Va. & that he joined the 2^d Regiment at Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] Va. and marched to and was stationed at various places at length to Norfolk. that on the march to Norfolk had a skirmish with the Enemy. the Capt. of whom was killed in the engagement, besides many of the men under his command [see endnote] – that the detachment wintered at Norfolk, during which time the enemy set fire to the Town [1 Jan 1776], which consumed about one half of the same – that previous to the detachment leaving the Town orders were given them to burn the remainder of the Town which was done [2 Jan] – that he then marched to Suffolk thence to James River thence to near Williamsburgh at which place his term of enlistment expired & he received his discharge at the same place that he joined the Regiment.

And that between 2 & 3 years afterward he volunteered & entered the service again under Capt. John Luckett of Loudon Co. Va as one of the Guard that conducted the Hessian prisoners to Albemarle Co V.a. [captured at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777, arrived at Albemarle Barracks in Jan 1779] a tour of 3 months

And that about 4 months previous to the Surrender of L'd. Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] he served another tour of 3 months under Capt. Hugh Douglass [sic: Hugh Douglas] of Loudon Co. Va. and received his discharge about 4 week previous to the Capture of the British Army at Yorktown.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension whatever or annuity (except the present) and declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the Agency of any state

Sworn to the day and year aforesaid

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Samuel Byland". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

NOTES:

A document dated 14 Mar 1834 corrects Byland's age from 67 to 77 years of age, and it adds that he was 19 when he enlisted. The "skirmish" mentioned by Byland was the Battle of Great Bridge on 9 Dec 1775 when British Cap. Charles Fordyce was killed.

On 19 August 1853 Mary Byland, residing in Covington in Kenton County KY and 78 years old on 25 Oct 1852, applied for a pension, stating that she was married to Samuel Byland in Fleming County KY by a Methodist preacher, and that her husband died on 4 March 1835. On 20 Aug 1853 Calvin W. Hull, Jailor of Kenton County, stated that "Samuel Byland was a very pious man and sometimes preached, Mary his wife was, and is, a member of the Methodist Church." On 6 April 1855 Mary Byland, 80, applied for bounty land stating that her maiden name was Mary Bravard.