

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Byars W8407

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State of Kentucky } SS.

County of Jefferson }

On this the 30th day of April A.D. 1851 Before me W. Ramsay a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared James D. Byers who being duly sworn according to law, declares That he is the Son of James Byers decs'd late of Jefferson County and state of Kentucky and formerly an Orderly Sergeant in the War of the Revolution under General Washington. He further states that his said Father James Byers died in Jefferson County Ky on 17th September 1817– Eighteen Hundred & Seventeen – at the age of (56) Fifty six years. That his Mother Lovina Byers died in Oldham County Ky on the 27th day of April (1842) – Eighteen Hundred and Forty Two at the age of (81.) Eighty one years. His Father and Mother were both born in the same year (1761.). He further states that his Father James Byers deceased aforesaid was married to his Mother Lovina Smith deceased aforesaid in Spottsylvania [sic: Spotsylvania] or Louisa County and State of Virginia, sometime in the fall of (1782.) Seventeen Hundred and Eighty Two. That the following are the only living children of the said James Byers and Lovina Byers, with their respective ages To wit, Polly Hinkle aged {57} years – James D. Byers aged 55 years – and Patsy Wellman aged 53 years. That he remembers well to have heard his Father speak of his services in the war and to have heard him say that he was at the Siege of York and the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781]. That he held the rank of Orderly Sergeant and that he continued to read the rolls during a spell of sickness which he had whilst in the service. That he went with the service at the age of (16) sixteen years and believes he served two different terms, he remembers to have hear his Mother say so.

[signed] James D. Byars

NOTE: On 22 July 1851 Patsy Wellman stated that she was the eighth child of James and Lovina Byars, and that the family record transcribed below was in her father's handwriting. On the same day Polly Hinkle stated that she was the sixth child, having been born on 23 Oct 1793. The file contains a statement by Samuel Hinkle, aged 60 in Sep 1858.

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James Byars was born March 12th 1761 Lovina Byars was born April 24th 1761 was Married December 19th 1783.

[*]tsey Byars was born [*]ril 3th 1784 John S Byars [*]rn February 1st 1788

[*]than Byars was born [*]ember 17th 1789 Nancey Byars was born Octbr 24th 1791 Polley S Byars was born Octr 25th 1793 James D Byars was Decmbr 6th 1795 Patsey Byars was bn January 5th 1798 Lucendah Byars was B July 22th 1800 Malindah Byars born